

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:

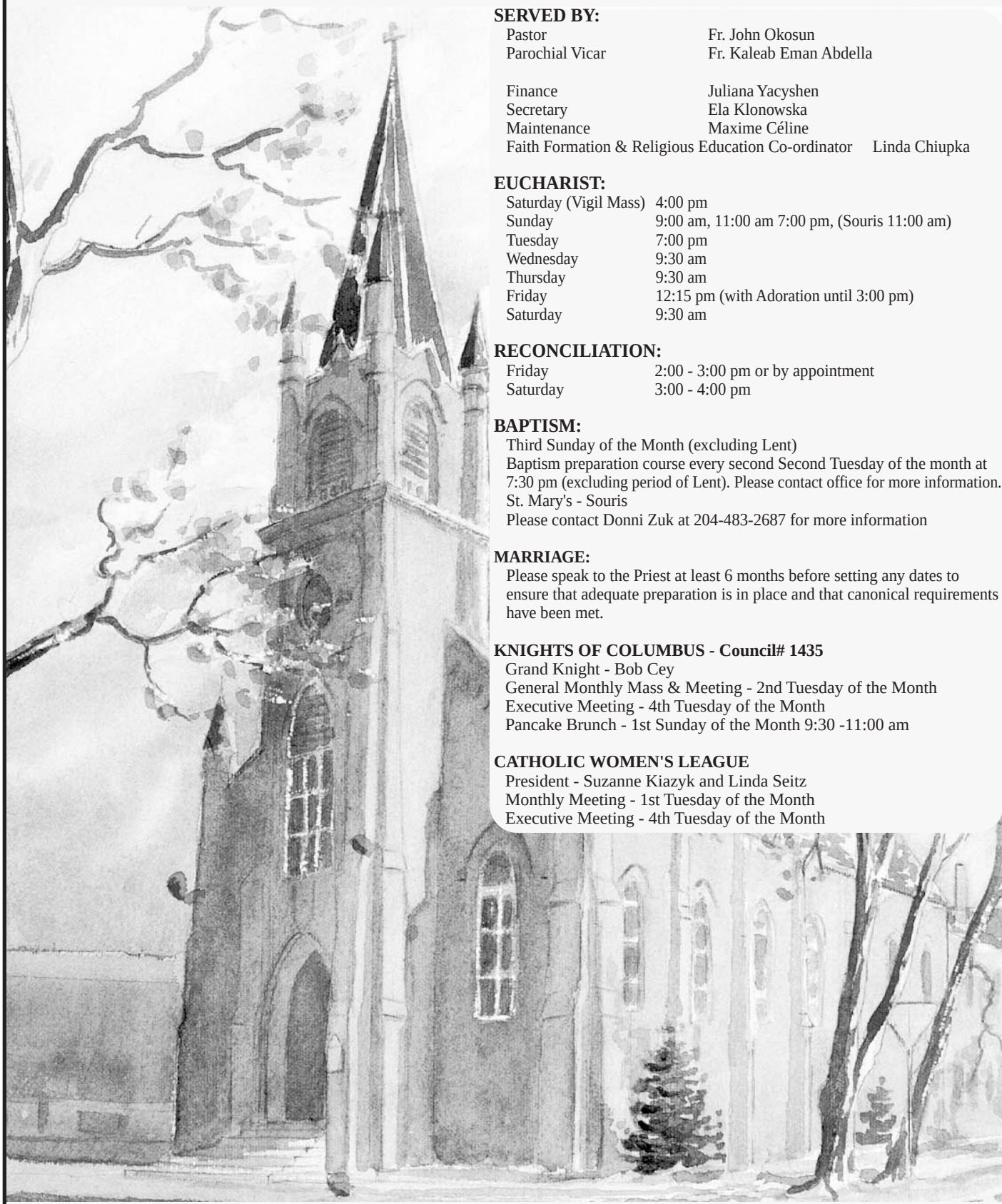
Please speak to the Priest at least 6 months before setting any dates to ensure that adequate preparation is in place and that canonical requirements have been met.

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





Sidestepping Side-taking

ANN M. GARRIDO

Jesus had to know something was up when both the Pharisees and the Herodians approached him together. Pharisees and Herodians were never together. Herodians survived by cooperating with the Roman Empire. The Pharisees found such cooperation an affront to God's law.

"Is it lawful to pay the census tax to Caesar or not?" they asked. It was a trap. If he answered "no," the Herodians could report him to the Romans for fomenting rebellion. If he answered "yes," the crowd watching would see Jesus as a sellout to an unpopular foreign power. But Jesus did not take the bait. He refused to give a "yes" or a "no," instead allowing onlookers to see that his Pharisee and Herodian challengers were carrying the Roman coin in their pockets—hence participating in the Roman economy—whereas he did not even possess the coin they were asking about. He was living and working for a different ruler altogether. Their question was outside his realm of concern.

