

Saint Augustine of Canterbury Church

Also serving Saint Mary's Church in Souris, MB (Sunday at 11 am)

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SERVED BY:

Pastor	Fr. John Okosun
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Faith Formation & Religious Education Co-ordinator	Linda Chiupka

EUCHARIST:

Saturday (Vigil Mass)	4:00 pm
Sunday	9:00 am, 11:00 am 7:00 pm, (Souris 11:00 am)
Tuesday	7:00 pm
Wednesday	9:30 am
Thursday	9:30 am
Friday	12:15 pm (with Adoration until 3:00 pm)
Saturday	9:30 am

RECONCILIATION:

Friday	2:00 - 3:00 pm or by appointment
Saturday	3:00 - 4:00 pm

BAPTISM:

Third Sunday of the Month (excluding Lent)
Baptism preparation course every second Second Tuesday of the month at 7:30 pm (excluding period of Lent). Please contact office for more information.
St. Mary's - Souris
Please contact Donni Zuk at 204-483-2687 for more information

MARRIAGE:

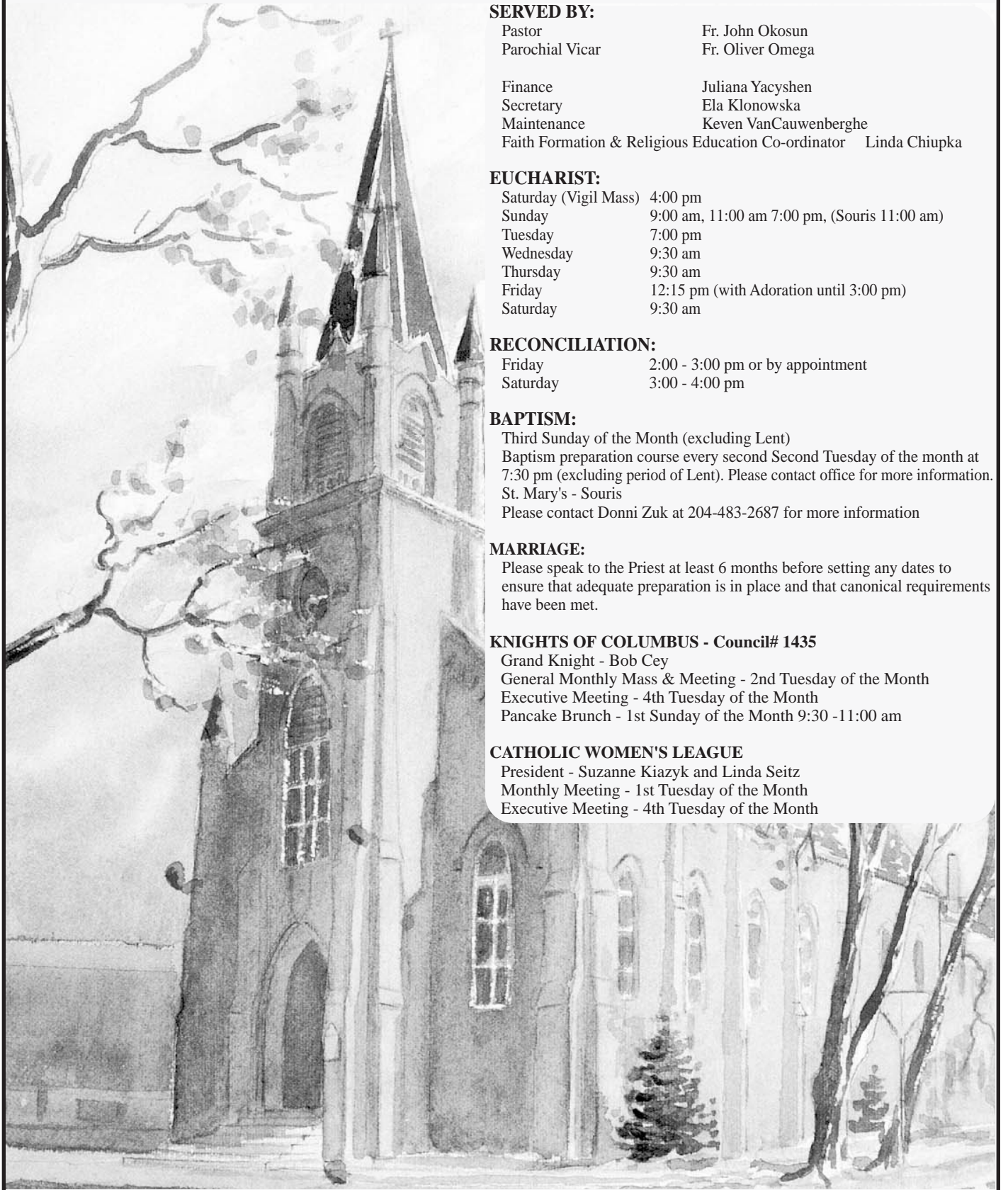
Please speak to the Priest at least 6 months before setting any dates to ensure that adequate preparation is in place and that canonical requirements have been met.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - Council# 1435

