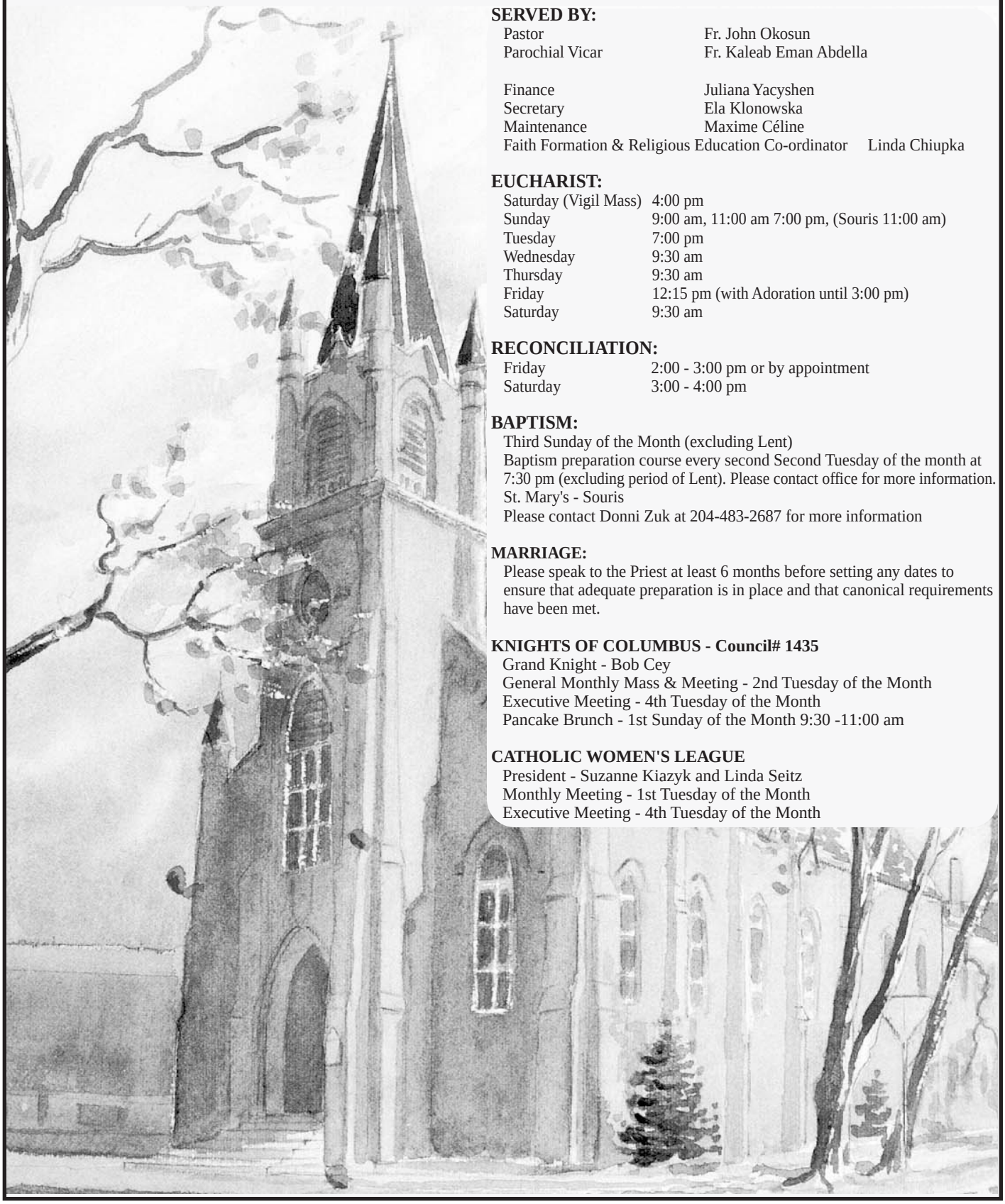
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EUCHARIST:

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 Kiazyk and Linda Seitz
Monthly Meeting - 1st Tuesday of the Month
Executive Meeting - 4th Tuesday of the Month

Our Parish COMMUNITY

November 22, 2026

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (A)

