

# Saint Augustine of Canterbury Church

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

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Weekday Office Hours: 8:30 am - 12:00 Noon, 12:30 pm - 4:00 pm

## SERVED BY:

Pastor	Fr. John Okosun
Parochial Vicar	Fr. Oliver Omega
Finance	Juliana Yacyshen
Secretary	Ela Klonowska
Maintenance	Keven VanCauwenbergh
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:

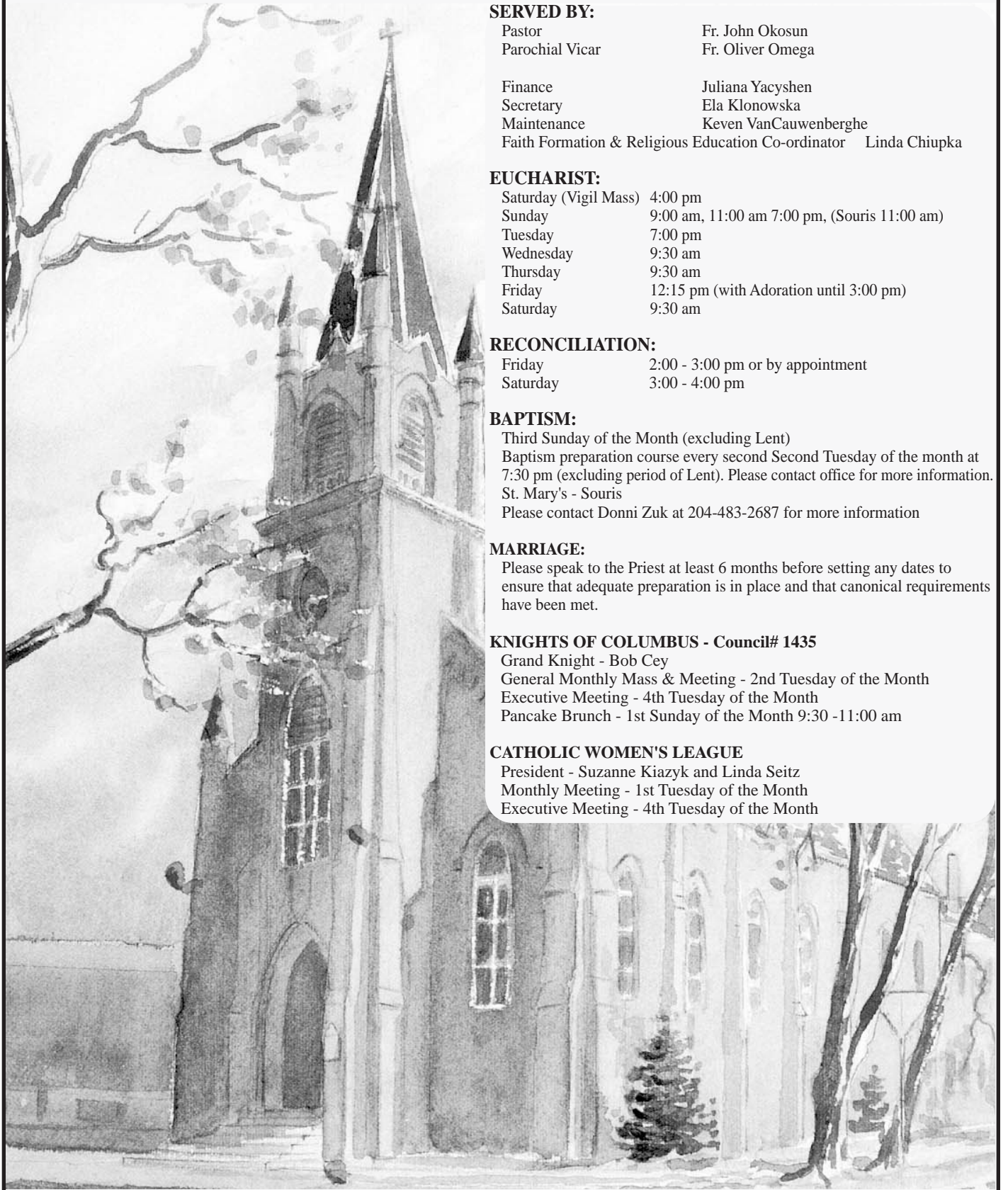
Please speak to the Priest at least 6 months before setting any dates to ensure that adequate preparation is in place and that canonical requirements have been met.

## 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





# Stairway to Heaven

MIGUEL DULICK

**E**ven by the Ascension, after forty days of eating and drinking with the resurrected Lord, the obtuseness of the Apostles still frustrates Jesus. In Acts, they're ready for a fight, "to restore the kingdom to Israel" (Acts 1:6). Matthew reports that "they worshiped, but they doubted" (Matthew 28:17). Pentecost cannot come soon enough, when they will be baptized with the Holy Spirit, and all will be made known.

So the next nine days are crucial. The apostles and other disciples, 120 persons in all, prepare for the arrival of the Holy Spirit, a spiritual retreat, the original "novena." Only then can the apostle go and "make disciples of all nations" (Matthew 28:19).

