

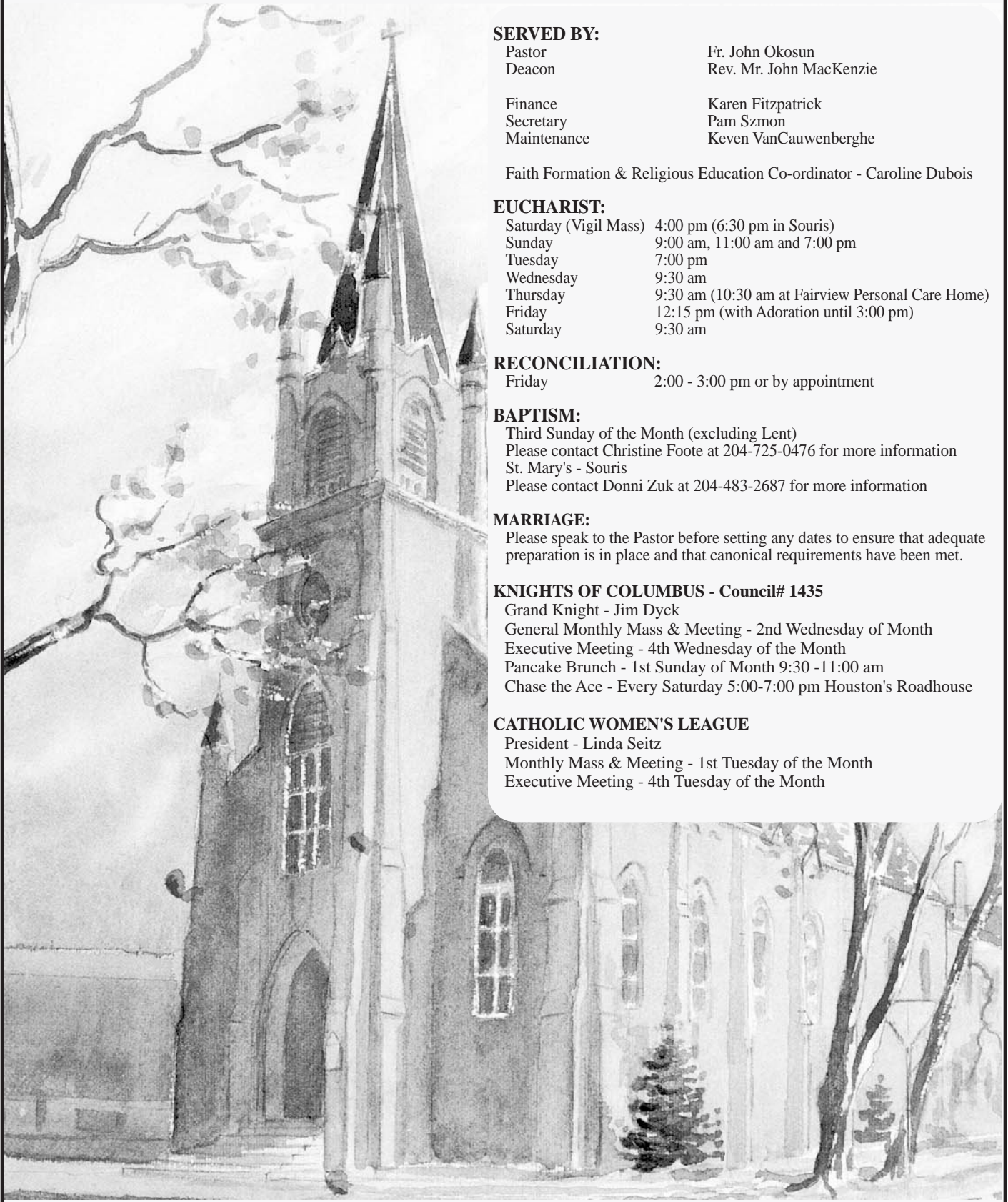
# Saint Augustine of Canterbury Church

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
Deacon	Rev. Mr. John MacKenzie
Finance	Karen Fitzpatrick
Secretary	Pam Szmon
Maintenance	Keven VanCauwenberghe

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 - 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

## 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

The little word in appears eleven times in the Greek text of today's short passage from John's Gospel (ten times in most translations), and it has the same meaning in all cases. It refers to an intimate relationship: We are in Christ; Christ is in us. This being in does not mean "inside," like being in a room or in a country. It means being an intimate aspect of something, like the relationship of a branch to the vine. Perhaps a way of understanding this intimacy is to remember that the branch cannot exist by itself, and there is no vine if there are no branches. We cannot be partially in. We are either in or out.

If we want to live and thrive, we must cherish and protect our relationship with Christ, who is our source of life and nourishment. Otherwise we risk being nothing more than dead branches, the usefulness of which is mere fodder for the fire. This sounds like a harsh punishment. However, it is not really punishment. Rather, it is the inevitable consequence of cutting ourselves off from our supply of life-giving nourishment. Furthermore, being cut off does not happen accidentally; we choose it deliberately.

Finally, this metaphor of vines and branches is an image of the Church. Though each of us, by grace, is "in Christ," our source of life, the risen life of Christ surges through members of his body. Thus, when we are united to Christ by grace, we live in him as Christ lives in all of us. *Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA*

### MASS INTENTIONS

Tue.	May	04	Mothers	CWL
Wed.	May	05	Kassidy Neufeld	Grandpa
Thu.	May	06	†Lee Gretchyn	Tony & Linda DeVliegere
			†Prosper & Mary Dandeneau	The Markman Family
Fri.	May	07	†Mo Karrouze	Book Club
Sat.	May	08	Beverley Bailey	Beverley Hicks
			†Gerry & Antoinette Martens	Family
Souris			For All Parishioners	Fr. John
Sun.	May	09	†Fred Jaggard	Gwen Gumieny
			Alyce Bourassa	Ray Bourassa
			Lillian Sieklicki	Mom & Dad

### 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.

### Memorandum from Archbishop Gagnon

The current general dispensation from Sunday Mass concluded on March 1, 2021. Taking into consideration the current state of the pandemic this general dispensation is now extended until Pentecost Sunday, May 23, 2021.