So often we, too, can find ourselves trapped in heated political conversations where questions are asked in such a way that they seem to allow only a yes-or-no answer. The askers want to reveal, "Are you with us or are you against us?" as if there are no other options. As followers of Jesus, we know that there are issues of ultimate concern for us—"battle hills worth dying on." Jesus himself had one: Calvary. But Jesus himself did not feel as if he needed to take a stand on every hot political issue of his day. Sometimes he sidestepped those conversations. So can we. ●



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Reflect

When confronted, do I prefer to "take the bait" or find common ground?

MASS INTENTIONS

TUES. October 20 (Ephesians 2.12-22; Luke 12.35-38)		
7:00 pm	Father Oliver Omega	Bruce & Elsie Ray
WED. October 21 (Ephesians 3.1-12; Luke 12.39-48)		
9:30 am	†Joanne Malkowich	Ken & Velma Scott
11:00 am	Shane Baranyk	Andrew & Breeanne Sieclicki
THUR. October 22 (Ephesians 3.13-21)		
9:30 am	Abortionists & Pro-Choicers	Life Culture Brandon
	†Marie Anne Peloquin	Kelly Peloquin
	St. Padre Pio	Emena Yemane
10:30 am/FVH	†Norman	Ann Treasa Wilson
FRI. October 23 (Ephesians 4.1-6; Luke 12.54-59)		
12:15 pm	†James Alarie	Linda Chiupka
	†David Clemens	Markmann Family
	Kristen Zegers & Family	Gurr Family
	†Tom Lehman	Carlos Marajh
	St. Padre Pio	Emena Yemane
SAT. October 24 (Ephesians 4.7-16; Luke 13.1-9)		
9:30 am	Kerry Fast	Bill & Brenda Pugh
4:00 pm	†Rene & Bob	Huguette Keating
SUN. October 25 – 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time		
9:00 am	Glenn	Kim
11:00 am	Missa Pro Populo	
7:00 pm	†Mo Karrouze & Family	Rod Ferris
11:00 am Souris		

[Jesus said,] "Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God."

Matthew 22:21

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 is on Wednesday **October 21st** at 11:00 a.m. Everyone is welcome to join.

St. Augustine Class Mass for grades 1, 3 & 7 will be on Wednesday **October 28th** at 11:00 a.m.

Our next **Children Mass** will be celebrated on **November 1st at 12:30 a.m.** **All Saints Day Party** will follow at the school gymnasium. For sign up please contact Grace (204-572-4344) or Dulce (204-740-8664).

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.

Dear Padre,

What does it mean when it says we're in Cycle A or B or C? Or Years I and II?

When the bishops of the Church at the Second Vatican Council in 1963 called for a revision of our liturgy, they asked that "The treasures of the Bible...be opened up more lavishly, so that richer fare may be provided for the faithful at the table of God's word. In this way, a more representative portion of the holy Scriptures will be read to the people in the course of a prescribed number of years" (*Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy*, 51).

At Sunday Masses, the Scriptures are divided up over three years (called Years A, B, and C). At these Masses, the gospel is the primary reading. The first reading, taken from the Old Testament, and the responsorial psalm touch upon the same theme as the gospel. In the Easter season, the first reading is taken from the Acts of the Apostles. The second reading follows consecutive passages from the letters of Paul or the other apostles, independent of the other readings.

At weekday Masses, most of the Bible is read over a period of two years. Odd-numbered years are Year I, and even-numbered years are Year II.

All of this should help us open those treasures that the Church says are ours in the Scriptures. ●

Fr. Gary Lauenstein, CSsR / DearPadre.org



Financial Report for: October 11, 2026		
Weekly collection	\$	9,596.
Children collection	\$	203.
Together in Mission Appeal	\$	
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.

Sharing God's Gifts Appeal has transformed into **Together in Mission** effective **September 1st**. All the participants' information and all gifts will be entered as new records within the Together in Mission system. As a result, for the 2026 tax year, participants will receive two tax receipts: 1) Gifts made between Jan 1 - Aug 30, will be from Sharing God's Gifts. 2) Gifts made between Sep 1 - Dec 31, will be from Together in Mission.

Please remember – effective immediately, all cheque donations need to be made out to Together in Mission.

Barbeque

If you have a spare barbeque and wish to donate to the Church we would gladly appreciate it. Our Parish is currently looking for 2 barbeques to be used at our Parish and the Rectory.

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.

Nine Lessons and Carols presented by St. Augustine's Parish– **Choir Rehearsal Call**

Preparations of our annual Nine Lessons and Carols are officially underway. All are welcome to join the choir. You do not need to be a member of the parish to sing with us so please spread the word and invite friends, family, and neighbors who love to sing.

Weekly rehearsals are held on **Mondays @ 7:00 p.m.** in the main body of the Church.

Performance day is scheduled on Sunday December 20 at 2:00 p.m. in our Church.

For more information, please contact Linda at faithformation@staug.ca.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights are hosting a Roast Beef **Fall Supper** on Sunday **November 01 at 5:00 p.m.** in the Parish Square. This year we will have seating for 192. Another 50 tickets will be sold for take-out meals. Take-out meals must be picked up at 4:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$10 for children ages 7-12, 6 and under are free. As seating will be limited, please purchase your tickets as soon as possible. Tickets will be on sale after the weekend Masses on October 17-18 and 24-25. Thank you for your support.



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