

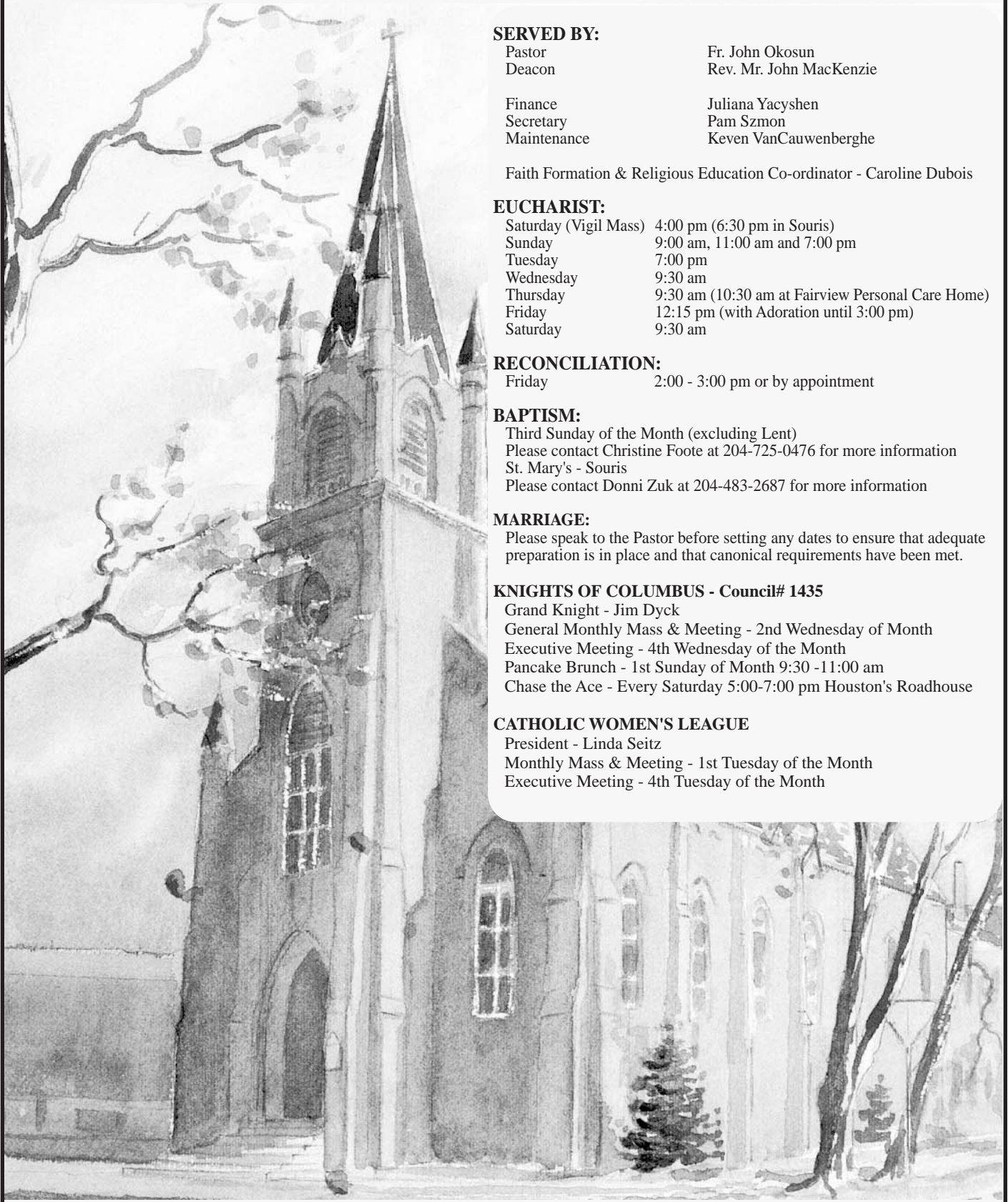
Saint Augustine of Canterbury Church

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

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

Baptism of the Lord

Before the Second Vatican Council, *ministry* was considered by many to be a Protestant word, and the religious leader who did it was called a *minister*. Catholics had priests and bishops who received and administered sacraments. Religious women did the Church's work in schools and hospitals. The council turned our understanding of Church membership inside out. We've come to realize that with baptism—not ordination or religious profession—comes the responsibility of ministry. Catholics and Protestants alike understand their commitment to justice and peace is a genuine ministry that seeks to establish God's reign in our world.

