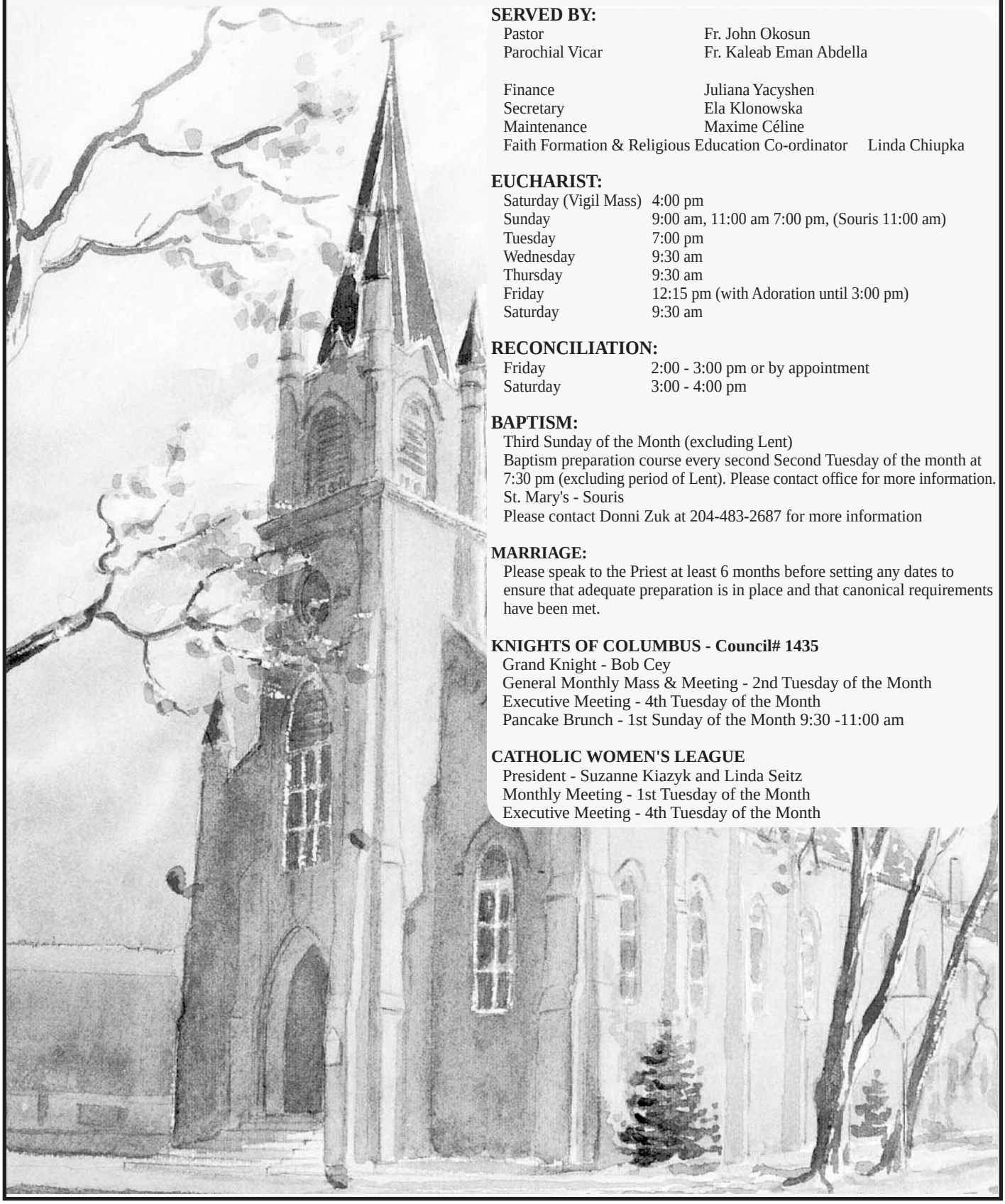
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EUCHARIST:

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 8, 2026
Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
Wisdom 6:12–16 / 1 Thessalonians 4:13–18 or 4:13–14 / Matthew 25:1–13

Keep Your Light Burning Bright

ANN M. GARRIDO

We have entered that time of year when the readings turn our attention toward the "end of time"—that moment we await in which all of God's dreams for us will be realized. The "kingdom of God come." Jesus, like prophets before him, compared this moment to a wedding feast. In Jesus' time, marriage was the most decisive event of one's life, and the wedding feast was the greatest feast families ever celebrated. There was nothing better than a good wedding party—and nothing more embarrassing than a bad one. So much at stake!

In the parable in today's gospel, Jesus focuses on the role of the bridesmaids in making the wedding feast a spectacular event—or not. They are trusted to provide a parade of light to greet the groom as he arrives at his family's home with the bride, but it turns out that not all have prepared adequately.

