

# Saint Augustine of Canterbury Church

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

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## Let us give thanks to the Lord

*We thank thee, Lord,*

*For fields of grain*

*Gold and ripe from summer's rain,*

*For hillsides bright with scarlet trees*

*That rustle in the autumn breeze,*

*For friend so dear,*

*For those we love,*

*For all things sent from*

*heaven above...*

*We thank thee,*

*Lord.*



## 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The vast array of possibilities in today's world is both an extraordinary advantage because it can so enrich life and a bewildering encumbrance as we face weighty decisions. Many think that life in the past was less complicated. It might have seemed that way, but women and men have always had to face the same fundamental questions: What is life all about? To what shall I commit myself? And answering such questions has seldom been easy.

Today's first reading underscores the importance of discernment or wisdom as we search for answers. It insists that such discernment or wisdom outstrips riches, or even health, as the goal to which we should strive. It further assures us that in our striving for wisdom we will discover that she does not come to us alone. Rather, she brings all good things with her. The Gospel passage tells of a young man in search of true meaning, of wisdom, of eternal life. Having valued the law and the way of life it offers a believer, he is dissatisfied. He wanted something more satisfying; something deeper. He is still struggling to discover what life is all about, to what he should commit himself. Jesus tells him that he will not find what he is looking for in his riches. Rather, he should commit himself to the welfare of others. Unfortunately, this advice was too much. He went away sad. Even knowing that he was dissatisfied with his wealth, he still would not walk away from it.

*Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA*

### MASS INTENTIONS -

Tue.	Oct. 12	7:00 pm	Carl Cote	Ray Bourassa
Wed.	Oct. 13	9:30 am	Abortionists & Pro Choicers	Life's Vision
Thu.	Oct. 14	9:30 am	Fr. David Kowalski Stephanie Caryk	Rick & Jocelyn Kehler Grandpa
Fri.	Oct. 15	12:15 pm	Caroline Neufeld	Dad
Sat.	Oct. 16	10:00 am	†Sr. Therma Ajoc, MACE	Sally Scaletta
		4:00 pm	†Stephen Rice	Mom & Dad
Souris		6:30 pm	For All Parishioners	Fr. John
Sun.	Oct. 17	9:00 am	†Bill Warnick	Jacklynn, Chris, Noah & Jonah Holmes
		11:00 am	Fr. Kelly Wilson	Markmann Family
		7:00 pm	Megan Cousins	Sieklicki Family

### In Our Prayers Are ...

Judy Bryant, Justin Enns, Rosaline Fedorkie, Colette Garlinski, Mildred Gareau, Frank Gudz, Jenny Hamill, Ralph Jonasson, Angela Lau, Diane Lomas, Paul Malabar, Millicent Mychasiw, Paul Omilanow, Susan Richardson, Bonnie Schellenberg, Josephine Tarr, Ron Umpherville, and the homebound.

### Knights of Columbus Scholarship

The Knights of Columbus is offering a \$500 scholarship to a graduating male high school student going on to higher education. The rules for applications can be picked up at St. Augustine's Church office or St. Mary's Church. Deadline for application is Oct. 31, 2021.

### Dispensation from Sunday Mass:

The current general dispensation from Sunday Mass concluded on Sunday, September 12, 2021. Taking into consideration the current state of the pandemic, the general dispensation has been extended to Sunday, Nov. 21, 2021.

### Welcome to Our Christian Community:

Andrei Raphael Quileza Vitales, Victoria Amalia Emerson DeDecker, Alexander Henry Carels, William Gorden Carels

**Thank You to Lois Van Achte & Frank Szturm for their many years of dedicated service to the music ministry at our church. As they retire from the music ministry we wish them many happy years filled with peace, and good health. God Bless!!**

### Parishioners - Covid 19 Update:

- Weekday and Weekend Masses will now be allowed **132** people in attendance. **To attend Mass during the weekday or weekend please sign in at the door. Masks are required.**
- The Church office will be open from 8:30 to 4:00pm.

### Praying with Pope Francis - October

We pray that every baptized person may be engaged in evangelization, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavour of the Gospel.

