

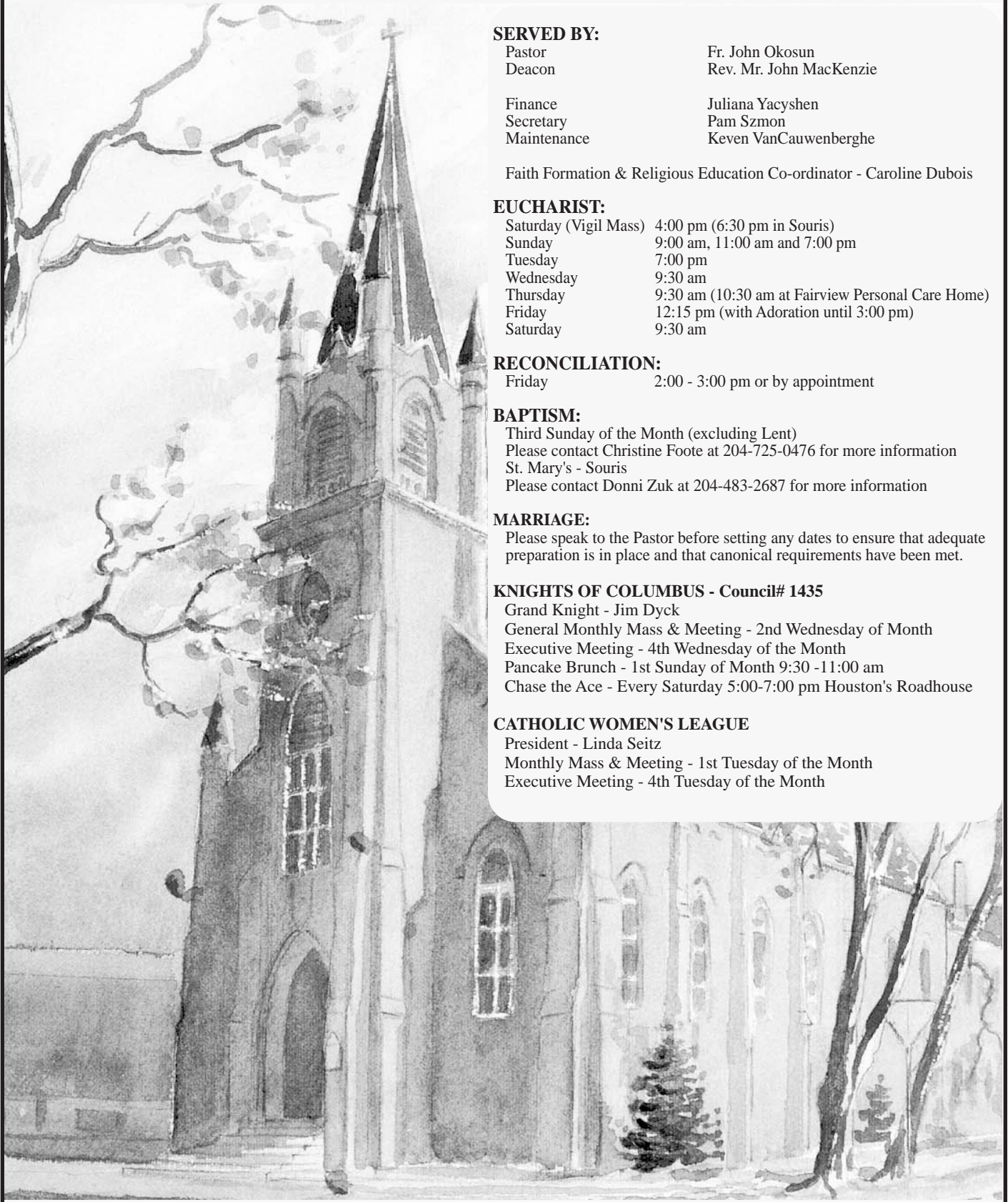
Saint Augustine of Canterbury Church

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

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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 - 3:00 pm or by appointment
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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

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Few parties are more enjoyable than a wedding celebration. While the elegance of the flowers and the extravagance of the food and beverages captivate our senses, the real excitement is the love and promise of newness. New relationships are forged, a new family is created, and there's the possibility of new life. No wonder the relationship between God and the people is often described in marriage imagery, as we see in today's first reading.

