

Saint Augustine of Canterbury Church

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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:

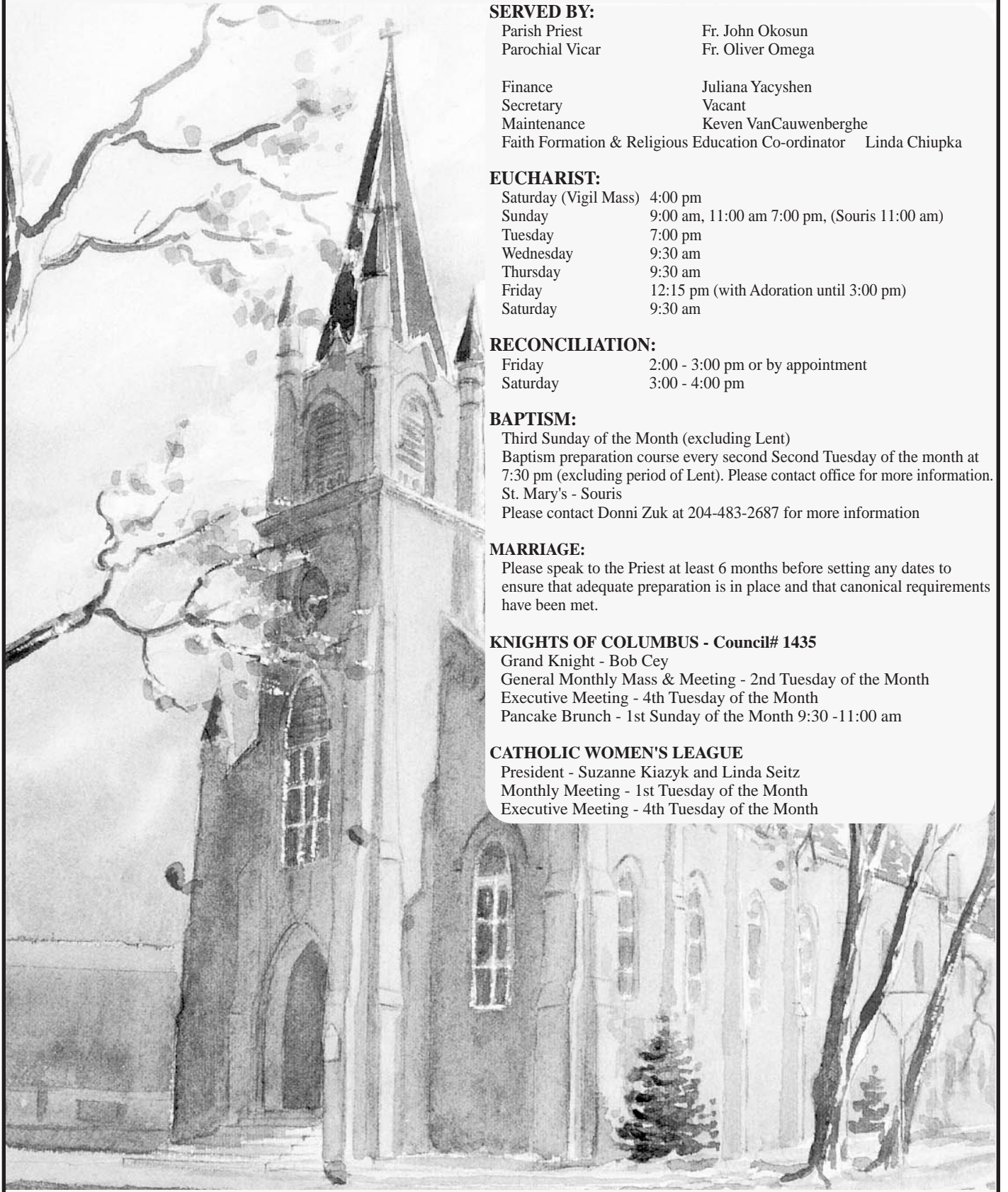
Please speak to the Priest at least 6 months before setting any dates to ensure that adequate preparation is in place and that canonical requirements have been met.

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





The Emptying Process

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

We like to fill life with good things—good friends, good times, good jobs, good memories. They are all graced moments of life. Life is also marked by an emptying process. Friends move away, good times come to an end, jobs become boring. Saint Teresa of Kolkata (Mother Teresa) once noted how even God can't fill what is already full. The emptying process may very well be the action of God in our lives, emptying us to make room for God's gift of resurrection and life in its fullest.

Holy Week is the story of such a process—one long saga that begins with Palm Sunday as it focuses on how Jesus willingly emptied himself even unto death. The story moves on to Holy Thursday and the gift of the Eucharist to sustain us in the emptying. On to Good Friday, where, once more, a narration in stark liturgical strokes tell of the emptying of Jesus. Finally, the Easter Vigil and the Feast of the Resurrection, the culmination of a journey through death into life. We tell this weeklong story because the story of Jesus is also our story—more of God working in us rather than our own doing. The Jesuit theologian Karl Rahner once noted that one of the tasks of life is to learn how to die well. Our willingness to learn that lesson, again and again, is how we begin to share in the resurrection, even as we live our lives today. ●

Reflect

How does my faith help me through times of emptiness?

