

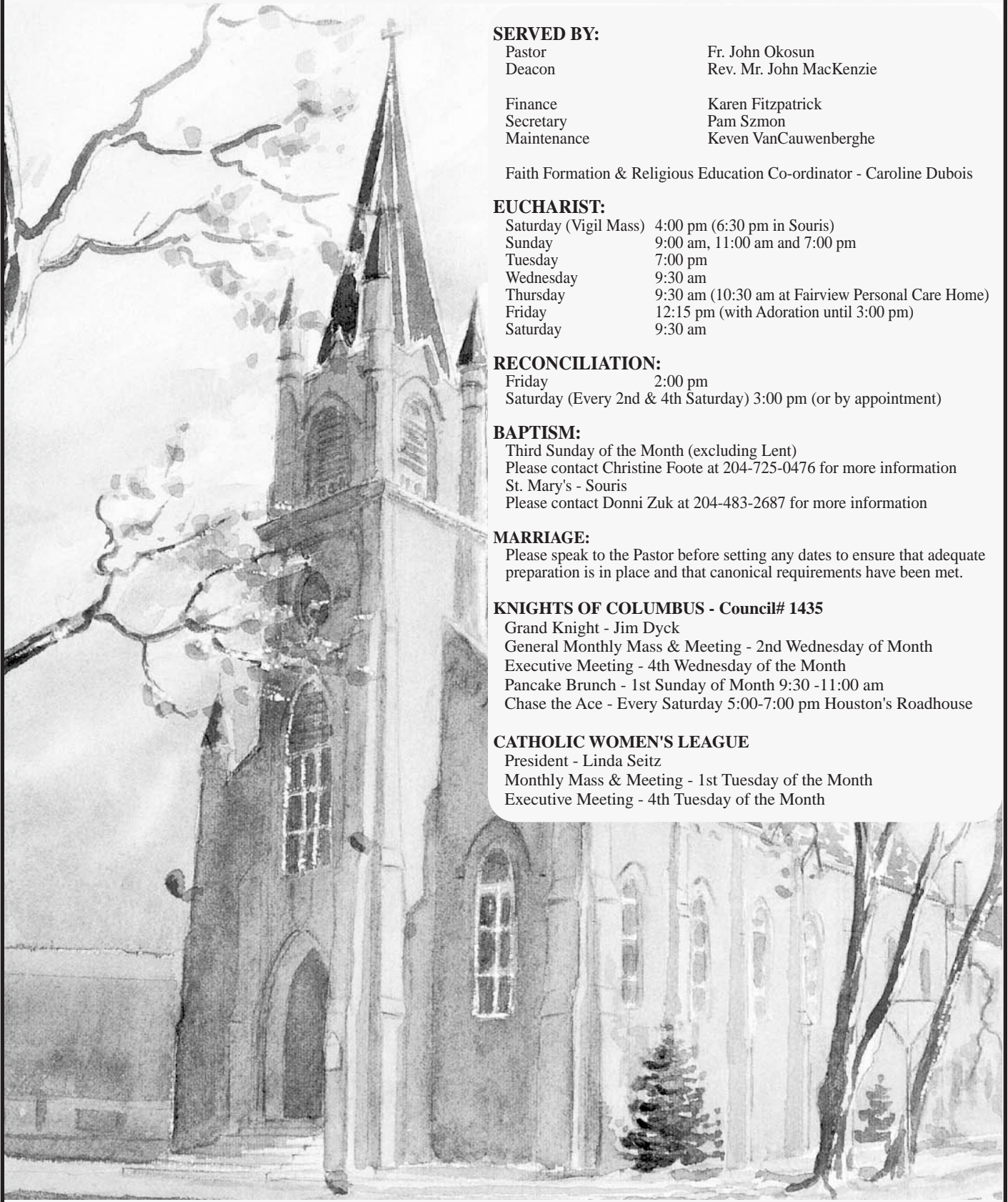
Saint Augustine of Canterbury Church

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

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ready or Not, Here I Come. As children we called out this chant when playing hide-and-seek. However, it could very well describe the message of two of today's readings. Paul reminds the Thessalonians that "the day of the Lord will come like a thief at night" (1 Thessalonians 5:2). The Gospel tells a story about a man who returns after a long journey and intends to settle accounts with those whom he put in charge of his household. In both instances, the one returning might cry out, "Ready or not, here I come!" The point of each story: Be ready! But how? The Thessalonians are told they "are children of the light" (5:5). The Gospel suggests what that expression might mean—be responsible for what has been given to you.

In the Gospel, some servants fully use the talents given to them. However, one servant buries what he received. If that was not bad enough, that servant alleged fear of the householder as reason for his lack of initiative. If he knew that the householder was as demanding as he stated he was, he should have realized that his master would expect him to use what had been given. There is no excuse here in refusing to use what was given, nor in blaming the householder.

All of us have been given life, talents, and abilities. We are expected to use them. This is what it means to live fully. Surely we Catholics will be excited, not afraid, when the Lord announces, "Ready or not, here I come!" —*Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA*

MASS INTENTIONS - Please note that we will not be having weekday or weekend Masses for the next 4 weeks or until further notice, starting November 12, 2020.

Tue.	Nov.	17	†Ignazio Scaletta	Sally & Family
Wed.	Nov.	18	Shari	Rose-Marie
Thu.	Nov.	19	†Ken McDonald	Sieklicki Family
			†Sophie Norosky	Lloyd & Maureen Lee
Fri.	Nov.	20	†Gertie Caton	Dan & Mila Chranowski
Sat.	Nov.	21	†Colin Hardy	Sally Scaletta
			Fr. Chris Dubois	Harold & Jeanette Tripp
Souris			For All Parishioners	Fr. John
Sun.	Nov.	22	†Colin Hardy	Brenda & Family
			†Vince Barcellona	Wendy & Family
			†Marcella Vaskor	Adam Gurr & Family

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.