**St. Augustine Church will continue Live Streaming Mass at 11:00 am on Sunday.**

### 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.

### Wanted Urgently:

Do you know anyone that has a storage shed available for St. Vincent de Paul. The shed has to be mouse free so we can store furniture and household items. This is needed for use as soon as possible. Please call the Parish Office.

If we truly think of Christ as our source of holiness, we shall refrain from anything wicked or impure in thought or act and show ourselves to be worthy bearers of his name. St. Gregory of Nyssa

**"Come pray the rosary for Canada at Dinsdale Park on Saturday October 16, 2021 at 12:00pm.** We are living in a country that continues to offend God in many areas such as abortion, anti-religious hatred and countless other sins aimed against the most sacred heart of Jesus. Canada Needs Our Lady's intercession to convert our country back to our Lord and His sacred heart. So please come out and join us on this the 104th year since our Lady's apparitions in Fatima. For more info, please contact Breeanna Sielicki 204-596-5719"

**Dear Padre: I've been married to a Catholic for fifty years and would like to become Catholic. My parish's Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults runs from September through Easter. That's a long time for someone in her eighties. Is there any way to accelerate the process?**

RCIA was designed to meet the needs of two main groups: those who have been baptized as Catholics or in a Protestant tradition but have received no additional instruction in the Catholic faith, and those who have not been baptized. Someone in the first group has a different starting point from someone who has little knowledge of Christ or who has never participated in a church community. RCIA programs use an instruction process called catechumenate, in which people seeking to become Catholic (catechumens) experience a worshipping community, pray, and reflect on God's word. The catechumenate is divided into steps that are marked by liturgical rites; some parts of the rites are optional, depending on each catechumen's pastoral situation. Catechumens can be received into the Church at any time of year.

Talk to your pastor about your closeness to Catholicism since your marriage and how it has formed your faith. Together, you can determine the amount and type of preparation that's right for you. *Fr. John Schmidt, CSSR*

**Financial Report - Thank You!**

Collection for Oct. 3, 2021 - \$12,066.00  
 Weekly Expenses are approximately \$11,000.  
 Weekly overage was - \$1,066.00

**Sharing God's Gifts**

Target for 2021 - \$46,070  
 Amount collected for 2021 - **\$42,918.55**

**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](mailto: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.**

**Help Wanted**

If you are able to help out on the weekends to take the list at the door, or if you are a Eucharistic Minister or are a greeter who can take collection at Mass, please call the Parish office with your time of availability. It would very much be appreciated.

**St. Ignatius of Antioch - October 17**

Ignatius is believed to have been a convert to Christianity and a disciple of John the Evangelist. Bishop of Antioch for 40 years, he was arrested during the persecution under Trajan, condemned for confessing Christ and taken in chains to Rome. The ship in which he was sent travelled along the coast of Asia Minor and at every port crowds of Christians would greet him. While on this journey, Ignatius dictated seven letters to the Church, now counted among the treasures of early Christianity. Ignatius arrived in Rome about the year 107 and was taken directly to the amphitheatre, where lions devoured him.

**Faith Formation Programs: Fall 2021**

Register by phone or through the website for any of our Faith Formation Programs which kick off this fall:

- Children's Rosary Group
- St Cecilia's Choir for Sacred Music (young girls and ladies in the parish)
- Lectio: Mark (evening Bible study)
- Mom's Prayer Group/Book Club
- Lectio: The Case for Jesus (Bible study, Monday afternoons beginning October)
- Spiritual Adoption Program


See full details here:

<https://www.staugfaithformation.com/fall-2021>. (We are still accepting late registrations for Once-Weekly Catechism classes, including sacramental preparation for First Holy Communion and Confirmation.)

**Spiritual Adoption Program:** Thank you to all who registered for our Spiritual Adoption Program. Registration is not necessary to take part. Please take a prayer card home from the tables if you wish. If you do want bi-weekly developmental updates from Holy Heroes, please contact the Faith Formation office. Thanks again.

This year **World Mission Sunday** is on Oct. 24, 2021. It is a world wide celebration of & collection for the missionary church. The funds raised will go to establish & support rural health care clinics, renovate rectories, chapels, build new churches and provide for the daily needs of all missionaries. Please pray for the missions & be generous on World Mission Sunday.

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