

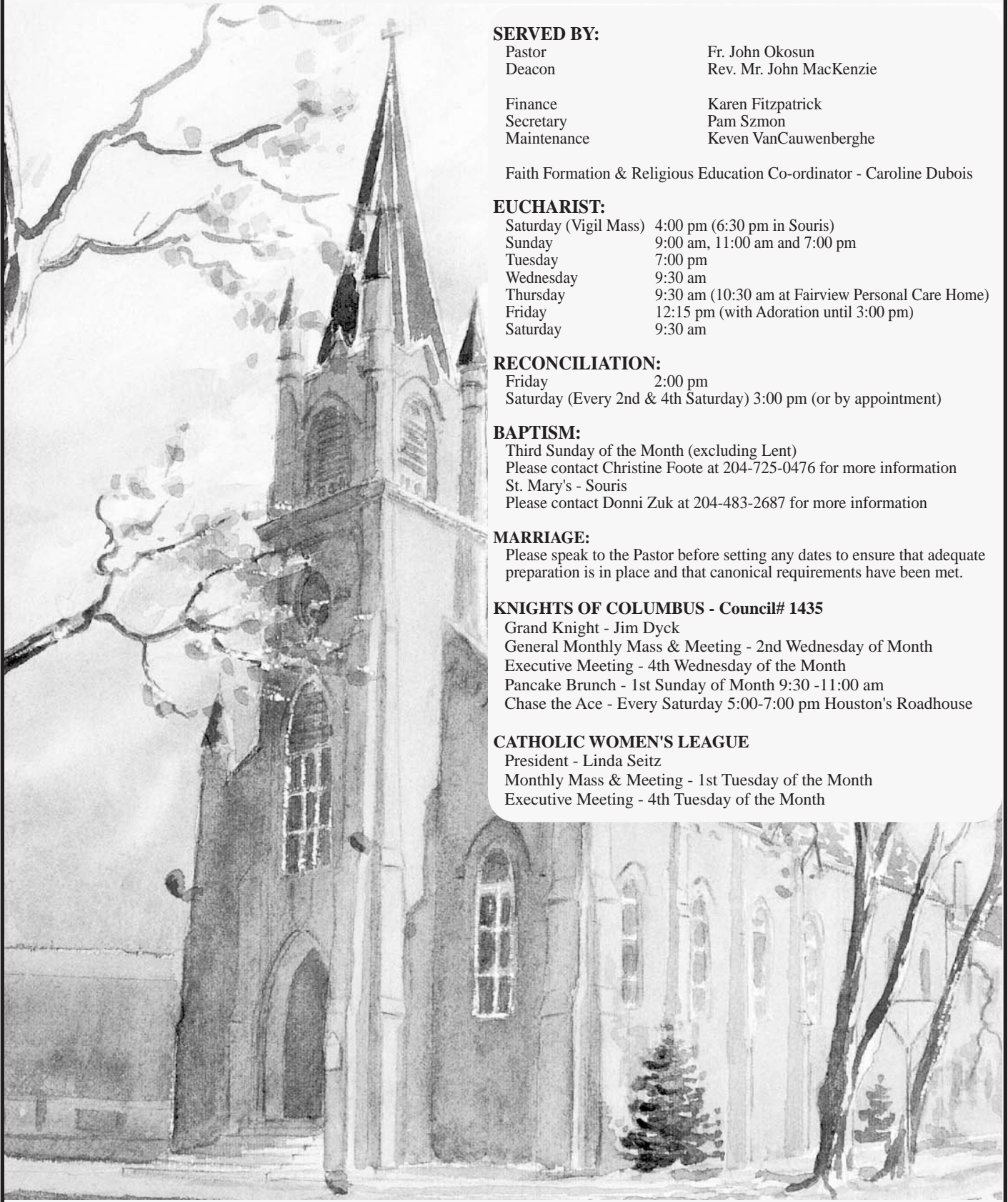
Saint Augustine of Canterbury Church

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

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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

4th Sunday of Lent

Do we? Do we really see? Do we understand? There is so much that is simply misunderstood or unnoticed. Little about life is uncomplicated, and even that which is uncomplicated so often slips right by us. This is true about a life lived alone or with others. It is also true about our life with God.

