

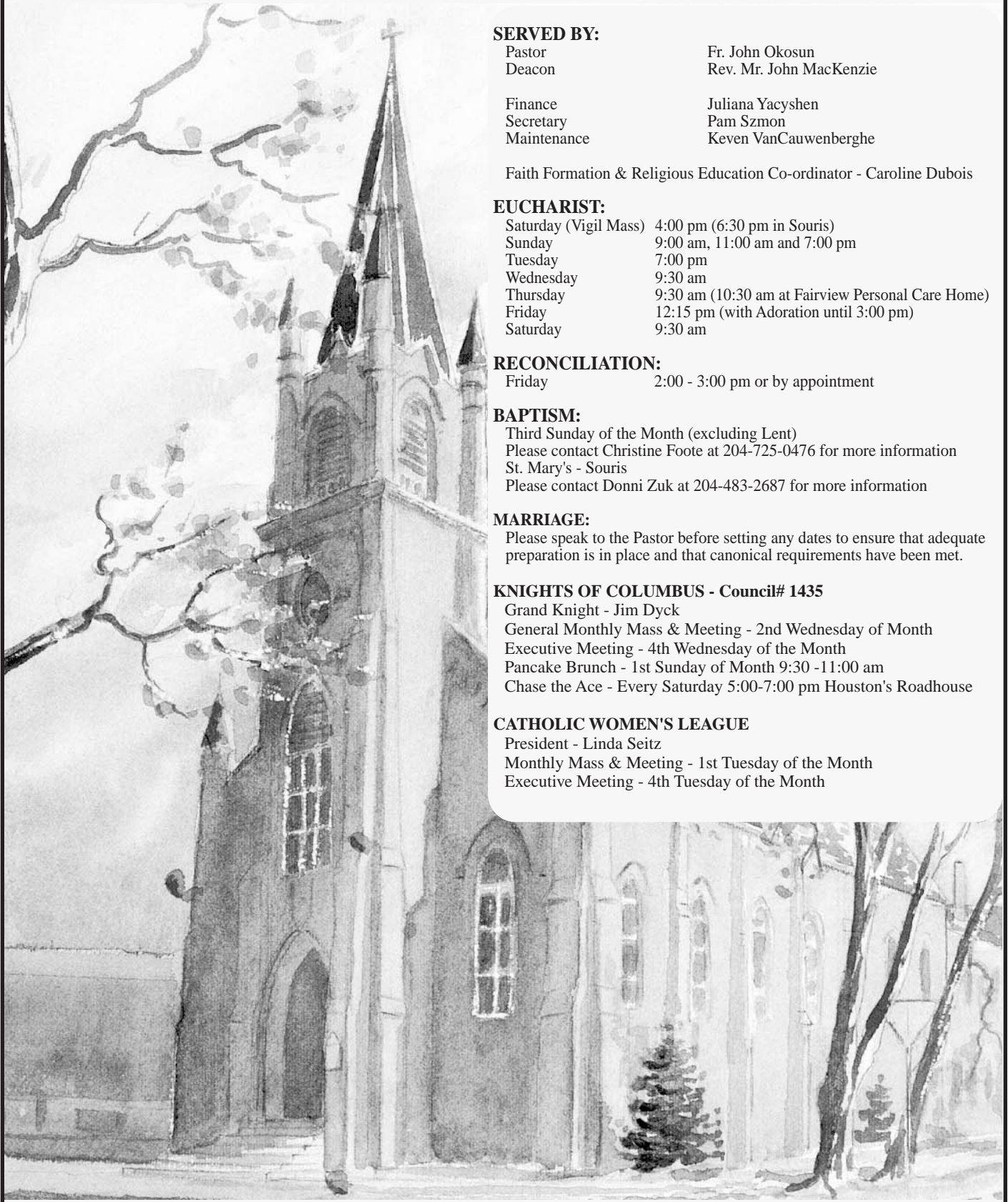
# Saint Augustine of Canterbury Church

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

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## SERVED BY:

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Finance	Juliana Yacyshen
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
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## 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

## 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Faith or Works? Unfortunately, these two facets of our faith are often pitted against each other. In many of his letters, St. Paul insists on the superiority of faith, while today's reading from St. James underscores the importance of good works. It is understandable that one might get confused. Actually, both are vital. In fact, one without the other does not result in full Christian living. At issue is how they fit together.

Paul's insistence on faith was probably a corrective for the erroneous belief that we can earn eternal happiness by our good works. This was not simply a problem with the Jewish law and practices but with the religious law and practices of many societies. Even today we find people convinced that obeying religious laws assures salvation. To this, Paul insisted that it was faith in Jesus that saved, not conformity to law. Paul never said that believers should not obey the law. Rather, he would insist that such obedience should flow from faith, not vice versa.