Life Vision Brandon is selling religious-themed Christmas cards and ornaments. There are 5 designs of cards, cost \$10.00 for a package of 10. The Madonna and Child Christmas ornament is \$5.00. Call Carol at 204-729-0852 to purchase these beautiful items which remind us that the birth of Jesus our Saviour is the reason we celebrate Christmas. All funds will go toward sponsoring Life's Vision events. Thank you in advance.

This event is postponed and will be shown at a later date due to Covid 19 restrictions:

Movies at the church - RESTLESS HEART will be shown on Monday, November 16th at 7:00pm. Please join us in the Parish Square. Due to seating limitations, we can only accommodate 30 people on a first come, first serve basis.

CWL Memberships are now DUE! Without meetings, we remind our members that your memberships of \$30.00 are now due. Please use the envelope in your donation boxes, send a cheque by mail to St. Augustine Parish c/o CWL or drop it in the collection plate identified as CWL Membership. Thank you all for your prompt attention to this matter.

Parishioners - Covid 19 Update:

- All Weekday & Weekend Masses have been cancelled for the next 4 weeks or until further notice, starting November 12, 2020.
- We will try to keep you up to date, as we find out the changes with Covid 19 restrictions we receive from the Archdiocese.
- Please call church at 204-727-4728 or email office@staug.ca if you have any enquiries.

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 between 8:30 am-11 am. Your donations can also be sent by mail to the Church. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

The Knights of Columbus are reaching out to the parish for assistance in helping us raise funds for the less fortunate in our parish and community. During this pandemic, the need has in fact become greater. We support Samaritan House, Helping Hands, SVP, our seminarians, Catholic Missions to name a few. In normal times we were able to sell the ICCD tickets in many locations and now that is not the case. We are therefore, asking your support so we can continue our donations. If you would like to purchase a book or books of tickets, please email Bob Cey at robert.cey@iq.ca. Please include your address as Bob will deliver the books to your place. The price is \$40 per book and there are **tan** books which are 3 for \$10 and a total of 12 tickets per book or **green** books which are \$5 per ticket and have 8 tickets per book. Together we can help many.

How could I bear a crown of gold when the Lord bears a crown of thorns? And bears it for me. St. Elizabeth of Hungary.

In everything, whether it is a thing sensed or a thing known, God himself is hidden within. St. Bonaventure.

Dear Padre: *Is it OK to donate my body to science?*

Yes, and here is some background. Christ makes possible a new and eternal creation. He “will change our mortal bodies to be like his in glory, for he is risen, the firstborn from the dead” (*Order of Christian Funerals*, 219).

Resurrection, then, is not a return to life as we know it. The body is not a resuscitated one like Lazarus’ (see John 11), but a resurrected one like Christ, transformed and glorified. Christians traditionally revere the body—while alive, and at the time of death—because we are created in God’s image. Some reason that such respect for the body prevents donating it to science, but that’s not the opinion of the Church.

“Catholic health care institutions should encourage and provide the means whereby those who wish to do so may arrange for the donation of their organs and bodily tissue, for ethically legitimate purposes, so that they may be used for donation and research after death” (*The Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Health Care Services*, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 63).

It’s advisable to make this decision to donate in consultation with family members or health care providers. Many, echoing St. John Paul II, consider such a self-giving act in death “with a view to offering a chance of health and even of life itself to the sick who sometimes have no other hope” (*The Gospel of Life [Evangelium Vitae]*, 86) as a supreme manifestation of what it means to be Christian! —Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR

Financial Report - Thank You!

Weekend Collection for Nov. 8 - \$9,405.71
Weekly Expenses are approximately \$11,000.
Weekly shortage was \$1,594.29

Sharing God’s Gifts

Target for 2020 - \$45,720
Amount collected for 2020 = \$50,844.80
Amount to be refunded = \$5,124.80

Second Collection

There will be a second collection for Christmas flowers on the weekend of November 21 and 22. Thank you for your generosity.

Options for Donating Money to the Church

1. E-Transfers NEW

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 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.

Love to be unknown. - St. Philip Neri

Parent’s Meetings for First Reconciliation

There will be two more parent’s meetings this fall held on the following Thursdays at 6:30 PM for students receiving their First Reconciliation/Holy Communion: November 12 & 26.

Confirmation Classes 2020-2021

Classes for Confirmation will begin in November for those registered. Full information will be made available online this fall: staugfaithformation.com/owc-confirmation.

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). Training to be provided.

November: Faith Formation

See the bulletin board in the East Vestibule for virtual Faith Formation events and opportunities.

Request

Compared to 2019, we have a huge shortfall in our special collections due to Covid-19.

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>Shortage</u>
Development & Peace	\$5,423	\$3,159	\$2,264
Good Friday/Holy Land	5,414	1,800	3,614
Papal Charities	1,821	1,061	760
World Mission Sunday	3,051	2,006	845

If you haven’t already given to these causes, would you please kindly donate to make up this difference. Make all cheques payable to St. Augustine Church and in the memo indicate the fund you are donating to. Thank you.

There is more value in a little humility and in a single act of it than in all the knowledge in the world - *St. Teresa of Avila*

The Lord delights in every little step you take. - *St. Francis de Sales*

Praying with Pope Francis - November

We pray that the progress of robotics and artificial intelligence may always serve humankind.



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