

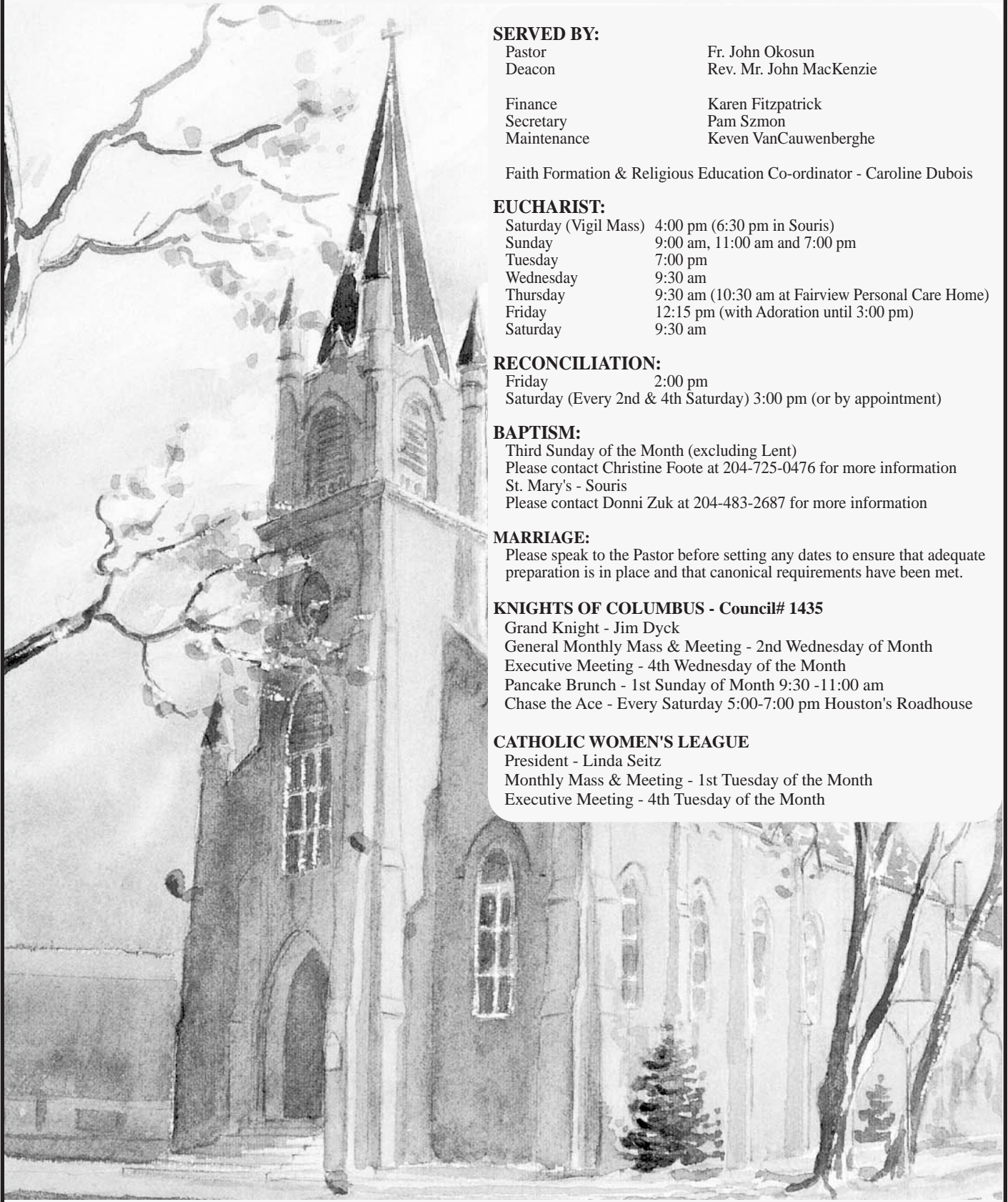
Saint Augustine of Canterbury Church

Also serving Saint Mary's Church in Souris, MB (Sundays at 11:00 am)

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Weekday Office Hours: 8:30 am - 12:00 Noon, 12:30 pm - 4:00 pm



SERVED BY:

Pastor	Fr. John Okosun
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Faith Formation & Religious Education Co-ordinator - Caroline Dubois

EUCHARIST:

Saturday (Vigil Mass)	4:00 pm (6:30 pm in Souris)
Sunday	9:00 am, 11:00 am and 7:00 pm
Tuesday	7:00 pm
Wednesday	9:30 am
Thursday	9:30 am (10:30 am at Fairview Personal Care Home)
Friday	12:15 pm (with Adoration until 3:00 pm)
Saturday	9:30 am

RECONCILIATION:

Friday	2:00 pm
Saturday (Every 2nd & 4th Saturday)	3:00 pm (or by appointment)

BAPTISM:

Third Sunday of the Month (excluding Lent)
Please contact Christine Foote at 204-725-0476 for more information
St. Mary's - Souris
Please contact Donni Zuk at 204-483-2687 for more information