Grand Knight - Bob Cey
General Monthly Mass & Meeting - 2nd Tuesday of the Month
Executive Meeting - 4th Tuesday of the Month
Pancake Brunch - 1st Sunday of the Month 9:30 - 11:00 am

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

President - Suzanne Kiazuk and Linda Seitz
Monthly Meeting - 1st Tuesday of the Month
Executive Meeting - 4th Tuesday of the Month





Are You Listening?

FR. THOMAS M. SANTA, CSSR

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts." (See Psalm 95.) Our psalm prayer invites us to respond to the Word of God. A positive response should be assumed as ordinary: very few among us would deliberately ignore God's voice. The challenge is not in responding "yes" to the invitation of the Lord but rather in "hearing" his voice.

There are so many voices that daily compete for attention. We seem to be bombarded every waking moment with some kind of noise that demands attention and action. At one time, Neil Diamond might have been able to celebrate the "Beautiful Noise" of the city, but it is far more difficult for us today. Frankly, the noise around us is deafening, and most people long for true silence, a break in the pattern, a vacation from the frantic anxiety that seems to be present.

A wonderful Lenten practice—indeed, a spiritual practice that goes well beyond Lent—is to freely choose to disconnect from distraction. Resist the temptation to plug in the earbuds. Refrain from the distraction of social media content. Leave your cell phone in the living room, go sit in the backyard, and pay attention to nothing. "Be still and know that I am God" (Psalm 46:11), the psalmist reminds us. Listen for God's voice, hear his call, and respond to the invitation. ●



LEARN ABOUT
THE AUTHORS
OF OUR PARISH
COMMUNITY

MASS INTENTIONS

TUES. March 10 (Daniel 3.25, 34-43; Matthew 18.21-35)		
7:00 pm	†Victor Hercun	Henry & Mary Ellen & Sieklicki Family
WED. March 11 (Deuteronomy 4.1-5-9; Matthew 5.17-19)		
9:30 am	†Barbara Hamm	Bea Gross & Family
11:15 am	Pam & Terry	Parish Office
THUR. March 12 (Jeremiah 7.23-28; Luke 11.14-23)		
9:30 am	†Roy MC Palma	Dulce & Rey Lizada & Family
	†Lawrence Dubois	Noreen Dubois
	†Marie Yves Fumier	Kerselin Fumier
10:30 am/FVH	†Bob Shineton	Laura Gurr
FRI. March 13 (Hosea 14.1-9; Mark 12.28b-34)		
12:15 pm	†Bea Gross	Ken & Josie Bessant
	†Benita Cahiles	Dulce & Rey Lizada & Family
	†John Cortens	Issigonis Family
	†Fernard Legare	Carol MacKenzie
	Family Intention	Cosmas & Ifeyinwa Chuks & Family
SAT. March 14 (Hosea 5.15b-6.6; Luke 18.9-14)		
9:30 am	†Annette Durham	B. Gross Family
4:00 pm	†Victor Hercun	Eveline Boulet
SUN. March 15 – 4th Sunday of Lent		
9:00 am	Andrew Sieklicki	Breeanna
11:00 am	Missa Pro Populo (Mass for All Parishioners)	
7:00 pm	†Arnold Munoz	Escalera Family
11:00 am/Souris		

St. Augustine **Class Mass** for grades 1, 3 & 7 will take place on Wednesday **March 11th** at 11:15 a.m.

Lenten Penance Service Thursday, March 19

School – 1:00 p.m. & General – 5:00 p.m.

Adoration for Youth & Young Adults Group is on Sunday **March 15th** at 1:00 p.m.

Men's Group will meet on Wednesday **March 18th** at 1:00 p.m. to learn: "On Justice – Perfecting the Will to Love God and Neighbor".

The **Knights of Columbus** will be holding an **exemplification** after the 11 AM Mass on Sunday **March 15th**.

If you are a Catholic male 18 years or older this is your opportunity to join the Knights of Columbus Brandon Council. Please contact The Grand Knight Bob Cey at 204-724-4308 for more information and how to join.