Ezekiel 34:11–12, 15–17 / 1 Corinthians 15:20–26, 28 / Matthew 25:31–46

Living the Beatitudes

MIGUEL DULICK

For his last sermon, Jesus revisits his first. In the Sermon on the Mount, if you are poor, or in mourning, or meek; if you hunger and thirst for righteousness; if you are merciful or clean of heart or a peacemaker or even persecuted, you are blessed! Now, Jesus reframes the Beatitudes as blessings bestowed, ultimately, on Jesus himself, in the persons of his "least brothers" with very specific needs: I was hungry; I was thirsty; I was a stranger; I was naked; I was sick; I was in jail. "Whatever you did, you did for me!"

Indeed, Jesus may be anticipating the last few days of his own life, when he will himself know every need: he will be hungry, thirsty, displaced, naked, hurt, and jailed, at least for one wicked night. Who "did" for him?

Once, I visited friends with their first baby. They said, "Oh, Miguel, we admire you so much. You're always helping people." This—while they're holding their newborn!

I just laughed and quoted Jesus: "When I was hungry, when I was thirsty, homeless, naked, sick, in prison.... You do *all* of this every day with your baby—except for the jail thing! Who is more 'least' than a newborn?"

"We never thought of it like that."

"Yes! Your baby is Jesus!"

And maybe Jesus is always a baby. Even Michelangelo's *Pieta* depicts Jesus as the size of a child in a teen mother's lap. ●

Reflect

Who are the "least" in my world? Is there anyone I'm ignoring?

LEARN ABOUT THE AUTHORS OF *OUR PARISH COMMUNITY*

MASS INTENTIONS

TUES. November 24 (Revelation 14.14-19; Luke 21.5-11)		
7:00 pm	†Deceased Legionaries	Legion of Mary
WED. November 25 (Revelation 15.1-4; Luke 21.12-19)		
9:30 am	†Nick & Rose Phillips	Brian Phillips
11:00 am	Henry Sieklicki	The Family
THUR. November 26 (Rev 18.1-2, 21-23; 19.1-3, 9a; Luke 21.20-28)		
9:30 am	†Joanne Malkowich	Lois Van Achte & Frank Szturm
	†Lawrence Dubois	Bruce & Jackie Miles
	†Grant McDonald	Cole Walters
	†Albin & Adrienne Lebeau	Janet Lebeau
10:30 am/FVH		
FRI. November 27 (Rev 20.1-4, 11-15; 21.1-2; Luke 21.29-33)		
12:15 pm	†Halina Tarwid	Krystyna Tarwid
	Armand Fouillard	Melina & Family
	St. Joseph & His Blessings	Kerselin Fumier
	†Doran Cosgrove	Stewart Family
	†Verna Powaschuk	Gus Powaschuk
SAT. November 28 (Revelation 22.1-7; Luke 21.34-36)		
9:30 am	†Deceased Family Members	Henry & Lucinda Carels
4:00 pm	†Deceased Family Members	Peter & Norah Pieroni
SUN. November 29 – 1st Sunday of Advent		
9:00 am	†William & Lena Seniuk	Geraldine Seniuk
11:00 am	Missa Pro Populo	
7:00 pm	†Frank Gudz	The Family
11:00 am Souris		

ADVENT CONFESSION

Thursday, December 03

1:00 p.m. (School) & 5:00 p.m. (General)

St. Augustine Class Mass for grades 2, 4 & 8 is on **Wednesday November 25th** at 11:00 a.m.

Come and celebrate **St. Nicholas Day on December 6th at 12:30 p.m.** at the Parish square. Knights of Columbus will host their **Pancake Breakfast from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** that day.

The 3rd Annual ***Christmas Eve Pop-Up Children's Choir*** will be singing at the 4 p.m. Mass on Christmas Eve. All interested children are invited to participate. **Rehearsal will be at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, Dec 19** in the Church. No registration required. Please contact Carolyn Markmann via the church office if you have any questions.

In Our Prayers Are: Gresnor Acquisio, Hermann Aquin, Jamie Ashley, 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, Jason Pascal, Arlene Spence, Albertine Moran, Angel Eranio Cabrera, Ladesma Cabrera, Emery Fouillard, Marie Bialkoski, Lorraine Williams, Rohan and Baby, Dave, Kerry Fast, Adrian Villafana, Patricia Greene, and the homebound.