This Old Testament passage is post-exilic. The alienation from God is over; the people and God are now reconciled. Much of the language suggests relationship: no longer *forsaken* or *desolate*, but now a *delight* and *espoused* (see Isaiah 62:4). Despite having been betrayed, God's mercy has transformed the nation back to its virginal state: "As a young man marries a virgin, your Builder shall marry you" (62:5). This newness is something to celebrate.

The messianic character of the Cana story has long been recognized. All the newness I mentioned earlier is there, but newness now pertains to the entire community of believers and not simply to the marriage couple, who have no idea what is happening. An important detail of this story is the nature of the wine. What was originally water for ceremonial cleansing was transformed into wine, the quality of which was outstanding. This imagery tells us that there is a messianic banquet awaiting us, one that celebrates our intimate union with God. The joy we experience then will be intoxicating. *Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA*

MASS INTENTIONS

Tue.	Jan.	18	7:00 pm	Chris Pugh	K of C #1435
Wed.	Jan.	19	9:30 am	† Connie Phillips	Marlene Mackalski & Family
Thu.	Jan.	20	9:30 am	† Lewis Egan † Aurore Bernardin	Issigonis Family Corrigal & Bernardin Families
Fri.	Jan.	21	12:15 pm	† Ken & Marge Kehler	Kehler Family
Sat.	Jan.	22	9:30 am	† Julie Jason	Stella Rogowski
			4:00 pm	† Kha Yun Edwards	Edwards Family
Souris			6:30 pm	For All Parishioners	Fr. John
Sun.	Jan.	23	9:00 am	Linda Dallari	Sally Scaletta
			11:00 am	† Alain Desaulniers	Family
			7:00 pm	† Don Meunier	John & Carol MacKenzie

In Our Prayers Are ...

Judy Bryant, Justin Enns, Rosaline Fedorkie, Colette Garlinski, Jenny Hamill, Ralph Jonasson, Angela Lau, Diane Lomas, Paul Malabar, Millicent Mychasiw, Paul Omilanow, Susan Richardson, Bonnie Schellenberg, Ron Umpherville, and the homebound.

CWL Membership:

November is Membership month for the CWL. The Membership fee is \$30.00 and can be paid by cheque made out to St. Augustine's CWL. You can include it in your specially marked envelope with the church's weekly offertory envelopes, you can drop it off at the Church Office, or mail it directly to Helen Forsyth, 36 Wexford Bay, Brandon, MB, R7B 3J3. If you have any questions about becoming a member of the CWL please call Linda Seitz at (204) 725-0469.

General Dispensation

Taking into consideration the current state of the Covid-19 pandemic in our province, the general dispensation from Sunday Mass which concluded this past Sunday, November 21, is now extended to Monday, February 28, 2022.

Books & Calendars available:

Sunday Missals (\$4.00), Living with Christ, The Word Among Us, and Living Faith, & church calendars are available to be picked up any weekday at the church or east vestibule.

Welcome to our community : Amara Chiwetalu Chloe Emedosi

Parishioners - Covid 19 Update:

- Weekday and Weekend Masses will now be allowed **25** people in attendance. To attend Mass it is on a first come first serve basis. Please sign in when you arrive.
- Masks are mandatory at the church at all times.
- The Church office will be open from 8:30 to 4:00pm.

Praying with Pope Francis - January

We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

St. Augustine Church will continue Live Streaming Mass at 11:00 am on Sunday.

St. Vincent de Paul

During the month of December 2021, thanks to your generous donations, we distributed 241 food hampers to Brandon's less fortunate. Our requests for furniture exceed our supply. On December 28, 2021 we had a list of 8 people waiting for beds. Please continue to donate and pray for us to continue to serve.

During the winter we distribute mitts, socks, toques and masks. We ask for your continued support of these items.