Welcome to Our Christian Community: Cabel Debesay Berhane, Margaret Victoria Hayhurst, Gideon John Ekhaiosi Igetei, and Daniella Chinwemmeri Okorie.

In Our Prayers Are: Gresnor Acquisio, Hermann Aquin, Jamie Ashley, Myron Blocka, Angel Eranio Cabrera, Thomas Egan, Colette Garlinski, Pat Golding, Jenny Hamill, Vera Lafreniere, Angela Lau, Paul Malabar, Susan Richardson, Marilyn Ross, Joan Tweedie, Anne West, Pat Chambers, Rhea Chudy, Jean Warwaruk, Leon Sanders, Jason Pascal, and the homebound.

Dear Padre,

When I was young, my parish covered all the statues during part of Lent. What did it mean exactly? Do any churches still do this?

In 2001, the US Conference of Catholic Bishops approved the practice of veiling statues and crosses during the last two weeks of the season of Lent, beginning on the fifth Sunday of Lent. This practice is optional, at the discretion of the local pastor. According to the Roman Missal, "Crosses remain covered until the end of the celebration of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday, but images remain covered until the beginning of the Easter Vigil."

Covering crosses and statues in violet cloth in the final weeks of Lent indicates a shift in the Church's focus from Jesus in the desert (gospel for the first Sunday of Lent) to Christ during his Passion. Similar to other Lenten disciplines of penance and fasting that align us in solidarity with Christ, the veiling custom is meant to deepen our appreciation for Christ's ultimate sacrifice. It represents our "fasting" from sacred depictions of the cross on which hung our salvation and from images of the saints, who glorify Christ and in whom he is glorified. This concealment creates an absence to make our hearts grow fonder for the Lord, who "bore our sins in his body upon the cross, so that, free from sin, we might live for righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed" (1 Peter 2:24). ●



Fr. Byron J. Miller, CSSR / DearPadre.org

Financial Report for: March 01, 2026

Weekly collection	\$	14,615.
Children collection	\$	180.
Sharing God's Gifts 2026	\$	5,005.
Sharing God's Gifts 2026 Target	\$	62,365.
Weekly average spending	\$	11,000.

Options for Donating Money:

For your convenience we accept donation envelopes, e-transfers (finance@staug.ca) and pre-authorized payments. Please note: e-transfers are only funds to St. Augustine. **Please Do Not Use 2025 and Older Envelopes.** Thank you and God bless.

Sharing God's Gift 2025 Update – we wish to thank all who helped us to realize our 2025 Sharing God's Gift goal of \$64,959. Thank you for your generous contribution.

BAKING – if you enjoy baking and would like to share your talents with your fellow parishioners, please contact the Parish office.

EASTER FLOWERS – collection for Easter flowers (to decorate our Church) will take place on the weekend of **March 7th-8th**.

Reminder about PARKING – in case you are parking on the streets around our Church, please ensure you keep the proper distance from an intersection, driveways, and back lanes to avoid tickets. The rule in Brandon is: *you must not park, stop, or stand a vehicle within 9 meters (appr. 30 feet) from an intersection and 3 meters from a driveway or a back lane.*

Advertising in the Bulletin – please consider supporting our Bulletin by advertising your business. If you are interested, please call 1-800-268-2637.

St. Augustine's Development & Peace encourages parishioner to go online at dp.staug.ca during LENT 2026. There you will find Development & Peace's 2026 LENTON THEME "On Track for JUSTICE".

Also, on the tables at the entrances to the church, you will find printed material which you are encouraged to take.

Friday Fish Fry sponsored by the **Knights of Columbus** is on every Friday **until March 27th**. Serving begins at 5:00 p.m. at the Parish square.

Prices: adult: \$20.00, children ages 7-12: \$10.00, and kids ages 6 and under are free.

Menu: Pickerel Fillet

Either: French Fries, Perogies, Small Roast Potato or Rice, Salad or Coleslaw

Pie Raffle 50/50

Proceeds will be donated to many community services. Thank you for your support.

The **Knights of Columbus** will be hosting the first annual **Golf Tournament on Saturday May 30th** at the Wheat City Golf Course. Here is the link for more information and how to register as a team or individually:

<https://kofc1435.staug.ca/golf/>.

Proceeds are going to the Catholic School Board.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS - LENT 2026

Friday @ 7:00 p.m.

February 27	Children's Rosary Group
March 6	Vocation Committee
March 13	Knights of Columbus
March 20	Development and Peace
March 27	Life Culture Brandon
April 03 (Good Friday)	Confirmation Class



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