MARRIAGE:

Please speak to the Pastor 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 - Jim Dyck
General Monthly Mass & Meeting - 2nd Wednesday of Month
Executive Meeting - 4th Wednesday of the Month
Pancake Brunch - 1st Sunday of Month 9:30 - 11:00 am
Chase the Ace - Every Saturday 5:00-7:00 pm Houston's Roadhouse

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

President - Linda Seitz
Monthly Mass & Meeting - 1st Tuesday of the Month
Executive Meeting - 4th Tuesday of the Month

1st Sunday of Lent

We often think that Lent is a time to concentrate on the sufferings of Jesus. Actually that is the theme of Holy Week. The other readings of Lent suggest another theme—covenant-making. God initiates an intimate relationship with us and calls us to be faithful. This is the good news. Moreover, when we are unfaithful, God gives us another chance.

The first reading recounts God's graciousness in saving humankind from destruction. Noah and his family must have felt that they really were lost at sea. However, God's protection was always there. In fact, the waters they so feared were destructive only to what was evil. They had been saved and now, through the covenant, all of creation was given a second chance.

One might think that Jesus wouldn't have struggled with temptation. After all, he was God. However, today's Gospel says that he was tempted. He was in the wilderness, a place long known to be a place of temptation because there the supports of normal life are gone. After forty days of fasting, one's defenses would be significantly weakened, if not broken down. In such a situation, the primary thought is survival. This Gospel does not describe the temptation itself, but it does present Jesus as someone like us—weakened, tempted, and perhaps even "lost at sea." However, God's protection was with him, in the guise of angels.

Both stories assure us that God's covenantal care is there supporting us, regardless of the difficulty or our apparent weakness. *Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA*

MASS INTENTIONS

Tue.	Feb. 23	7:00 pm	†Mo Karrouze	Melinda & Family
Wed.	Feb. 24	9:30 am	Rick Kehler	Jocelyn Kehler
Thu.	Feb. 25	9:30 am	†Mary Tobin	Russell & Joan Lawrence
			†Murray Gerein	Bea Gross
Fri.	Feb. 26	12:15 pm	†Louis Carriere	Faucher Family
Sat.	Feb. 27	9:30 am	Randal Gross	Mom & Theresa
		4:00 pm	†Don Evanonki	Gary & Gerry Walker
Souris		6:30 pm	For All Parishioners	Fr. John
Sun.	Feb. 27	9:00 am	†Mike Gumieny	The Family
		11:00 am	Living & Deceased K of C	Stephen Miller
		7:00 pm	†Mo Karrouze	Andy & Margo Kiazky

Prayer Intention from Archbishop Gagnon

We pray to the Lord Jesus, Who went about doing good and healing the sick. We ask for strength in body, mind and spirit for all those who are sick with the coronavirus. We pray especially for those who are greatly weakened by this virus; enable them to regain their health. We remember also those who have died due to its effects. Assist all those in the medical field who treat people with this malady and those doing research to find a cure. We ask, Lord, that through your grace, the spread of this virus within communities in Canada and throughout the world will be restricted and eliminated and that our Christian communities may joyfully proclaim the Good News you have entrusted to them.

CWL Memberships are now DUE! Without meetings, we remind our members that your memberships of \$30.00 are now due. Please use the envelope in your donation boxes, send a cheque by mail to St. Augustine Parish c/o CWL or drop it in the collection plate identified as CWL Membership. Thank you all for your prompt attention to this matter.

St. Vincent de Paul

St. Vincent de Paul are collecting furniture, household items, dishes, pot and pans, & cutlery. Please call the Parish Office at 204-727-4728. This is a very worthwhile ministry helping people in need and those who are newcomers to Canada. **Please help fill our storage unit as it is very empty. Thank you**

God has promised forgiveness to your repentance, but he has not promised tomorrow to your procrastination. St. Augustine.

Always keep lifting your foot to climb the ladder of holiness and do not imagine that you can mount even the first step. All God asks of you is good will. St. Thérèse of Lisieux

Parishioners - Covid 19 Update:

- All Public Weekday & Weekend Masses have resumed at the usual times. We are allowed 40 people per Mass. **For weekend Masses we ask you to register with the Parish Office to save a seat. No registration is required for weekday Masses.**
- Please call church at 204-727-4728 or email office@staug.ca if you have any enquiries.
- Church is open Monday to Friday 9-11 am.

Donations to the Church:

- We would be very appreciative and grateful to everyone if they still helped us pay our bills by dropping off their collection in the collection boxes at all entrances of the church between 9:00 am-11 am. Your donations can also be sent by mail to the Church. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

In Our Prayers Are ...

Steve Bradley, Judy Bryant, Justin Enns, Rosaline Fedorkie, Colette Garlinski, Mildred Gareau, Frank Gudz, Jenny Hamill, Anthony Horan, Ralph Jonasson, Angela Lau, Diane Lomas, Paul Malabar, Millicent Mychasiw, Paul Omilanow, Susan Richardson, Bonnie Schellenberg, Josephine Tarr, Ron Umpherville, and the homebound.

