

Saint Augustine of Canterbury Church

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

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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:

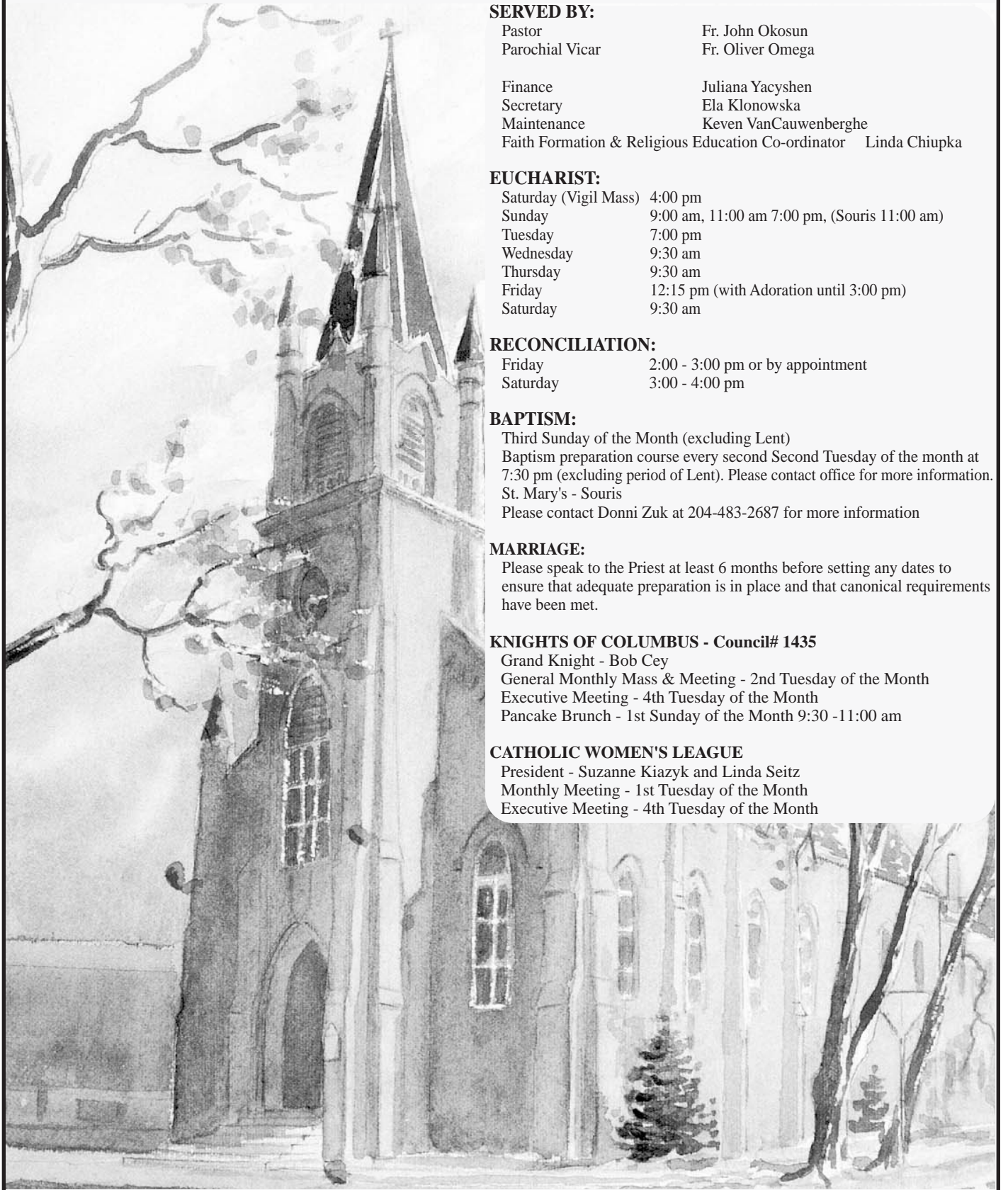
Please speak to the Priest at least 6 months before setting any dates to ensure that adequate preparation is in place and that canonical requirements have been met.

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





A Gift for All People of All Times

ANN M. GARRIDO

When reading aloud today's passage from Acts of the Apostles, do you stumble over the names of the peoples gathered as I do? "Parthians, Medes, and Elamites." Where is "Cappadocia, Phrygia, and Pamphylia"? And why were all these peoples in Jerusalem in the first place?

It might help to know that Pentecost did not originate as a Christian feast. There are three pilgrimage festivals that drew Jews from across the Mediterranean region to Jerusalem. Sukkot celebrates the fall harvest and God's protection during the exodus from Egypt. Two are in the spring: Passover, the Feast of the Unleavened Bread, recalling the night the Jews were freed from enslavement in Egypt; and Shavuot, or *Pentecost* in Greek, remembering the giving of God's law on Mount Sinai.