Many interpreters believe that the account of Jesus' baptism points to the inauguration of his own ministry. The theology expressed is certainly Trinitarian (the voice, Jesus identified as Son, and the dove). However, the revelation of his true identity occurs as he begins preaching and healing. Some say his baptism was meant to strengthen him as he began his public life. Others believe it was meant to strengthen his disciples.

Today we maintain that by baptism we are all children of God. Vatican II has enlightened us as to what this really means. Pope Francis has reminded us that by virtue of our baptism we are missionary disciples (see *Evangelii Gaudium*, 120). In other words, as disciples we follow Jesus, learning from him. As missionaries we go out to spread his Good News to others. It is now for us to take up the ministry where he left off, to be faithful servants with whom God is well pleased.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

MASS INTENTIONS

Tue.	Jan.	11	7:00 pm	† Bob Tipple	Bea Gross & Family
Wed.	Jan.	12	9:30 am	Phil & Mary Doherty	Issigonis Family
Thu.	Jan.	13	9:30 am	† Kathleen Ellens Carlos Lara Family	Caroline Dubois St. Cecilia Choir
Fri.	Jan.	14	12:15 pm	† Karen Austerberry	Ken & Velma Scott
Sat.	Jan.	15	9:30 am	† Anne Hoffart	Bea Gross & Family
			4:00 pm	† Lucien Faucher	Terry & Pam Szmon
			6:30 pm	For All Parishioners	Fr. John
Souris					
Sun.	Jan.	16	9:00 am	Special Intention	Gilberte Andruski
			11:00 am	† Tara Rae	Geraldine Seniuk
			7:00 pm	Fr. John Okosun	Sieklicki Family

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.

There is no space where God is not; space does not exist apart from him. St. Hilary

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

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.

Our Lady's Love is like a stream that has its source in the eternal fountains, quenches the thirst of all, can never be drained, and ever flows back to its source. St Marguerite Bourgeoys

Welcome to our community :

Skye Patrik Macwan

May the God of love and peace set your hearts at rest and speed you on your journey. St Raymond of Penyafort

It is with the smallest brushes that the artist paints the best paintings. St. André Bessette

Dear Padre: *Why did Jesus have to be baptized? Did he have original sin like us or was there another reason to be baptized?*

Jesus is God and did not have original sin like us. He is like us in all things except sin. The baptisms John performed did not free people from their original sin. The people who came to John to be baptized were declaring that they were going to change their ways and reform their lives. They promised to turn away from sin and follow the commandments. The baptism of Jesus was different. When Jesus was baptized, God revealed who Jesus is and commissioned him to begin his mission on earth.

There were three significant components to Jesus' baptism. First, the skies opened above Jesus. The prophet Isaiah prayed that God would tear open the sky and come down to earth (Isaiah 63). This was a sign to the people that God was coming down to earth. A new era was beginning. God was no longer "locked up" in the heavens.

Second, the Spirit of God, in the form of a dove, descended from the sky and hovered over Jesus and the water. This takes us back to the first moments of creation when the spirit of God hovered over the waters. The Spirit was a sign to the people that a new creation was being made. Finally, a voice declared that Jesus is the Son of God. Jesus is the new Adam, who will begin the new creation. Let us call the Holy Spirit to be within our hearts and send us forth, as Jesus was sent, to proclaim a new creation founded on the love and peace of our Savior. *Fr. Paul J. Coury, CSSR*

Financial Report - Thank You!

Christmas & Dec. 26 - \$19,866.
 Collection for Dec. 31, 2021 - \$4,397.
 Jan. 1 & 2 - \$7,977
 Weekly Expenses are approximately \$11,000.

Sharing God's Gifts

Total for 2021 -\$53,960.
 Amount collected for 2022 - \$295.

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.

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


The Word This Week

It may seem strange, but this is a Christmas Feast. Not if we think of Christmas only in terms of the Baby in Bethlehem, but if we have followed the ideas of the Feasts of Holy Family and especially Epiphany, and have seen the Season in terms of the growing manifestation or appearing of the Son of God: first to the shepherds and then to the wise men from the East. Now in the River Jordan, Jesus, Son of Mary, is revealed to all as the fullness of all God's promises: "This is my Son, the Beloved".

On this day we stand before the revelation of God's love for us, such that he would send his only Son into the world. Christmas without the Baptism of the Lord, and the words that are spoken from heaven, would be incomplete, since it is only in them that we fully see the wonder of what happened in Bethlehem. As we come to the end of Christmas today, and look forward to hearing the Gospels in Ordinary Time, we do so having been shown who it is we listen to: the only Son of God, the Beloved.

The soul that has its hope in God has nothing to fear, for all obstacles, difficulties, God overpowers. St Teresa of the Andes

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