

Saint Augustine of Canterbury Church

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

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SERVED BY:

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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:

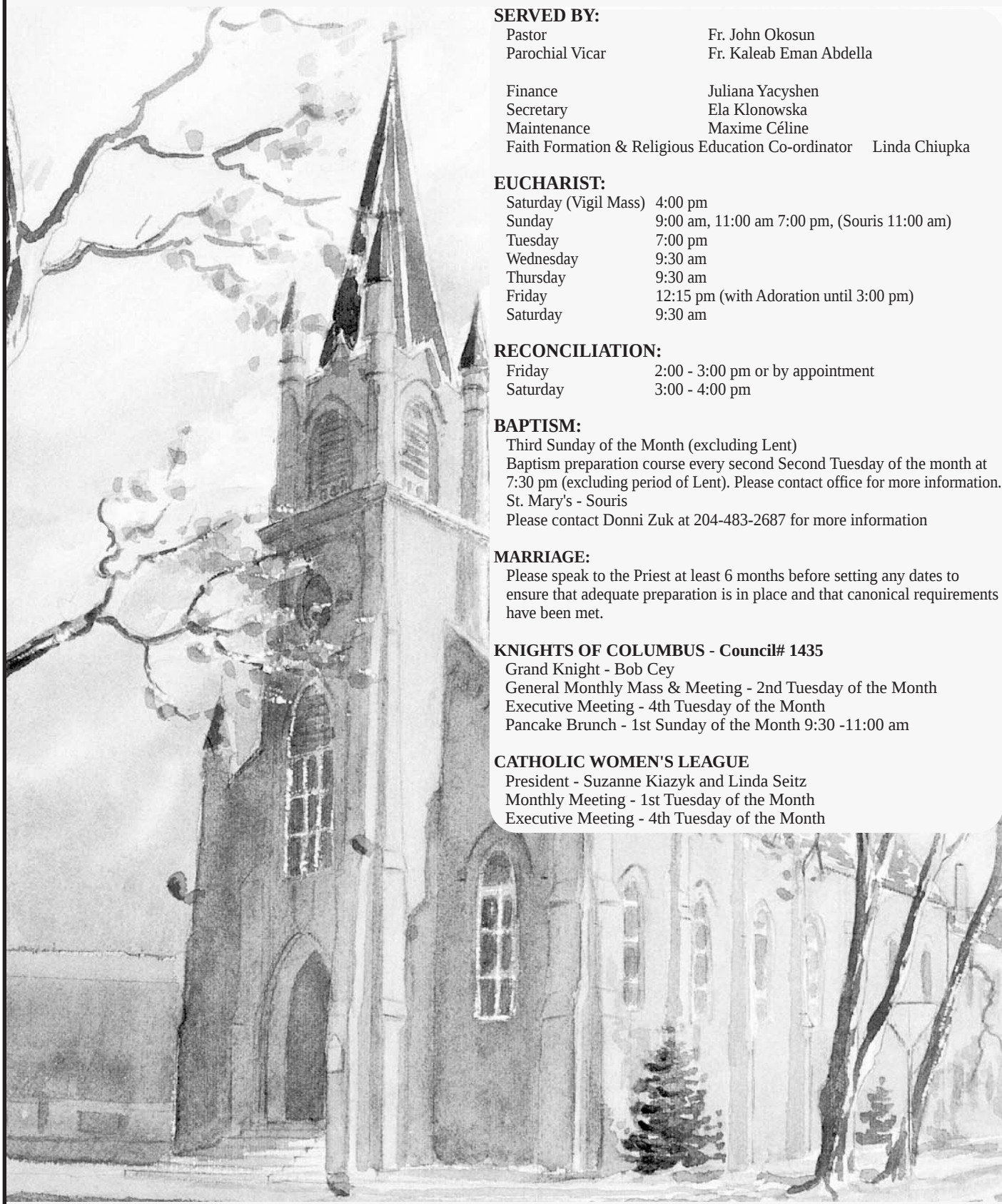
Please speak to the Priest at least 6 months before setting any dates to ensure that adequate preparation is in place and that canonical requirements have been met.

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





Will You Work in God's Vineyard?

ANN M. GARRIDO

Most parents can resonate with today's gospel. Who hasn't had a child promise to do their chores and then neglect to do them? Or a child who threw a fit when asked to help but then pitched in after all?

Jesus' parables intend to give clues about a mystery he called the kingdom of God—a revelation about what the world will look like when God's dreams for it are realized. We get a good hint that this parable is meant to be about the kingdom of God because it speaks of a vineyard, and Jesus often compared God's kingdom to a vineyard. Vineyards throughout the ancient world were associated with joy and abundance, but they also required much tending. They needed workers, and that is what God has called us to be for the kingdom.

Jesus observed that those who professed to support God's coming kingdom often seemed to do little to help bring it about whereas those who historically had been viewed as resistant to God's ways were more receptive to John the Baptist's preaching—and, we can imagine, Jesus' message as well. They were the ones who proved in the end more willing to lend a hand.