### 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.

Christians, instead of arming yourselves with swords, extend your hands in prayer. St Athanasius

### Praying with Pope Francis - May

Let us pray that those in charge of finance will with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers.

### Parishioners - Covid 19 Update:

- This is sad news for all of us and it calls for drastic prayer for God to save the world & his church. To this end I will ask parishioners to pray privately & if possible abstain from at least one thing per day, pleading of God's mercy.
- The Church will open for private prayer only Monday to Friday 8:30 am to 12:00 pm. Father John will privately apply Masses as required.
- Please call the church at 204-727-4728 or email [office@staug.ca](mailto:office@staug.ca) if you have any enquiries.
- Church Office will be open from 8:30 am-12:00 noon, then staff will work from home until regulations change.

### 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 any weekday between 8:30am and 12:00 pm. Your donations can also be sent by mail to the Church. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

### 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](mailto:faithformation@staug.ca)). Training to be provided.

May Jesus Christ Our Lord be forever the sole possessor of our hearts, as he will be, if we love and seek only him in all things. St. Marie of the Incarnation.

If you put all the love of all the mothers into one heart, it still would not equal the love of the Heart of Mary for her children. St Louis Grignion de Montfort

**Reminder please do not wear scented products or perfume due to people with allergies.**

Sunday May 2, 2021

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**Dear Padre:** *Why is the Church considering a word change to the Our Father? It seems fine as it is.*

Of the two versions of the Lord's Prayer in Luke 11:2-4 and Matthew 6:9-13, Luke's is more concise. The petition, "and lead us not into temptation" in Greek means both "do not allow us to enter into temptation" and "do not let us yield to temptation" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 2846). The *Catechism* includes the explanation from James 1:13: "God cannot be tempted by evil and he himself tempts no one," to certify that God "wants to set us free from evil. We ask him not to allow us to take the way that leads to sin." Consequently, Pope Francis reportedly approved the English wording, "do not let us fall into temptation" to replace "lead us not into temptation."

"It is not a good translation because it speaks of a God who induces temptation," the Pope said in 2017. "I am the one who falls. It's not him pushing me into temptation to then see how I have fallen." On the contrary, "a father helps you to get up immediately," he added. "It's Satan who leads us into temptation—that's his department." However, unlike the change in the Italian Lord's Prayer that will appear in their third edition of

*The Roman Missal*, no immediate plans have been made to change the wording in English-speaking countries. *Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR*

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### **Financial Report - Thank You!**

Weekend Collection for April 25, 2021 - \$8,800.95

Weekly Expenses are approximately \$11,000.

Weekly Shortage was - \$2,199.05

### **Sharing God's Gifts**

Target for 2021 - \$46,070

Amount collected for 2021 - \$15,217.00

### **Options for Donating Money to the Church**

#### **1. E-Transfers**

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](http://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 available:**

Sunday Missals, Living with Christ, The Word Among Us, and Living Faith are available to be picked up any weekday at the church.

**St. Augustine Church is now Live Streaming Mass at 11:00 am on Sunday during Covid restrictions for the next four weeks.**

### **Spiritual Direction Opportunity**

Linda Chiupka, a member of this parish, is available to take a limited number of appointments for those seeking spiritual direction. Linda received her formation at Queen's House in Saskatoon, a facility operated by the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate.

What is Spiritual Direction? A spiritual director is a person with whom you can talk about the struggles and challenges of daily life. Through careful listening, the director can help you to see where God has been present and active, and how you might better cooperate with His grace to bring about a greater peace. Meetings, that last just under an hour, typically take place once a month for as long as needed. An agreed upon fee, established at the first meeting, is based on the individual's ability to pay. For more information call or text: 431-541-4150 or email, [lachiupka@hotmail.com](mailto:lachiupka@hotmail.com)

### **Once-Weekly Catechism Registration 2021-2022 First Reconciliation & Holy Communion & Confirmation**

Registration begins April 15 - June 15. Payments must be submitted by 4 PM on June 15 to secure a spot. Full details including fees & registration forms online: [staugfaithformation.com](http://staugfaithformation.com)

### **Sacrament of Initiation**

Two people will be received into the church through the Sacraments of Initiation.

### **Catholic Women's League Scholarship**

Applications for the St. Augustine's Catholic Women's League Scholarship are now available at [www.staugustinecwl.ca](http://www.staugustinecwl.ca) or at your high school. This \$500.00 scholarship will be awarded to a female student who is graduating from Grade 12 (Senior 4) in the current year and is an active member of St. Augustine's Parish, Brandon or missions served by St. Augustine's Parish. Deadline for applications is May 24, 2021. Please email in pdf format or drop off at church to [office@staug.ca](mailto:office@staug.ca)

### **St. Nereus and St. Achilleus**

Nereus and Achilleus were soldiers in the Imperial Roman Army. While they may have lived in the 1<sup>st</sup> Century, what is known of them originates from a 4<sup>th</sup> century inscription by Pope Damasus, which attests to the fact these soldiers had experienced conversion and been martyred as a consequence.



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