

# 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:

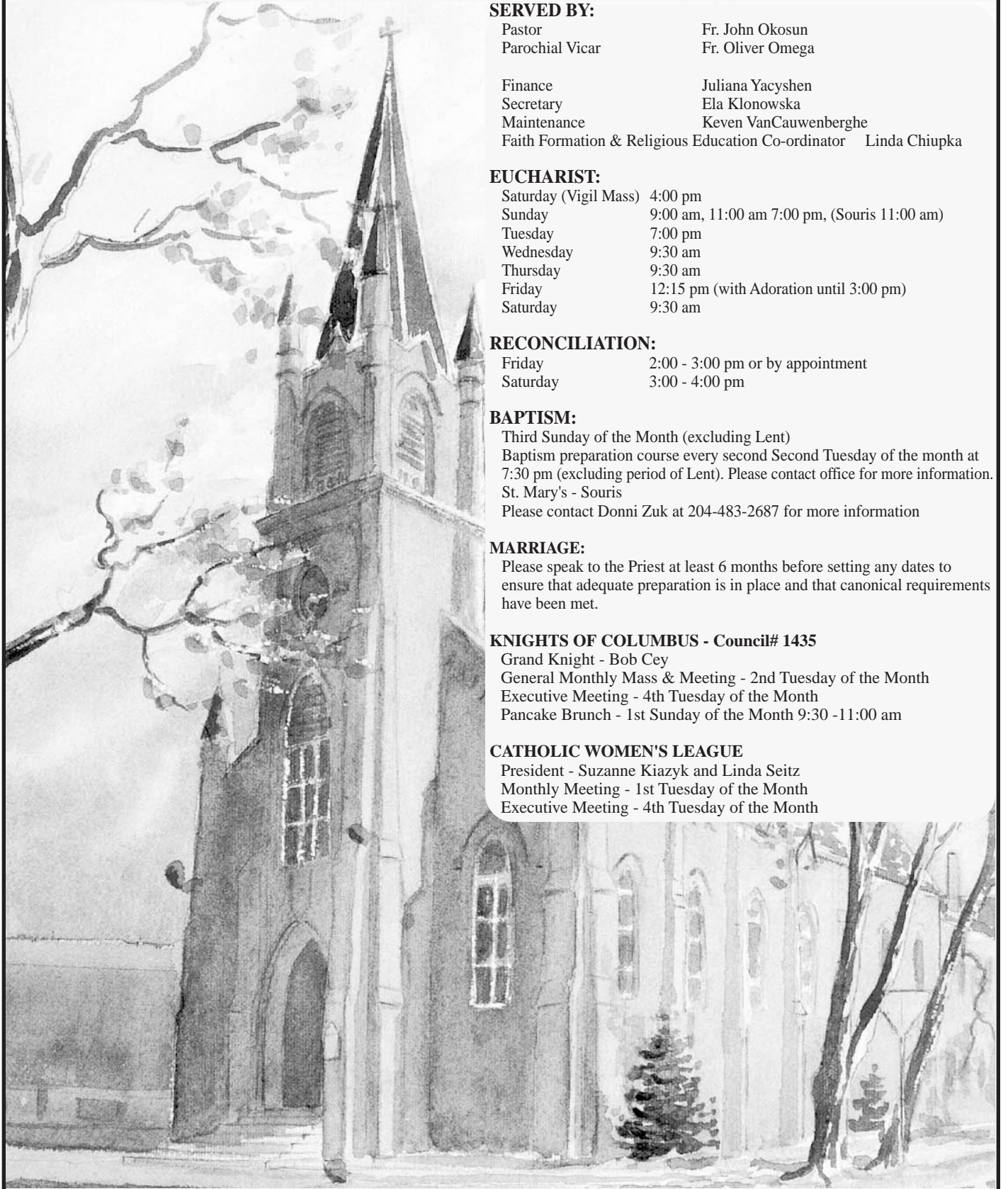
Please speak to the Priest at least 6 months before setting any dates to ensure that adequate preparation is in place and that canonical requirements have been met.