Presently we also are in need of kitchen items, pots, dishes, cutlery etc. Thank you all once again for your support. God Bless.

Our hearts were made for you, O Lord, and they are restless until they rest in you. - St. Augustine

The soul that has its hope in God has nothing to fear, for all obstacles, difficulties, God overpowers.

St. Teresa of the Andes

Dear Padre: *I work hard all week and look forward to sleeping in on Sundays. Why should I get out of bed and go to Mass?*

I imagine that your parish provides suitable Mass times, even for late sleepers. But there are overpowering reasons for attending Mass. First, I'll discuss how the Mass is our present-day connection with the Last Supper, the Passover meal Jesus celebrated with his apostles. As observant Jews, they commemorated their ancestors' escape from slavery in Egypt. Jesus used his final Passover meal to teach us how to escape a bondage crueler than the Jews experienced in Egypt—the enslavement of sin.

The next day, Good Friday, Jesus would die on the cross. Think of it: Jesus, the second person of the Trinity, became human to teach us about God's love for us. The people's reaction to this goodness was to kill Jesus in an inhuman way. In response, God would have been justified in destroying the world, as he did in reaction to the people's depravities during Noah's time. Instead, God gave us further evidence of his patience and forgiveness. There is nothing our Father would not forgive, including the sin of killing Jesus. At the Last Supper, Jesus said: "This is my blood..., which will be shed on behalf of many for the forgiveness of sins" (Matthew 26:28).

Jesus' death, which we remember during the Mass, liberates us from sin. It also liberates us from death itself. Because Jesus in his mortal body was willing to die, he shows us the plan God the Father has for each of us—a resurrection like Jesus'. The Eucharist is our thanksgiving for these gifts from God. *Fr. Gary Lauenstein, CSSR*

Financial Report - Thank You!

Weekly Collection for Jan 9, 2022- \$5,538.00
 Weekly Expenses are approximately \$11,000.
 Weekly shortage - \$5,462.00

Sharing God's Gifts

Total for 2021 -\$53,960.
 Amount collected for 2022 - \$555.00

Donation Envelopes: Please use only the current year envelopes do not use years previous. Thank you!

Please remember to pick up your 2022 box of donation envelopes on the table in the east entrance, but do not use them until 2022. (Some of you may have different envelope numbers this year). Also, another reminder that all 2021 donations that were received after Dec. 31, 2021 will be included on your 2022 donation receipt, as per Canada Revenue Agency.

Options for Donating Money to the Church

We are trying to ensure your ease when making a donation. For your convenience we accept donation envelopes, e-transfers and pre-authorized payments.

For Donation envelopes – if you do not already have envelopes and would like to start using them, please let us know. If you have envelopes you already know the simplicity of this donation process.

For E-transfers – please email finance@staug.ca with a message line indicating your desired donation intent. This will ensure your funds are securely deposited as per your goal.

For Pre-authorized – please complete the PAP form. Once setup you will have the freedom knowing your donation will be automatically received as per your specifications.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at the office, by phone, by mail or by email.

Thank you for your generosity. God Bless.

Speak ill of no one and avoid the company of those who talk ill about their neighbours. St. Jacinta Marto

Spiritual Adoption Program Month 4 Baby Development Update:

Well, your little baby now weighs 6 ounces. He has fingernails and eyelashes. He has his own unique fingerprints, which will remain unchanged throughout his life. His tastebuds are working. His sense of hearing is present at 14 weeks. There are no major bodily developments anymore. Your spiritually adopted baby is already well-formed, internally and externally. All the baby needs is time to gain weight and grow strong. Please continue to pray for your baby.

The Word This Week

The Gospel of this second Sunday of Ordinary Time continues the theme of the end of Christmas - revelation. Jesus is revealed to the world by his birth, by his baptism, and by his miracles - "the signs" as John calls them. The wedding in today's Gospel is interpreted in many ways: today, reading the Gospel with the First Reading in mind, we can see it as an image of the way in which God is so close to his people, it is as though he is married to them. Thus Jesus, the spouse of the people, shows God's closeness by revealing his glory in this miracle.

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