MASS INTENTIONS

Tue. April 15 7:00 pm *Isaiah 49.1-6, John 13.21-33, 36-38*

†The Living & Deceased Knights by Knights of Columbus

Wed. April 16 9:30 am *Isaiah 50.4-9a, Matthew 26.14-26*

†Annie & † John Baraniuk by Eileen Suski & Family

Thur. April 17 7:00 pm - Holy Thursday

Exodus 12.1-8, 11-14, 1 Corinthians 11.23-26, John 13.1-15

†Ignazio Scaletta by Sally Scaletta & Family

Fri. April 18 - Good Friday

Isaiah 52.13-53.12, Hebrews 4.14-16; 5.7-9, John 18.1-19.42

12:00 Noon – Celebration of the Lord's Passion

3:00 pm - Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Sat. April 19- Resurrection of the Lord

Easter Vigil

9:00 pm - For Catechumens by Fr. John & Fr. Oliver

Sun. April 20 – Easter Sunday

9:00 am - Michelle McPike by Rick & Jocelyn Kehler

11:00 am - Iseiet Libin by Mom & Dad

7:00 pm - †Dave Prankie by Henry Sallafrangue

Souris 11:00 am For All Parishioners - Fr. John & Fr. Oliver

In Our Prayers Are: Gresnor Acquisio, Hermann Aquin, Jamie Ashley, Myron Blocka, Angel Eranio Cabrera, Yvonne Day, Kay DePass, Thomas Egan, Colette Garlinski, Pat Golding, Jenny Hamill, Vera Lafreniere, Angela Lau, Paul Malabar, Susan Richardson, Marilyn Ross, Bonnie Schellenberg, Joan Tweedie, Teresa Usunier, Anne West and the homebound.

Pope's Prayer Intentions for the Month of April:

For the use of the new technologies: Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.

Easter Sunday Potluck Lunch is on April 20 after the 11AM Mass. Get to know more about the Pilgrims of Hope. There will be Angels Choir to sing songs for Jesus and Mary. Also, there will be Easter activities for families. See poster for more details.



Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent at 7pm. (April 18– Children's Rosary Group)

Rosary for vocations – Every Saturday at 9 am, before the morning Mass there will be a Rosary prayer said for vocations. Come and join us.



Prayer group meets every Monday at 7pm. Everyone welcome.

Dear Padre

April 13, 2025

I'm thinking about going to the Easter Vigil, but why does it have to be so long?

When an event seems long, it may have to do with our expectations. If we go to the Easter Vigil and expect it to be like a Sunday Mass, then it will seem long. The typical parish Easter Vigil lasts two to three hours. There are some communities who vigil all night. Why does it have to be so long? Because this is one night of the year when we Catholics tell our whole story.

There are four parts of the Vigil. Part One is the *Lucernarium* (Light) when we gather around the paschal fire from which the paschal candle is lit. Then follows the passing of the light to members of the congregation, who are holding candles. By candlelight, we hear the Exsultet—the Easter Proclamation, sung only on this night. Part Two is the Liturgy of the Word, when we take our time listening to readings, singing psalms, and reflecting on salvation history. Part Three is the Sacraments of Initiation, when new members are welcomed into the Church, baptized, and confirmed, and all renew their baptismal promises. And Part Four is the Liturgy of the Eucharist, when new members receive holy Communion for the first time. The Easter Vigil is rich with meaning, solemn as well as joyful, and to fully experience it, we must take our time. ●

Financial report for: April 6th 2025

Weekly Collection	\$ 14,899.
Children collection	\$ 212.
Sharing God's Gifts 2025	\$ 12,187.
Sharing God's Gifts for 2025 target	\$ 64,959.
Weekly average spending	\$ 11,000.

Options for Donating Money : We are trying to ensure your ease when making a donation. For your convenience we accept donation envelopes, e-transfers (finance@staug.ca) and pre-authorized payments. Please note that e-transfers are only funds to St. Augustine's. Thank you. **Please don't use old envelopes.** Thank you and God bless you.

Holy Week Schedule

St. Augustine's Brandon

Holy Thursday	7:00 pm -Mass of the Lord's Supper
Good Friday	9:00 am-Morning Prayer -Tenebrae (livestream)
	12:00 pm -Passion of the Lord + Communion
	3:00 pm -Passion of the Lord + Communion
	7:00 pm -Stations of the Cross
Holy Saturday	9:00 am -MorningPrayer-Tenebrae (livestream)
	12:00 pm -Blessing of Easter Foods
Easter Vigil	9:00 pm -Vigil Mass of the Resurrection
Easter Sunday	9:00 am -Mass of the Resurrection
	11:00 am -Mass of the Resurrection
	7:00 pm -Mass of the Resurrection

St. Mary's Souris

Holy Saturday	6:30 pm-Mass of the Lord's Supper
Good Friday	3:00 pm-Passion of the Lord + Communion
Easter Sunday	11:00 am – Mass of the Resurrection

Chrism Mass

Chrism Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, April 15th at 10:30 am at St. Mary's Cathedral in Winnipeg. Our new Archbishop Most Reverend Murray Chatlain. All are welcome to attend.

SVDP accepts all clean clothing and household donations. We prefer donations to be made in clear plastic bags or boxes. Thank you for your continued support.

CWL Winnipeg Diocesan Annual Convention

An Invitation to the CWL Wpg. Diocesan Council Annual Mtg. of Members/Convention on Friday, April 25th & Saturday, April 26th at St. Augustine Church. St. Augustine's CWL ladies are hosting a banquet after 5 pm Mass on Friday, tickets are \$40. On Saturday there will be meetings/registration 8:00-8:45 am. \$15.00. Lunch from 12:00-12:45 pm \$20.00. Please check our posters on the east and west bulletin boards.

CWL Scholarship

Applications for the 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. **Deadline for applications is 3:00 p.m., Friday, May 30, 2025.**

Good Friday Special Collection

On Good Friday there will be a collection taken at the request of the Holy See. It is for the support of the many social, educational, and parish projects of the Church throughout the Holy Land, and it helps to assure the Church's presence and a measure of security and peace for our brothers and sisters. Please give generously to support the Church in the Holy Land and our brothers and sisters in need.

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