

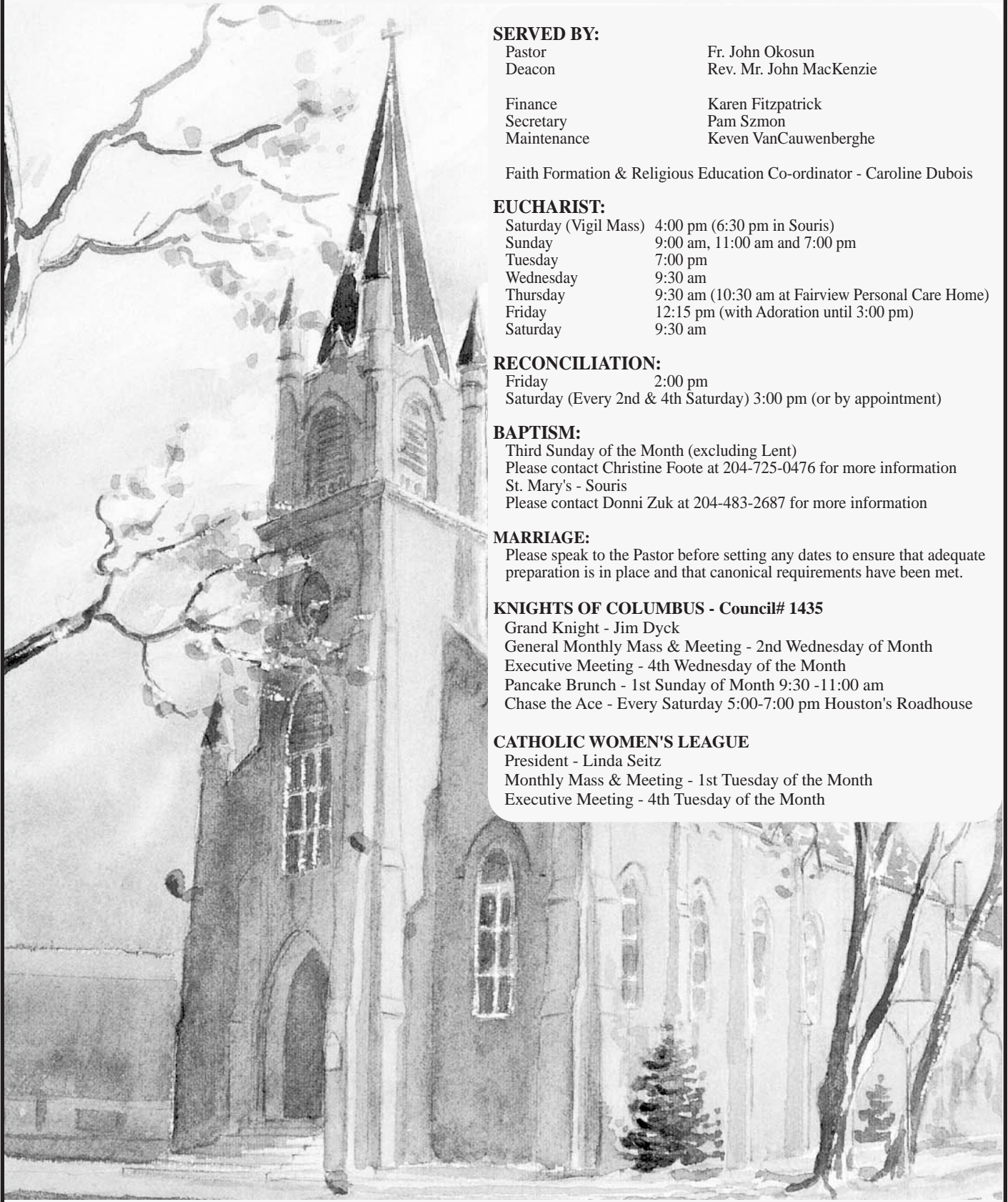
Saint Augustine of Canterbury Church

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
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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

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

What makes seven such an important number? It's the symbolism. It signifies wholeness, completeness, and totality. So, seventy-seven (or seventy times seven in some Bible translations) suggests infinity. Peter was exaggerating when he suggested that he might forgive his brother seven times. He presumed that if he acted in this way, his behavior would demonstrate the immeasurable extent of his personal graciousness. Jesus' response implied that there should be no end to our forgiving another. To underscore the significance of this magnanimity, Jesus offered God (in the guise of the king who forgave a huge debt) as the exemplar of forgiving.