Young Adult Volunteers Needed

Is God calling you to assist with a ministry in the Church? Contact Caroline to see where help is needed (faithformation@staug.ca). Training to be provided.

Praying with Pope Francis - February

Violence against women: We pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded.

Kind words can be short and easy to speak, but their echoes are truly endless. St. Teresa of Calcutta

Sunday Feb. 21, 2021

Dear Padre: As long as I can remember, our parish has offered the Stations of the Cross as a special devotion during the Lenten season. How ancient is this practice?

Over the centuries, many pilgrims would visit the Holy Land to retrace the steps of Jesus. When they returned to their home churches, many of these pilgrims paid for shrines to be built that represented the holy places they visited. In 1342, the Franciscans became the official guardians of the holy places, and they would guide pilgrims along the Way of the Cross. In 1668, Pope Innocent XI gave permission to the Franciscans to place Stations of the Cross in all of their churches. The number of these early stations varied, from as few as seven to as many as thirty-seven. Finally, in 1731, Pope Clement XII defined fourteen stations as the official devotion.

In recent years, two modifications of the Stations of the Cross have become fairly common. Some churches have a fifteenth station representing Jesus' Resurrection. Other churches have scriptural accounts that are not in the traditional station devotion. In more recent years, a popular Lenten devotion is the "Living Stations of the Cross." This is a play with music, singing, and dramatic speaking parts.

Regardless of their format or the liturgical season of the year during which they are celebrated, the Stations of the Cross are a gentle reminder that we journey with Jesus on his way to Calvary. From *Dear Padre: Questions Catholics Ask* © 2003 Liguori Publications

Financial Report - Thank You!

Weekend Collection for Feb. 14, 2021 - \$9,087.29

Weekly Expenses are approximately \$11,000.

Weekly shortage was - \$1,912.71

Sharing God's Gifts

Target for 2021 - Unknown

Amount collected for 2021 -\$4,060.

Please remember to pick up your 2021 box of donation envelopes on the table at the east entrance.

Options for Donating Money to the Church

1. E-Transfers NEW

We can accept donations by e-transfer from most financial institutions. Please use the email address "finance@staug.ca" and in the message line indicate who the donation receipt should go to (or your envelope #) and which fund you are donating to. For example, regular offering, building fund, St. Vincent de Paul, Life's Vision Brandon, flowers, etc.

2. Pre-Authorized Payments (PAP)

Simplify your weekly giving by filling out the purple PAP forms found at all entrances of the church or on the staug.ca website. You may give monthly, biweekly, or weekly. This automatic debit provides regular donations to the Parish even if you are unable to attend Mass; especially at this time of COVID-19. Please note that a void cheque or a bank deposit form are mandatory for signing up. Completed forms may be dropped off at (or mailed to) the Parish Office, or emailed to "finance@staug.ca", or dropped in the collection basket at Mass.

3. Donation Envelopes

If you are not registered as a member of St. Augustine's and you would like to use envelopes, please fill out the orange Parish Registration forms found at all entrances of the church or **on the website** and check off Yes for envelopes. Drop off (or mail) completed forms at the Parish Office or email to "finance@staug.ca", or drop in the collection baskets at Mass.

Books & Calendars available:

Sunday Missals, Living with Christ, The Word Among Us, Parish Calendars and Little Black Books for Lent are available to be picked up any weekday between 9:00-11:00 am at the church.

World Day of Prayer 2021

Due to Covid-19 health regulations, WDP 2021 service will be held virtually this year. A one-hour WDP service will be available on YouTube starting Monday, February 15, 2021 on a link to the video on the wicc.org website. It will be available for viewing indefinitely. The worship service is prepared by the women of Vanuatu.

Share Love, Share Lent: Solidarity with communities in crises.

Did you know Development and Peace provides humanitarian aid to communities coping with climate change, conflict and natural disasters in over a dozen countries? This week, the *Share Love, Share Lent* campaign looks at how your solidarity is meaningful for Rohingya refugees and their host communities in Bangladesh. Please pray for communities affected by crises and help us support them by contributing to the collection on the fifth Sunday of Lent. **Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, all Share Lent campaign information will be online this year. Please visit devp.staug.ca and click on SHARE LENT 2021.**

Notice from the Government of Manitoba (engagemb.ca)

"After safely and successfully making modest changes to public health orders to slowly reopen the economy, the province is considering the next steps in the steady reopening process while prioritizing the protection of Manitobans. Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey and for showing the kindness and compassion during this pandemic that Manitobans have always demonstrated in difficult times." **Archbishop Gagnon invites the faithful of the Archdiocese to have their voices heard through Engaged MB online surveys. The Link is engagemb.ca and go to surveys.**

Stations of the Cross

There will be Stations of the Cross every Friday through Lent at 7:00 pm.

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