The parable forces us to consider our own commitment to the Christian life. In baptism, we, too, were given a special role to serve the coming kingdom of God. We, too, were entrusted with a light and told to "keep it burning bright" until that time in which we "come out to greet him." At the beginning of our faith journey, we often embrace this role with much fervor. But we forget that the Christian life takes a good bit of endurance and involves a lot of waiting. We will need oil to keep that light burning bright—the oil of prayer, participation in the sacraments, time spent in study and renewal. No one else can nourish your relationship with God for you. It is something you will need to do yourself. ●

LEARN ABOUT THE AUTHORS OF *OUR PARISH COMMUNITY*

Reflect

What are you doing to keep your light of faith burning bright right now?

In Our Prayers Are: Gresnor Acquisio, Hermann Aquin, Jamie Ashley, 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, 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, Harvey Ostroski, and the homebound.

MASS INTENTIONS

TUES. November 10 (Titus 2.1-8, 11-14; Luke 17.7-10)		
7:00 pm	Theodore Kruk	Godfather
WED. November 11 (Titus 3.1-7; Luke 17.11-19)		
9:30 am	All Canadian Military Veterans with Medical or Mental Issues	Gerard & Glenda Wade
THUR. November 12 (Philippians 4.6-9; Matthew 5.1-12a)		
9:30 am	Richard Dubois	Bruce & Jackie Miles
	†Grant McDonald	Cole Walters
	Fr. Christopher Pugh	Sally Scaletta
	†Verna Powaschuk	Gus Powaschuk
10:30 am/FVH	†Joanne Malkowich	Carol MacKenzie
FRI. November 13 (2 John 4-9; Luke 17.26-37)		
12:15 pm	†Deceased Legionaries	Legion of Mary
	†Tom Lehman	Carlos Marajh
	†Leon Sanders	Mary Anne & Brian Schoonbaert
	Wayne Watters & Janet Ladas	Melina & Family
	†Lillian White	Brothers & Sisters
	†Ernani Cabrera & Lody Patiu	Angel Cabrera
SAT. November 14 (3 John 5-8; Luke 18.1-8)		
9:30 am	†Deceased CWL Members	CWL
4:00 pm	†Jeanette Tripp	Charlotte Czarnecki
SUN. November 15 – 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time		
9:00 am	†Betty Lou McDonald	Nancy Selinger & Family
11:00 am	Missa Pro Populo	
7:00 pm	†Dale Holmstrom	Sherry Holmstrom
11:00 am Souris		

ADVENT CONFESSION
Thursday, December 03
1:00 p.m. (School) & 5:00 p.m. (General)

St. Cecilia's Girls Choir is inviting girls ages 6 to 17 years old to join. Practices are every Sunday from 8:00 to 8:30 a.m. For more information please contact: nguyentk184@gmail.com.

St. Augustine School Mass will be celebrated on **Wednesday November 18th** at 11:00 a.m.

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.

A reminder for parents of gr. 8 students (St. Augustine School & Once-Weekly Catechism program) – if your child is preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this school year, you are requested to attend the meeting scheduled on **Thursday November 12th** at **6:00 p.m.** in the Church.

Dear Padre,

What happens to the sacred treasures in a deconsecrated Catholic church?



When a diocesan bishop deconsecrates a church, he issues a decree that removes a church's dedication and relegates it to "profane but not sordid use" when it "cannot be used in any way for divine worship and there is no possibility of repairing it" (*Code of Canon Law*, 1222). The impossibility of repairing a badly damaged church doesn't mean only an architectural impossibility. Inadequate finances to maintain the church properly, an insufficient number of parishioners to foster ecclesiastical vitality, and a shortage of priests are also grave causes for a church's closure. Decorative appointments and sacred treasures in these relegated churches often find new homes in other churches and religious institutions.

This traditional custom of dissemination is a sign of solidarity with the broader Church and in continuity with its rich heritage. It honors the faith and sacrifices of the charter members when the church was built and the generations that followed. Remaining religious items in a relegated church, such as an unmovable altar, "lose their dedication or blessing if they have been destroyed in large part, or have been turned over permanently to profane use by decree of the competent ordinary or in fact" (*CCL* 1238). Stained glass windows, mosaics, and other sacred art that remain in a repurposed church don't lose their aesthetic beauty and evocative power, however. "A thing of beauty is a joy for ever," wrote the poet John Keats. ●

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org

Financial Report for: November 08, 2026		
Weekly collection	$	13,699.
Children collection	$	155.
Together in Mission Appeal	$	7,687.
Together in Mission Amount Needed	$	**32,832.**
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 over **$20,000 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!

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL would gratefully accept **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.

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.

Knights of Columbus would like to thank everyone that supported the **Fall Supper 2026**. We served over 220 meals including the take-outs and raised $3,000.00 for local charities. The Knights would also like to thank everyone that donated food items or volunteered their time for this successful event!

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