The first reading is an example of this. God will choose one of the sons of Jesse to be king. Will it be the eldest, the rightful heir? If not him, perhaps it will be the brightest one or the most pious. All of these highly valued characteristics would certainly be necessary for one to be an effective king. However, Jesse and his sons did not see in the same way as God. Their youngest brother, the one tending the sheep, would be God's choice. He was the one God wanted, and so David was anointed in the presence of his family.

The Gospel tells another story about seeing. In it, Jesus restores a man's sight. What began as a story about physical blindness and sight then becomes a lesson about seeing and understanding the mystery of God's power as opposed to refusing to see and understand it. No one in the story could claim that the man had not really been blind. Then why did they refuse to acknowledge that God's power had done something marvelous in their presence? But they did refuse. We can, indeed, choose to be blind. —Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

MASS INTENTIONS

Tue. Mar. 24	7:00 pm	†Kiersten Stitt	Ken, Karen & Steven Fitzpatrick
Wed. Mar. 25	9:30 am	†Margaret Fitzpatrick	Don & Claudette Smith
Thu. Mar. 26	9:30 am	†Joseph MacKenzie	Vic & Rose Hercun
Fairview cancelled		†Lynda Mintz	Bea Gross
Fri. Mar. 27	12:15 pm	Tony & Karen Simard	Rhea Chudy
Sat. Mar. 28	9:30 am	†Louis & Caroline Jaggard	Gwen Gumieny
	4:00 pm	For All Parishioners	Fr. John
Souris	6:30 pm	For All Parishioners	Fr. John
Sun. Mar. 29	9:00 am	Rita Ritchot	Bill & Brenda Pugh
	11:00 am	†Jacqueline Mangin	Denis & Lea Badiou
	7:00 pm	†Joseph MacKenzie	Josie Scaletta

THE WEEK AHEAD

Mon. 23	Prayer Group	7:00 pm
Tue. 24	Pastoral Parish Council Meeting	7:30 pm
Wed. 25	Serra Meeting	10:00 am
	Hamper Program	2:00 pm
Thu. 26	St. Vincent de Paul Meeting	10:00 am
Fri. 27	Mass followed by Adoration	12:15 pm
	Confessions	2:00 pm
	Benediction	3:00 pm
	Stations of the Cross - Development & Peace	7:00 pm

Any of the activities left on the Week Ahead list or in the bulletin are subject to change during the time of the COVID-19 virus.

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.

In Our Prayers Are ...

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

Knights of Columbus - Chase The Ace

Drop by Houston's between 5 and 7 PM on Saturday. Pay out to winner is approximately \$3150 with 35 cards. Tickets are \$2 a piece and proceeds are going to our church renovations! **In light of the current Coronavirus situation, we will not be having a Chase the Ace on Mar. 21st. We will assess weekly and resume when the pandemic situation settles down.**

Pancake Breakfast for Sunday, April 5, 2020 is cancelled.

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. **St. Vincent de Paul are also in need of help in delivering furniture to people, if you could help out it would be greatly appreciated.**

New Family Choir

Do you and your children love to sing? The NEW Family Choir is seeking families including parents and children of all ages, from toddlers to high schoolers. Come join us as we lead the singing once a month at the 9 a.m. Mass, beginning March 15. Children ages 7 and older without parental participation may also join. For more information or to join, please call Carolyn Markmann at 204-728-9525, or email at markmann@wccgwave.ca.

Praying with Pope Francis - March

We pray that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.

Dear Padre: Why does the Church honor St. Joseph?

