

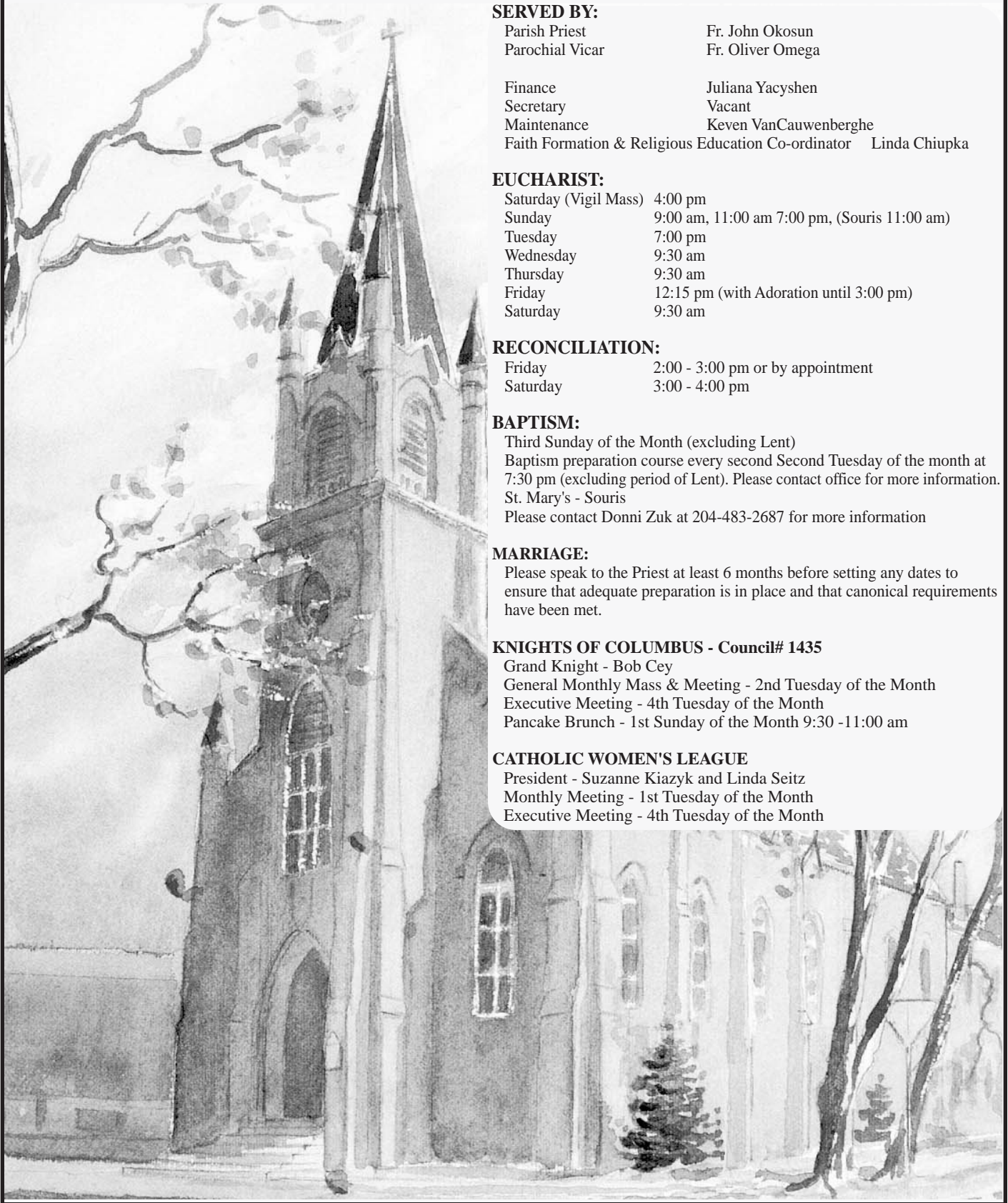
Saint Augustine of Canterbury Church

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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 Kiazuk and Linda Seitz
Monthly Meeting - 1st Tuesday of the Month
Executive Meeting - 4th Tuesday of the Month



Embrace the Darkness

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

The darkness can be unsettling. As a child, my nightly bedtime ritual included checking beneath my bed as well as in the dark hall closet. One could never know what denizens of harm might be lurking there, hidden in the shadows. As adults, the darkness we fear is no longer what lies hidden about our home. Rather, the darkness we attempt to escape is the unknown forces that have the power to overturn our lives. It is the death of someone we love that plunges us into fear and loss, forcing us to somehow make our way, alone and unsure. It is the frightening medical diagnosis that has the ability to dismantle our planned future. It is the financial security that dissolves before our very eyes. In such darkness, we grope blindly to find our way.

The Book of Genesis notes that a trance came upon Abram, a terrifying darkness that enveloped him. The gospel relays how Peter, James, and John became frightened atop Mt. Tabor when they found themselves in a cloud that obscured their sight. Yet, the darkness became for each of them a place in which they came to know their God in a totally new way; it set them on a new path of faith. It is then that we, too, are forced to surrender trust in our own wisdom.

Unable to see clearly what is in store for us, we can only rely on a new path, trusting that we will be accompanied by our God. ●

Reflect

When has life's darkness brought me to a new and deeper faith in God?