The vineyard of which Jesus spoke still requires workers. It still requires people willing to collaborate with God in gathering the abundant harvest that will mark a season of great joy. We can imagine that, like any parent, God's greatest delight would be to have children who say "yes" and then follow through on their word! ●



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Reflect

When I am tempted to be resentful, what would be a healthy response?

MASS INTENTIONS

TUES. September 29 (Revelation 12.7-12a; John 1.47-51)		
9:30 am	†Rudy Dauk	His Nieces
Blue Mass		
WED. September 30 (Job 9.1-12, 14-16; Luke 9.57-62)		
7:00 pm	†Ralph Cantafio & Family	Laura & Adam Gurr
THUR. October 01 (Job 19.21-27; Luke 10.1-12)		
9:30 am	†Marie-Anne Peloquin	Lori & Melina
	†Dorothy Weston	Ann Treesa Wilson
	John & Thao Nguyen	Issigonis Family
	†Susanne Zintel	Julia Hamel
10:30 am/FHV		
FRI. October 02 (Exodus 23.20-23a; Mathew 18.1-5,10)		
12:15 pm	Sally Scaletta	Melina
	Marie & John Vajdik	Laura & Family
	All Métis Who Lost	George Pelletier
	Someone	
	Devin Archer	Marian & Claude Archer
	Eveline Boulet	Carol MacKenzie
	Thanksgiving	Dulce & Rey Lizada
SAT. October 03 (Job 42.1-3, 5-6, 12-13, 15-17; Luke 10.17-24)		
9:30 am	Fr. Oliver Omega	Maria & Charles Lim
4:00 pm	†Victor Hercun	Juliana
SUN. October 04 – 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time		
9:00 am	Kristen	Mom & Dad
11:00 am	Missa Pro Populo	
7:00 pm	Thanksgiving for All the Saints	Kerselin Fumier
11:00 am	Souris	

The second annual **Blue Mass** will be held on **Tuesday, September 29 at 9:30 a.m.** The Blue Mass is in honour of all who protect and serve; and in remembrance of those who fell in the line of duty. All are welcome to attend and to support these men and women in critical occupations. Please see posters for more details.

PLEASE NOTE:

- The **9:30 AM Blue Mass on Sept. 29/Tuesday** has replaced the evening Mass of that day.
- The morning Mass on **Sept. 30/Wednesday** has been moved to 7:00 p.m. instead.

Adult Sacrament Preparation

Adults wanting to prepare for the Sacrament of Holy Communion and/or Confirmation, please note that the first class will be on **Wednesday Oct 7th at 6:30 pm.** We will be meeting monthly from October to April 2027.

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,

Why must I choose practicing Catholics as my baby's godparents?

The Church is clear about the qualifications of godparents: at least sixteen years old; leading lives of faith; confirmed and having already received Communion, among others. (See the *Code of Canon Law*, 872–874.) “Godparent” isn’t simply an honorary title we bestow on someone. It’s an important role in a child’s faith life. Parents and godparents introduce us to Jesus and teach us to pray. We talk to Jesus on our own and learn more about him through Scripture. Our parents take us to church. We watch their example and that of our godparents. It is the gradual process of being introduced to Jesus by those who know him that leads us to trust him and have faith in him. At baptism, a godparent lights a candle from the Easter candle and holds it for the child as the presider says, “Receive the light of Christ.” That is how faith comes to us: a gift from God, but through other people. Parents and godparents must have the bright flame of faith in their own hearts if they hope to pass it to the child.

It is permitted to have only one godparent, fulfilling the requirements previously mentioned, and a special “witness” who is a person of faith but is not Catholic. ●



Fr. Gary Lauenstein, CSsR / DearPadre.org

Financial Report for: September 20, 2026

Weekly collection	\$ 9,940.
Children collection	\$ 180.
Sharing God's Gifts 2026 (Appeal)	\$ 29,533.
2026 Appeal Target	\$ 62,365.
Together in Mission Amount Needed	\$ 32,832.
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.

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.

SERRA CLUB BRANDON

Serra's **Clergy and Religious Appreciation Dinner** will be held at our Parish square on **October 14th**. Vespers will be at 5:00 p.m. followed by dinner.

Seatings for the dinner are still available. Come and show your appreciation of our priests and learn about the religious sisters who have served the Westman and Parkland Deaneries. Regular price \$45, young women 16-25 - \$25, pay to Brandon Serra via cash or cheque.

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.

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.

The pro-life community of Brandon is inviting us to join them for **Life Chain** on Sunday, **October 4 from 2-3pm** on the **northwest corner of Victoria Avenue and 18th Street** for an hour of prayerful witness for the end of abortion, and for all pre-born children and their mothers. Refreshments will be provided immediately afterward at our Parish square. For more information, please refer to the poster on our bulletin boards.



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