

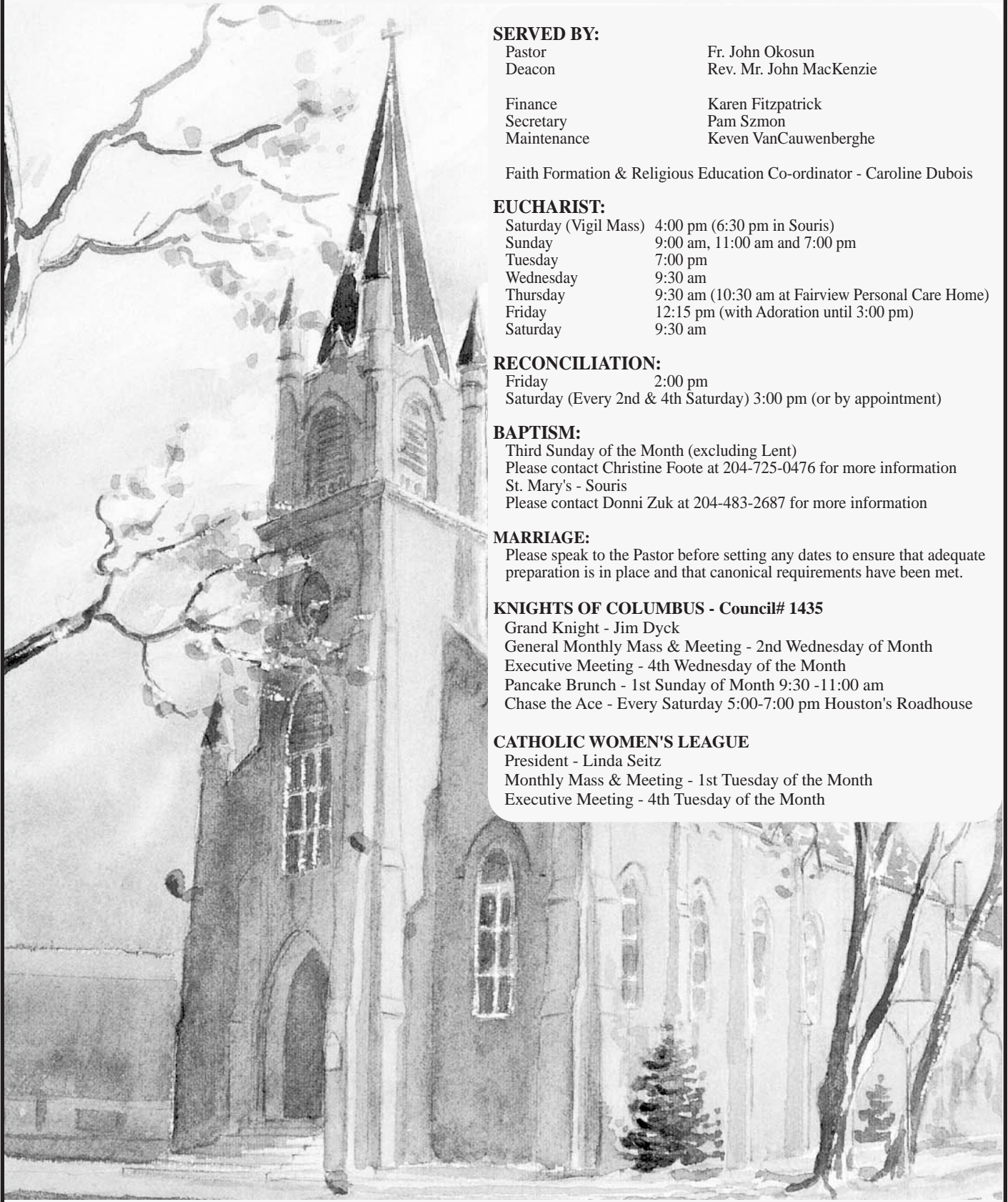
Saint Augustine of Canterbury Church

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

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

When people think of heaven, they often imagine a place up in the sky. Episodes of Star Trek should challenge that notion. The Bible usually speaks of heaven as an experience. According to our first reading, it is like a banquet, "a feast of rich food and choice wines" (Isaiah 25:6). Such a meal is an extraordinary event for hardworking people who seldom get to enjoy such luxury. According to today's Gospel account, the kingdom of heaven is like a wedding banquet, a feast of "calves and fattened cattle" (Matthew 22:4), a celebration of love and new life.

Some people might prefer an image that thrills the ear rather than the palette, like a Handel concerto or a Beethoven symphony. Whatever image is favored, heaven is an incomparable phenomenon that cannot be described. It is an experience that will thrill us to the core of our being.

To be invited to such an astounding experience might well be the event of a lifetime. This is, after all, an invitation from the king. Who would possibly turn it down? And yet, some do. As the Gospel recounts, some are too busy with work. Others would rather watch "the game." Still others who might accept the invitation minimize it by refusing to dress appropriately. How can people be so foolish? Yet, you and I often are.

God's invitation to the heavenly feast simply asks that we realize the magnitude of the honor extended to us, that we accept it graciously, and that we enjoy the experience. —Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

MASS INTENTIONS -

Tue.	Oct.	20	7:00 pm	†Darlia Katelnikoffr	Ken & Karen Fitzpatrick
Wed.	Oct.	21	9:30 am	Dean Cote	Grandpa
Thu.	Oct.	22	9:30 am	†Sophie Norosky	Deacon John & Carol MacKenzie
				†Jean Boulet	Mom & Dad
Fri.	Oct.	23	12:15 pm	Bernice Lewis	Secret Prayer Partner
Sat.	Oct.	24	9:30 am	†Lorraine Lariviere	Rick & Jocelyn Kehler
			4:00 pm	†Gerry Martens	Antoinette & Family
Souris			6:30 pm	For All Parishioners	Fr. John
Sun.	Oct.	25	9:00 am	Caroline Neufeld	Dad
			11:00 am	For All Parishioners	Fr. John
			7:00 pm	Bill Dinsdale	Mom

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.