## 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





## The Already and the Not Yet

FR. THOMAS M. SANTA, CSSR

**T**he church celebrates again and again during the Easter season a core truth of Christian thought and belief: “the already and the not yet.” Jesus has already saved us, but we have not yet experienced the fullness of the kingdom. In this belief, there is tension, the experience of standing in the middle, where the tension is lived, and hopefully where balance is achieved.

What makes the tension bearable is that we know we have not been left as orphans. We are not on our own. The Spirit of God is sent to us and enables us to hold fast to what we have known and experienced and what is still unknown to us. Scripture and tradition, dogmas and doctrines, sacraments and sacramentals, practices and disciplines, all inspired by the Spirit of God, provide us with the necessary support and direction and help us remain balanced.

As wonderful as each of these gifts of the Spirit may be, each gift must be received, encountered, enabled, and lived. If the gifts are given but never received—and, even more important, used and shared—we not only refuse a gift freely given by our God but also deprive ourselves of the means to maintain our balance and remain on the path that leads to life and light. ●



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### Reflect

*Is there a gift from God I have not received or lived? How can I begin?*

#### MASS INTENTIONS

<b>TUES. May 12 (Acts 16.22-34; John 16.5-11)</b>		
7:00 pm	Fr. David Kowalski	Rick & Jocelyn Kehler
<b>WED. May 13 (Acts 17.15,22-18.1; John 16.12-15)</b>		
9:30 am	† Doug Hosea	Lorraine Hosea
11:15 am	Keven Vancauwenberghe	Bruce & Jackie Miles
<b>THUR. May 14 (Acts 1.15-17, 20-26; John 15.9-17)</b>		
9:30 am	Preborn Babies	Life Culture Brandon
	† Jean Meakin	Deacons of Manitoba
	† Aidan Egan	Issigonis Family
	† Percy M. Villafana	Carla Villafana
10:30 am/FVH	† Beverley Litkowich	Mackalski Family
<b>FRI. May 15 (Acts 18.9-18; John 16.20-23a)</b>		
12:15 pm	† Annie & John Baraniuk	Eileen Suski & Family
	† Yvonne Day	Noreen Dubois
	Kati	Kathy Redman
	† Steffie Hrabchuk	Greg & Yvonne Skura
	Jason Cornelius	Rick & Jocelyn Kehler
	† Jacinta Rebuscas	Zosima Sevilla White & Family
	Wareham	
<b>SAT. May 16 (Acts 18.23-28; John 6.23b-28)</b>		
9:30 am	Aleks Onita & Family	Markmann Family
4:00 pm	† Bea Gross	Garry & Lorraine Winters
<b>SUN. May 17 – Ascension of the Lord</b>		
9:00 am	† Betty Lou McDonald	Nancy Selinger & Family
11:00 am	Missa Pro Populo (Mass for All Parishioners)	
7:00 pm	† Joe Kosior	Bruce & Jackie Miles
11:00 am/Souris		

St. Augustine **Class Mass** for grades 2, 4 & 8 will be on Wednesday **May 13<sup>th</sup>** at 11:15 a.m.

**Youth & Young Adults Group** is meeting on Sunday **May 17<sup>th</sup>** @ 1:00 p.m. Topic to discuss: “7 gifts of the Holy Spirit”.

First meeting for the **Festival of Joy Committee** will be held on **Tuesday May 19<sup>th</sup>**, 2026 at 7:30 p.m.

Last gathering for **Men’s Group** for this season is on Wednesday **May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2026 @ 6:00 p.m.** (“On Fortitude – The Virtue of Striving for Truly Good Things”).

The next two **Eucharistic Holy Hours for Vocation** sponsored by the Vocation Committee are scheduled on Tuesdays **May 19<sup>th</sup> and June 30<sup>th</sup>** after the 7:00 PM Mass. We would appreciate it if you would support and promote this initiative.