Dear Padre,



Why do some parishes have only priests who can't speak English well?

The short answer to your question is that in many instances, a diocese does not have enough priests to staff all its parishes. In this case, the bishop "recruits" priests from parts of the world where the number of priests is more abundant.

This is not a new practice. In the 1830s, American bishops were recruiting priests from Europe to staff the parishes in the United States. As a result, men like St. John Neumann and Blessed Francis Seelos came to the United States. They worked not only for the German immigrants, whose language they knew because they were German themselves, but also for the Irish, the French-speaking, the Native Americans, and any other Catholic group that needed Catholic pastoral service.

In the first half of the twentieth century, the American Church was able to send missionaries to Latin America, Asia, and Africa, where there were not enough Catholic priests. The Maryknoll Missionaries, for instance, were founded for this purpose.

Today, the situation has reversed. The places with the most Catholic priests are in Asia, Africa, and some Latin American countries, as well as in Eastern Europe. If these men are willing to make the sacrifice of leaving their homeland, family, and friends to serve us, shouldn't we make the effort to show some gratitude and hospitality to them? ●

Fr. Gary Lauenstein, CSsR / DearPadre.org

Financial Report for: November 15, 2026		
Weekly collection	$	10,676.
Children collection	$	140.
Together In Mission (including SGG) To Date	$	47,825.
Together In Mission Amount Needed	**$**	**14,540.**
2026 Appeal Target	$	62,365.
Weekly average spending	$	11,000.

Options for Donating Money:
For your convenience we accept donation envelopes, e-transfers (finance@staug.ca), pre-authorized payments and cash. E-transfers are only funds to St. Augustine.
Please Do Not Use 2025 or Older Envelopes.
All donations are gratefully accepted in Canadian currency. Unfortunately, we are not in a position to accept foreign currency. Thank you and God bless.

Together in Mission has replaced the Sharing God's Gift Appeal effective September 1st. **It means all cheque donations need to be made out to Together in Mission.**
Also, please note, our Parish still needs to collect about **$15,000 by December this year**. If we do not make our 2026 total target, we would need to transfer to Archdiocese the missing amount from our donations. We would appreciate your support!

2027 Sunday Missals books are available for sale at the Parish office. Cost is $7/each.

***Welcome to our Christian Community**: Bloom Olanna Okanmelu, Damien Ekene Ekwenuya, Dan Afewerki Estifanos, Empress Elloise Quizon Adaoag, Munachimso Michelle Chibuzo, and Yagazie Brielle Okenyi.*

St. Augustine's CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE is inviting to the **Annual Advent Celebration** on **Tuesday, December 1st** with Mass at 11:00 a.m. and Dinner at 12:30 p.m. at the Parish square. Dinner tickets: $25/person.
For tickets please contact: Leona Smithson (tel. 204-727-8398) or Ann Kamann (tel. 204-728-8205).
Deadline to purchase tickets is **November 23rd**.
There will be a monetary collection for Esk-Omi Missions.
Donations of food items/cash for St. Vincent de Paul will also be accepted.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
The Knights invite you to join us for **Solemn Vespers and Benediction** on the Vigil of the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe (Patroness of the Unborn) on **Friday, December 11 at 7:00pm**. If you are able, please bring diapers (sizes 4-6) or 0–3-month baby clothes that will be donated to the crisis pregnancy centre. Please include the receipt as every $500 will be matched with an additional $100 from the Knights for the crisis pregnancy centre.

Nine Lessons and Carols will be presented by St. Augustine's Parish during this holiday season **on Sunday December 20 at 2:00 p.m. in the Church.** For more information, please contact Linda at faithformation@staug.ca.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL is still accepting **winter coats** and other **winter outerwear** so they can be given to those in need this winter. If you have any extra coats or other winter outerwear, please drop them off in the St. Vincent de Paul bins located by both Church entrances. Accepting **ONLY WINTER OUTERWEAR, NO OTHER CLOTHING**.
Thank you!

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