Serra Brandon has had to cancel the Annual Clergy and Religious Appreciation Dinner in October. We regret having to do this, as it is the one time of the year we publicly acknowledge the work and blessings of our clergy and religious and have an opportunity to thank them. We ask that you too continue to remember them in prayers and support. In these challenging times our support is more important than ever. In keeping with our primary purpose, which is the promotion of vocations to the priesthood and religious life, we will be having displays and activities during the week of November 1-7 which is Vocation Awareness Week. Please watch for the displays and encourage the youth in your families to be attentive to the displays and their message.

Movies at the Church - Rediscover the Saints - Catholic Movies

This series of movies will be held once a month starting on October 26 & 28 at 7 pm. The first in the series will be Mary of Nazareth. We would like you to watch a Catholic movie with us at the Parish Square. Due to seating limitations, we can only accommodate 30 people on a first come, first serve basis.

"Mary of Nazareth is the woman of a full and total "Here I am to the Divine Will. In her 'yes', even when faced with the sorrow of the loss of her Son, we find complete and profound beatitude". Pope Benedict XVI

Parishioners are Welcome Back:

- All Weekday & Weekend Masses have resumed to the same time as before Covid-19 with 120 parishioners per Mass. Once we have reached 120 capacity for the Mass in the Church, there will be overflow in the Parish Square.
- Social distancing is maintained.
- Face masks are encouraged.
- Disinfecting of pews done regularly.
- Those who are sick are encouraged to stay home.
- Funerals, baptisms and weddings are limited to 50 people.

Confessions:

- By appointment or 2:00-3:00 pm Friday

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 8:30am - 4:00pm. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Church Office will be open weekdays:

Monday to Friday 8:30 am to 4:00 pm

Today is **World Mission Sunday**. Today, every Catholic community and parish throughout the world is involved in World Mission Sunday. It is a day that we show that all Catholics are missionary disciples who all have a role to play in the missionary activities of the church. It is a global effort to bring spiritual & material assistance to those who long for the love of Christ. Your kind support will help new churches to become strong and vital faith communities. Please continue to pray for all those who serve in mission countries and please be generous in your support of their work. Thank you in advance for any financial support that you can provide on this World Mission Sunday. There are yellow envelopes on the east side and back tables for World Mission Sunday.

Welcome to Our Christian Community:

Jacob Neil Nicholas Dreilich

Dear Padre: As a recovering heroin addict, do I need to go to reconciliation to confess my addiction? Addiction is a disease, not a sin. Right?

Right, but addiction and actually using drugs are two different things. As you know, recovering addicts who don't use drugs are still addicts, and that in itself isn't a sin. But it's against the law to use heroin in the United States, so even if you never committed a secondary crime to get it, getting it was a crime.

More important, though, the body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, and it's a sin to abuse ourselves in any way. Even if it weren't against the law, your use of heroin is certainly an abuse of your body.

The sacrament of reconciliation is more than just receiving absolution for sins. It also helps us look more deeply at our lives. Before you go, examine your conscience: Ask yourself how your addiction has affected your body, your life, your relationship with God, and the welfare of others.

If you bring honest answers to those questions as well as an open heart and an open mind, your conversation with your priest at reconciliation will help you heal your relationship with God and others. You will also receive the grace to improve your life and do things like overcome addiction so you can be a better person. —Fr. Patrick Keyes, CSsR

Financial Report - Thank You!

Weekend Collection for Oct. 11- \$8,707.15

Weekly Expenses are approximately \$11,000.

Weekly shortage was \$2,292.85

Sharing God's Gifts

Target for 2020 - \$45,720

Amount collected for 2020 = \$47,739.80

Amount to be refunded = \$2,019.80

Luke 6:38 - "The measure you give will be the measure you get back."

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.

Praying with Pope Francis -October

We pray that by the virtue of baptism, the laity, especially women, may participate more in areas of responsibility in the Church.

Parent's Meetings for First Reconciliation

There will be four parent's meetings this fall held on the following Thursdays at 6:30 PM for students receiving their First Reconciliation/Holy Communion: October 15 & 29, 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.

October: Faith Formation

See the bulletin board in the East Vestibule for virtual Faith Formation events and opportunities. Free Rosaries and booklets available for October: Month of the Rosary.

Healthy Sex in Lifetime Love - Online Adult Faith Formation with Leah Perrault – October 1, 15, 29

For many of us, formal learning about sexuality begins and ends at puberty, but healthy sexuality in lifetime love comes from continuous conversation and growing together. Join a conversation among adults about how spirituality can deepen healthy sexuality at every stage of living. October 1, 15, 29, 7-9 pm MST, with access to video recordings after for those registered who cannot attend live. \$90/person or couple. Registration deadline is: September 28th. More information and registration at www.queenshouse.org/?page_id=4399

Virtual Catholic Apologetics Conference – October 23-25

Come and learn about how to respond to today's toughest questions about the Faith, so you can be confident when entering challenging conversations on hot-button topics. This Free, conference gives tools and knowledge from 50+ Catholic theologians, apologists, and philosophers so you can be a defender of the Faith amidst today's challenges. Covering all of the challenging questions we encounter as 21st Century Catholics, such as: Catholic & Christian apologetics, theistic apologetics, responding to specific faiths, Catholic moral teaching and contemporary philosophies. For more information or to register, please visit: https://www.virtualcatholicconference.com/PWA2020#_s1a5qri4w



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