Jesus, who brought heaven down to earth in the Incarnation, now ascends, taking earth up to heaven, with his resurrection. Saint Paul gives us a hint of how special this interchange is when he wishes for the Ephesians to receive from Jesus "a Spirit of wisdom and revelation" (Ephesians 1:17).

Our own obtuseness can block the Holy Spirit when we think we have all the answers. When I first preached in Honduras, in the village where I live, I was so prepared. I said everything I could think of, all that I had learned in my courses for a masters degree in divinity. But then, when I heard the prayers and insights of poor and simple folks, supported by a rich, personal knowledge of the Lord himself, I cut my sermons in half and let the "saints," as St. Paul liked to call the people, finish the job. Thank you, Holy Spirit! ●



LEARN ABOUT THE AUTHORS OF OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

## MASS INTENTIONS

<b>TUES. May 19 (Acts 20.17-27; John 17.1-11a)</b>		
7:00 pm	†Bea Gross	Jim & Brenda Tryhuba
<b>WED. May 20 (Acts 20.28-38-John 17.11b-19)</b>		
9:30 am	†Gene Frison	Theresa Gross & Siblings
11:15 am	†Mary Kennedy	Ray & Anne West
<b>THUR. May 21 (Acts 22.30; 23.6-11; John 17.20-26)</b>		
9:30 am	†Colin Hardy	Brenda Hardy
	†Fiorella & Franco Dallari	Paola & Family
	†Marion McDuffe	Don & Yvette Lennon
	†Deceased Family Members	Peter & Norah Pieroni
	†Henry Gerritzen	Dr. Mary Egan
10:30 am/FVH	Fr. Charles Fillion	Josie Scaletta
<b>FRI. May 22 (Acts 24.27; 25.13b-21; John 21.15-19)</b>		
12:15 pm	†Castrenze Barcellona	Wanda Barcellona & Family
	†Chantal Deschambault	Marjorie Deschambault
	†Zenon Hanzel	Aleks Onita
	Joycie De Guzman	Joycie De Guzman
	Monika Bingham	Carol MacKenzie
	Anne Hobson	Juliana & John
<b>SAT. May 23 (Acts 28.16-20, 30-31; John 21.20-25)</b>		
9:30 am	†Marissa Simene	Dulce & Rey Lizada Family
4:00 pm	†Bea Gross	Eveline Boulet & Family
<b>SUN. May 24 – Ascension of the Lord</b>		
9:00 am	Missa Pro Populo (Mass for All Parishioners)	
11:00 am	Peter Chun-Ting Yam	Peter, Cecilia & Family
7:00 pm	Laura Bohrn	Secret Prayer Partner
11:00 am/Souris		

**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").

St. Augustine **Class Mass** for grades 1, 3 & 7 will be on Wednesday **May 20<sup>th</sup>** at 11:15 a.m.

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 Gartinski, 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, 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,

*I am scared of the end times and predictions of these dates. I feel saved, but I don't truly know if I would be accepted into heaven. What are the Catholic teachings on the end times/rapture?*

No one but our heavenly Father knows the precise time of our Lord's return. (See Mark 13:32-37.) If this uncertainty about when Jesus will return evokes more apprehension than anticipation, it doesn't help that prophets of doom make predictions based on a distorted understanding of apocalyptic literature in the Bible. An example of this literary form includes the Book of Revelation. It contains elements of a final judgment and cosmic struggle between good and evil written in highly symbolic and imaginative language; however, it wasn't intended to provide a literal description or timeline of how the world ends. In 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17, St. Paul also uses apocalyptic imagery to say that all the faithful will be "caught up" ("rapt up") to meet the Lord at his Coming. Some use this single text to vividly imagine true believers being "raptured" from the earth and escaping the destruction of humankind at the end times, but it's a misinterpretation. For Catholics, these apocalyptic passages offer hope and guidance: despite the powerful forces of evil, Christ will overcome. His death and resurrection already ushered in the last age. We don't know how long this age will last before the final consummation, hence the need to be watchful and prepared. ●



Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org

## Financial Report for: May 10, 2026

Weekly collection	\$	7,575.
Children collection	\$	210.
Sharing God's Gifts 2026	\$	13,407.
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.

**WELCOME TO THE PARISH STAFF** - We are pleased to welcome **Maxime Celine** to our Parish maintenance position. Maxime joined us on April 16, 2026. We are glad to include him in our staff team.

### 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.**

St. Augustine's **Catholic Women's League** is having the **Annual June Wind-Up** on **Tuesday June 2<sup>nd</sup>** with Mass at 4:00 p.m. and Dinner at 5:30 p.m. at the Parish square. Hats are optional: fascinator, vintage, sun – your choice.

Dinner ticket price is \$25/per person. For tickets please contact: Leona Smithson (tel. 204-727-8398) or Ann Kamann (tel. 204-728-8205). Deadline to purchase tickets is **May 25<sup>th</sup>.**

**Revered Father Oliver Omega** has been appointed Pastor of St. Hedwig's Parish in Brandon, St-Felix-de-Valois Parish in Dunrea, St. James' Parish in Baldur and Immaculate Conception Parish in Rivers **effective August 1<sup>st</sup>.** We congratulate Father Oliver on his appointment. We are grateful to him for his ministry in St. Augustine Parish. A farewell will be organized in due course.



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