**In Our Prayers Are:** Gresnor Acquisio, Hermann Aquin, Jamie Ashley, Myron Blocka, 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, Anne Sawers, Arlene Spence, Albertine Moran, Angel Eranio Cabrera, Ladesma Cabrera, Emery Fouillard, Marie Bialkoski, Lorraine Williams, and the homebound.

**Reminder to All Parishioners** - As a sign of respect for the Blessed Sacrament and for parishioners who are praying, please kindly avoid talking inside the Church before and after the Mass.

# Dear Padre,

## What are the role and responsibilities of a parish priest in his church and community?

Primarily, a parish priest is a teacher and sanctifier. As teacher, he is obliged to instruct people in the faith, especially through the homily and catechetical formation—the Catholic education of children and young adults. He fosters “works through which the spirit of the gospel is promoted, even in what pertains to social justice.” With lay assistance, he brings the gospel message “to those who have ceased the practice of their religion or do not profess the true faith” (*Code of Canon Law 528 §1*).

As sanctifier, he works “so that the Christian faithful are nourished through the devout celebration of the sacraments,” especially the Eucharist and the sacrament of penance. He is also responsible for ensuring that the Eucharist is central to the faith community by encouraging active participation in the liturgy and parish life so that it’s authentically celebrated. (See *CCL 528 §2*.)

His other pastoral obligations are in the area of governance. These duties include outreach to those entrusted to his care, especially the sick and dying. He fosters growth in the Christian life within the family. “[W]ith particular diligence he is to seek out the poor, the afflicted, the lonely, those exiled from their country, and similarly those weighed down by special difficulties.” Moreover, he is responsible for grounding his local community within the broader universal Church’s mission. (See *CCL 529*.) ●



Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / Dear Padre.org

### Financial Report for: May 03, 2026

Weekly collection	\$	16,179.
Children collection	\$	245.
Sharing God’s Gifts 2026	\$	13,282.
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.

**Donation Envelopes** – please make sure your name, address and phone number is on your donation envelope if you wish to receive a tax receipt.

The Parish is seeking volunteers for all the masses on **Pentecost Sunday May 24th** who will come beautifully dressed in their Cultural/Traditional Attire. Just like the apostles spoke in different tongues, our volunteers will have to say 'Welcome' in their mother tongue like we did last year. There will also be a potluck after the 11:00 AM Mass on that day, all are welcome. Sign up sheets will be at the entrance at every Mass till the 17th of May. Thank you.

The **Knights of Columbus** will be hosting the first annual **Golf Tournament** on **Saturday May 30<sup>th</sup>** 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.

### Fundraiser for Life Culture Brandon

Life Culture Brandon will be starting our annual fundraiser on the weekend of Mother’s Day, **May 9th and 10th**.

Please consider taking a plastic container home and filling it with your spare change and returning it on Father’s Day weekend, June 20th and 21st. This “Changing Hearts and Minds Campaign” will financially support the 9 Pro-life bus benches throughout the city.

Thank you for your generosity toward this worthwhile cause.

### CWL Scholarship

Applications for the **2026 St. Augustine's Catholic Women's League Scholarship** are now available at all Brandon High Schools and Souris High School. This \$500.00 scholarship will be awarded to a female student who is graduating from Grade 12 (Senior 4) in the current year and is an active member of St. Augustine's Parish, Brandon or missions served by St. Augustine's Parish. Applications may be delivered to St. Augustine's Parish Office. Also, forms are available at the Parish Office.

Deadline for applications is **3:00 p.m., Friday, May 29, 2026**.

### The Knights of Columbus Scholarship

Applications for the **2026 Knights of Columbus Scholarship** will be accepted now. This \$500 scholarship will be awarded to a male student who is graduating from grade 12 (senior 4) in the current year and is a practicing member of the Catholic Parish within Brandon, Souris or Shilo. Please check the poster on our bulletin boards for details and requirements. Application deadline is **June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026**.



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