Saint Joseph was chosen by the Lord to be the spouse of Mary and a guardian of the Word Incarnate, Jesus Christ. The little we know about Joseph is taken from the Gospels. In the Book of Matthew, we learn that Mary is betrothed to Joseph, "a righteous man" (Matthew 1:19). When Joseph learns that Mary is already with child, he decides to dismiss her quietly so as not to disgrace her publicly. But an angel of the Lord appears to him in a dream and tells him not to be afraid to take Mary as his wife and informs him that she will bear the child of the Holy Spirit, the one who will come to save people from their sins. Joseph obeys the angel without question.

Joseph heeds God's call once again when instructed by an angel of the Lord to flee Bethlehem to escape the murderous Herod. Matthew tells us: "Joseph rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed for Egypt" (Matthew 2:14). It is this faithfulness, this steadfast and complete trust in God, that makes Joseph such a wonderful example for us, and for this, the Church honors him. —Fr. Paul Coury, CSSR

Financial Report - Thank You!

Weekend Collection for March 15, 2020-\$9,800.25

Weekly Expenses are approximately \$11,000.

Weekly shortage was \$1,199.75

Sharing God's Gifts

Target for 2020 - \$45,720

Amount collected for 2020 = \$12,352.50

Amount owing = \$33,367.20

Pre-Authorized Payments

Do you often forget your envelope? Are you tired of writing cheques every week? Do you scramble to find cash to put in the collection basket? Do you give the same amount every week? Have you considered signing up for Pre-Authorized payments (PAP)?

PAP is a great benefit to the Parish because it saves the church money:

- fewer envelopes to purchase
- less time spent counting money and entering donations

If interested, please fill out the purple PAP form on the tables at all entrances of the church. A void cheque or bank deposit form is mandatory.

Please drop off completed form in the collection basket or at the Parish Office. Thank you for considering this more efficient way of donating. **JOIN THE 70 OTHER PARISHIONERS WHO DONATE THIS WAY!**

Best Lent Ever

Did you like the Matthew Kelly Books? Do you want to have the best Lent ever? Then Google "Dynamic Catholic", click on "Best Lent Ever" and click on "Sign up." You will then receive a short 3 minute video message from Matthew Kelly every day in Lent.

For Better Forever Marriage Preparation

A course for couples who are preparing for marriage at St. Augustine Church. Preparation courses consist of one evening session per week over a span of six weeks. Call Bob & Annette Boucher at 727-6035 to register.

Upcoming dates: April 2/2020 - May 24/2020 and

May 21/2020 - June 25/2020

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

COVID-19 Updates

The Faith Formation Office will be updating its website regularly with all Archdiocesan information on the virus. See the Announcements and Updates page: www.staugfaithformation.com/archived-posts

Suspension of Programs

The Faith Formation Office is suspending its Winter Programs until further notice:

Forgiven; Book Club; St. Cecilia's Choir; Moms' Prayer Group; Bible Storytime, Children's Liturgy.

Please keep an eye out for emails to participants containing more details on the suspensions and the online options available.

OWC and Confirmation classes are suspended. First Reconciliation has been postponed. Please pick up your child's workbook to complete at home. Workbooks will be available by Tuesday at noon for pickup.

CWL Cancellations

All CWL visits to the Hospital, Assiniboine Center and all Personal Care homes is to be cancelled effective immediately. Also, the CWL will not be catering any Funeral Lunches until further notice. The World Day of Prayer at Valleyview is also cancelled.

Development and Peace

Our work is directly inspired by Catholic Social Teaching, especially the preferential option for the poor and solidarity. As a creation of Canadian bishops, Development and Peace is tasked with being the Church in the world and bringing the world into our Church. We are mandated by the Church to go to the "peripheries" of the world to bear witness, build solidarity and act based on the prophetic pulse of the disregarded world. We look at big issues as a Canadian church entity and find ways of responding. To find out more about this year's Share Lent "FOR OUR COMMON HOME", please check out www.dev.p.staug.ca.

Save the date:

Life's Vision Brandon Annual Banquet will be held on Sat., April 25, 2020 at the Ukrainian Reading Hall. Also, 2020 membership fees are due. Thank you!



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