It seems that the people to whom today's second reading was directed took the idea of "faith alone" to an extreme. They were not committed to good works. This letter corrected that error. It states that faith without works is dead. In fact, good works demonstrate the authenticity and depth of one's faith.

The message for today should be clear. Faith and works belong together. Genuine faith manifests itself in works of love and mercy, and the works of love and mercy that flow from faith are of God. *Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA*

### MASS INTENTIONS

Tue.	Sept. 14	7:00 pm	†Fred Jaggard	Gwen Gumieny
Wed.	Sept. 15	9:30 am	Supreme Court Judges & The Media	Life's Vision
Thu.	Sept. 16	9:30 am	†Emidio & Louise Buccini	Rick & Jocelyn Kehler
Fri.	Sept. 17	12:15 pm	Fr. Christopher Dubois	Markmann Family
Sat.	Sept. 18	9:30 am	†Vicente Loterina	Escalera Family
		4:00 pm	†Peter Chun-Ting Yam	Peter, Cecilia & Family
Souris		6:30 pm	For All Parishioners	Fr. John
Sun.	Sept. 19	9:00 am	†Fred Jaggard	Peter & Victoria Crawford
		11:00 am	†August Baraniuk	Eileen Suski & Family
		7:00 pm	†Rebie O'Donohoe	Linda & Brian Rogers

### 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.

**Did You Know That.....**2020 Sharing God's Gifts raised \$28,000. For the Ebb and Flow First Nation to rebuild their church which had burned down the previous year!

### Welcome to Our Christian Community:

Somtobechi Jayce Sabinus

### Priest in Residence:

Fr. Aloysius Anyichie is a priest in residence at the parish rectory. He works with the University of Brandon as a lecturer. To cover for the accommodation which the parish offers him, he will be required to celebrate some weekend Masses. We welcome Fr. Aloysius

### 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.

### Parishioners - Covid 19 Update:

- Weekday and Weekend Masses will now be allowed **200** 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.

### 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 4:00 pm. Your donations can also be sent by mail to the Church. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

### Praying with Pope Francis - September

We pray that we all make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in our young people who are resolutely committed to this.

**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.**

How could I wear a crown of gold when my Lord wears a crown of thorns and he wears it for me?  
St. Elizabeth of Hungary

**Dear Padre: I'm having trouble finding a good place to pray. I can't get to church every day. I have a noisy household, and I can't pray at work. Any ideas?**

The best place to pray is in solitude. But solitude in this case doesn't mean an isolated place; it is, rather, a state of the heart. Many Christians can enter into a state of solitude on a crowded train. I've talked with others who find solitude while sitting on a bench in a crowded shopping mall.

However, to cultivate this interior state that opens a Christian to heartfelt conversation with God, many of us need to physically shut out distractions. As Jesus advised, go into your room—your secret place—close the door, and pray there. For some people, this "secret place" is a church or chapel. Many people pray before or after Mass. Some churches have a special oratory or chapel for the Blessed Sacrament.

But like you, many people find it difficult to go to a church or chapel every day, so some of them devote a special corner of their home to prayer. This prayer corner usually has a Bible, a crucifix, a statue, a sacred picture, a candle, or a plant.

We can find solitude in the car, in a favorite nature spot, in the garden, or on a morning jog. Once you start looking for it, solitude isn't as difficult to find as you'd expect because God is present in every place and in every moment—so wherever we can find solitude, he will be there. *Fr. Michael Brehl, CSsR*

**Financial Report - Thank You!**

Collection for Sept. 5, 2021 - \$14,015.30  
 Weekly Expenses are approximately \$11,000.  
 Weekly overage was - \$3,015.30

**Sharing God's Gifts**

Target for 2021 - \$46,070  
 Amount collected for 2021 - \$40,163.55

**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 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.

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

Even if we have thousands of acts of great virtue to our credit, our confidence in being heard must be based on God's mercy and his love for people. Even if we stand at the very summit of virtue, it is by mercy that we shall be saved. St. John Chrysostom

**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:**

Coming this fall, the new Spiritual Adoption Program from Holy Heroes. This new program is coordinated through the Faith Formation Office Once Weekly Catechism and Life's Vision. It involves weekly emailed activities for children, in addition to our regular prayer and developmental updates. It is open to all ages, including adults of the parish. Sign-up weekend is September 18-19, where participants can sign up to get their initial supplies. We will still be praying for our spiritually adopted babies, and will end with a baby shower. Go to [holyyheroes.com](http://holyyheroes.com) to see the new format and sample materials. Please consider spiritually adopting a baby to pray for their protection.

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