MASS INTENTIONS

Tue. March 18 7:00 pm *Is 1:10, 16-20 Mt 23:1-12*

†Victorio Cajandig by Pasaporte Family

Wed. Mar. 19 9:30 am *2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16 Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22*

Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

†Josie Rama by Sally Scaletta

Thur. March 20 9:30am *Jer 17:5-10 Lk 16:19-31*

Malena Gonzales by Anna

10:30 am FVH-

†Casper Manshanden by Edora and Peter
Eveline Clark by Gary & Gerry Walker

Fri. March 21 12:15pm *Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a Mt 21:33-43, 45-46*

Doug Jackson by Godmother

†Gladys Fast by Rudy & Rosemarie Bidinosti

† Ken Partridge by Carol MacKenzie

Fr. Barry Schoonbaert by Lorraine Vandaele & Family

Sat. March 22 *Mt 7:14-15, 18-20 Lk 15:1-3, 11-32*

9:30 am Kim Anh Vuong by Issigonis Family

4:00 pm Albertine Moran by Ann Kamann

Sun. March 23 *Third Sunday of Lent*

9:00 am †Joe Roque by Perry Roque

11:00 am †Cecile & Maurice Chicoine by Adele & Family

7:00 pm Thanksgiving by Anna Kowalczyk

In Our Prayers Are: Gresnor Acquisio, Hermann Aquin, Jamie Ashley, Myron Blocka, Angel Eranio Cabrera, 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 March:
For families in crisis.**

Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

CWL - Share the Words : Week 50 VALUES

The Catholic Women's League's envisioned future is to be an inclusive and engaged community of Catholic women – inspired by faith. Its vision is to ensure that it remains a vital participant in the church, a valued partner for social justice, a respected advocate at allgovernment levels, and connected to the world. Come and see!The Catholic Women's League's envisioned future is to be an inclusive and engaged community of Catholic women – inspired by faith. Its vision is to ensure that it remains a vital participant in the church, a valued partner for social justice, a respected advocate at all government levels, and connected to the world. Come and see!

RCIA : First scrutiny – Saturday March 22 4 pm Mass.
Second scrutiny Sunday March 30 at 11 am Mass.
Third scrutiny Sunday April 6 at 7 pm Mass.



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

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

Dear Padre

March 16, 2025

Does the Church teach how we should dress to go to Mass? Maybe I'm just old-fashioned, but the way some people dress seems very disrespectful.

Church teaching, dogmas, doctrines, and creedal formulations are not the specific resources to consult in order to answer this question. It is properly a matter of discipline and practice, although the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* does direct that "bodily demeanor (gestures, clothing) ought to convey respect" (1387). There are many commentaries on what exactly "respect" might mean.

It would be very difficult to establish a universal dress code. The many different cultures, climates, and particular circumstances of a specific Catholic community make a dress code unmanageable. It seems that you judge the local practice not up to your standards. Your judgment may be correct, or you may have unreasonable expectations. There was a time when "Sunday best" was the established norm. In other communities, the expectation would be "business casual" as a bare minimum. Now, it seems standards and practices are very fluid and flexible. All of this being said, it is ultimately a pastoral concern, not doctrinal or dogmatic. Try not to allow how other people dress distract you from your purpose at Mass. While they may not look like you imagine they should, their prayer might be genuine and heartfelt. ●

Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSsR / DearPadre.org

Financial report for: MARCH 9th, 2025

Weekly Collection	\$ 8,583.
Children collection	\$ 195.
Sharing God's Gifts 2025	\$ 7,150.
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. A kind reminder, please don't use old envelopes. Thank you and God bless you.

Knights of Columbus Fish Fry

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting the St. Augustine's Fish Fry from 5-6:00 PM on all Fridays during Lent. The cost of the meal is \$17 per adult, children up to 6 years old are free and between 7-12 is \$10.

St. Augustine of Canterbury Knights of Columbus would like to say a Big Thank you to all parishioners who participated in "HELPING HANDS PHILIPPINES". Your generosity exceeded our expectations. Thank you so much!

Parish Lenten Penance Service

Everyone is encouraged to attend our Parish Confession Service on Thursday, March 27th, 2025. School 1-3pm. All congregation 5-7pm.



Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent at 7pm.

Archbishop Gagnon's Farewell

On Wednesday, March 19th we will gather in St. Mary's Cathedral to say "Thank you!" and bid farewell to Archbishop Richard Gagnon for his 11 years of pastoral service and leadership as our Archbishop. It is fitting that this celebration should take place on the Solemnity of St. Joseph, our Archdiocesan patron. The celebration will be at 7:30pm with a reception to follow. All are welcome.

Installation of Most Reverend Murray Chatlain - due to limited seating will be by invitation only. Passes are requested to attend the installation.

Administrative Secretary

We would like to express our appreciation to Aleksandra Onita for her service to our parish for the past three years as our Administrative Secretary. Aleks has decided to explore other opportunities. We wish her success in her future endeavors.

Development and Peace Share Lent:

Development and Peace also provides humanitarian aid to countries in crisis. Aid can take the form of immediate humanitarian relief, such as responding to the crisis in the Middle East and to earthquake victims in Nepal, rebuilding homes and community infrastructure and supporting the relaunch of local economies. Please go to dp.staug.ca to learn more.

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.

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