The scene described in Acts echoes the story at Mount Sinai. The peoples who gathered outside the house in Jerusalem represent the breadth and diversity of peoples known at that time, and not just at that time. Some of the civilizations mentioned had not existed for hundreds of years. The book of Acts wants us to know that the gift of the Holy Spirit was an event of such significance that somehow *all* were mysteriously present—not just those of times gone by, but even we who live in such far-away, hard-to-pronounce places as Islamabad or Albuquerque. Today, we celebrate a gift that transcends time and geography. A gift that continues to draw all of us together in wonder and awe. ●



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Reflect

*Do I often remember that the Church encompasses people of every nation:
those gone before us and those to come?*

MASS INTENTIONS

TUES. May 26 (1 Peter 1.10-16; mark 10.28-31)		
7:00 pm	†Bea Gross	Adam & Laura Gurr
WED. May 27 (1 Peter 1.18-25; Mark 10.32-45)		
9:30 am	†Arnie Chagnon	Lorraine Hosea
THUR. May 28 (1 Peter 2.2-5, 9-12; Mark 10.46-52)		
9:30 am	†Mary & Benn Popien	Popien Family
	†Venance Deschambault	Marjorie Deschambault
	†Barbara Hamm	Greg & Yvonne Skura
	Marie Bialkoski	Emmett Elves
	Arlene Spence	Rod Ferris
	†Nazario Liwanag Sr.	Nazario Liwanag Jr. & Family
11:15 am		
10:30 am/FVH	Laurel Willis	Carol Mackenzie
FRI. May 29 (1 Peter 4.7-13; Mark 11.11-25)		
12:15 pm	†Peggy & Gerry Clark	Pat, Gerry & David Clark
	Bagay Family	Charles & Maria Lim
	†Fernand Legare	B. Gross Family
	Andis Kaulins	Bruce & Jackie Miles
	Josie Scaletta	Josie & Ken Bessant
	Stella Boyko	Pat Dinsdale
	†Terisita Brown	Emerson & Ning
SAT. May 30 (Jude 17.25; Mark 11.27-33)		
10:00 am	†Dr. Beverley Bailey	Beverley Hicks
4:00 pm	†Bea Gross	Rose Hercun & Family
SUN. May 31 – The Most Holy Trinity		
9:00 am	†Josette Fumier	Kerselin Fumier
11:00 am	Missa Pro Populo (Mass for All Parishioners)	
7:00 pm	†Felimon Abao	Dulce & Rey Lizada Family
11:00 am/Souris		

Last gathering for **Men's Group** has been rescheduled to Wednesday **May 27th, 2026 @ 6:00 p.m.** (Theme: "On Fortitude – The Virtue of Striving for Truly Good Things").

This month St. Augustine **School Mass** is on **Thursday May 28th** at 11:15 a.m.

Morning Mass on **Saturday May 30th** will be celebrated at 10:00 a.m. Congratulations to all candidates who will receive a **Sacrament of Confirmation** during this Mass.

On **Sunday June 7th** we will have our **2026 Corpus Christi** procession to celebrate the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. Please join us after the 11:00 AM Mass.

Last **Eucharistic Holy Hours for Vocation** sponsored by the Vocation Committee will be on Tuesdays **June 30th** after the 7:00 PM Mass.

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, 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 a senior Catholic woman. All my life, I have waited for the Church to welcome women as priests. I have volunteered with numerous faiths over the years and have worked with pastors and rabbis who are women. Why does the Catholic Church not recognize that women have callings to the priesthood?

My answer will probably not be acceptable to you, and it might even make you a little more frustrated and perhaps even discouraged. The understanding of the Church is that the call to priesthood is not based on merit. If it were based on merit, and that was the single important criterion, your question might be phrased in a different way. I will let you imagine what that might be!

The tradition, practice, and discipline of the Church continues to insist that the call to ordained priesthood requires the respondent to be male. Any explanation beyond this simple statement would be strained and of little use. We are aware of the traditions that are practiced in other Christian denominations. We are probably aware of the Roman Catholic theology of priesthood that is offered in support of the practice. We can probably offer example after example in support or in disagreement of the practice. None of it matters when it comes up against the hard truth of the tradition, practice, and discipline: the priesthood requires a baptized male for validity. ●



Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSsR / DearPadre.org

Financial Report for: May 17, 2026

Weekly collection	\$	9,799.
Children collection	\$	187.
Sharing God's Gifts 2026	\$	13,417.
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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.

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.

THANK YOU

The Refugee Committee would like to thank all who donated religious items to the Refugee ministry event, which will now be enjoyed and appreciated by others. The generosity of our parishioners raised \$706.00 which will go towards supporting refugees whose arrival we are awaiting as well as future refugees. Because of the interest shown we anticipate having this event again in the fall.

IMPORTANT

During our last pest control inspection, there was rodent activity reported inside the Church. In order to keep our Church safe and free of any rodents, please **do not bring any food** to the Church (with the exemption of milk formula for babies). Thank you.

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 15th, 2026.**

St. Augustine's **Catholic Women's League** is having the **Annual June Wind-Up** on **Tuesday June 2nd** 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 25th.**

St Augustine of Canterbury church will be part of the **Doors Open Tours of Brandon** once again this year. to be held on the weekend of August 15th and 16th. We will need 8 -10 volunteers to provide tours of our beautiful church. Fact sheets will be provided. What we ask is 2-3 hours of your time. If you are interested, please leave your contact information at the parish office **by Monday June 1st.**



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