Forgiving another's offense against us could well be one of the most difficult things we are asked to do. To ask for forgiveness does not seem as difficult. After all, when we bump into a perfect stranger in an elevator, we say, "Forgive me." But to forgive someone who has deliberately offended us, who has dishonored our sense of personal dignity, as slight as that offense might be, is neither as easy nor as casual a gesture. And yet, we must.

We all carry debts to others. Both the first reading and the Gospel passage remind us that the debts owed to us by others in no way compare with the debt we owe God, and yet God shows us compassion and forgives us. If we are grateful children of a compassionate God, we will want to be like God and we will forgive others. —Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

MASS INTENTIONS -

Tue.	Sept. 15	7:00 pm	Michael & Mary Issigonis	Eric & Kay DePass
Wed.	Sept. 16	9:30 am	†Emidio & Louise Buccini	Rick & Jocelyn Kehler
Thu.	Sept. 17	9:30 am	Margo Kiazuk †Amelia Adamski	Andy Kiazuk Deacon John & Carol MacKenzie
Fri.	Sept. 18	12:15 pm	†Elfriede & Hermann Schick	The Family
Sat.	Sept. 19	9:30 am	†Amelia Adamski	Your Family
		4:00 pm	†Ed Davis	Elsie & Family
		6:30 pm	For All Parishioners	Fr. John
Souris				
Sun.	Sept. 20	9:00 am	For All Parishioners	Fr. John
		11:00 am	Thanksgiving	Elisa Sapitula
		7:00 pm	†Czeslawa Sieklicki	Sieklicki 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.

Publication of the banns of marriage:

"I publish the banns of marriage between Oriyana Anna Hrycyszyn of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Parish of St. Nicholas in the Eparchy of Toronto and Scott Michael Hayward of this Parish. If any of you know cause or just impediment why these persons should not be joined together in Holy Matrimony, ye are to declare it. This is for the (first, second, third) time of asking."

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, Brad Martin, Millicent Mychasiw, Paul Omilanow, Susan Richardson, Bonnie Schellenberg, Josephine Tarr, Ron Umpherville, Alice Young and the homebound.

St. Augustine's Church Public Announcements:

- All Weekday Masses have resumed at the times previous to Covid-19 with 120 parishioners in attendance, no reservations will be taken for weekday Masses, but space is limited to the above amount.
- Weekend Masses have resumed to the same time as before Covid- 19 with 120 parishioners per Mass. We will no longer be taking reservations for Mass on the weekend. Once we have reached 120 capacity for the Mass in the Church, there we will be overflow in the Parish Square.
- Funerals, baptisms and weddings are limited to 10 people.
- Face masks are required for all public gatherings.

Continued Cancellations

- Communion at private homes and at the hospital and personal care homes
- CWL meetings, all planned CWL activities, funeral lunches.
- Knights of Columbus, Pancake Breakfast, Chase the Ace, meetings and any other planned activities
- Prayer Group, Choir Practices, Serra Club, Senior Social Club, Parish Council Meetings.

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 9:00 am-3:00 pm. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Church Office will be open weekdays:

Monday to Friday 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

When going to communion at the weekend Masses please resume going the way we did it before Covid 19, from the sides first to the back & down the middle aisle.

Sunday Sept. 13, 2020

Dear Padre: We knew a beloved priest whose death was self-inflicted. What is the Church's stance on suicide?

I offer my heartfelt sympathy to you and the faith community for this tragic loss. "We are stewards, not owners, of the life God has entrusted to us. It is not ours to dispose of" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2280). Those who take their own life to end personal suffering assume a decision-making that belongs to God alone. However, the Church also acknowledges that "grave psychological disturbances, anguish, or grave fear of hardship, suffering, or torture can diminish the responsibility of the one committing suicide" (CCC 2282).

At the same time, the Church relies on the compassion of God, who fully knows the intensity of suffering that triggers suicide. Therefore, the Church pastorally states: "We should not despair of the eternal salvation of persons who have taken their own lives. By ways known to him alone, God can provide the opportunity for salutary repentance. The Church prays for persons who have taken their own lives" (CCC 2283).

How, then, does the Church specifically pray for those who've committed suicide? Generally they're not deprived of full burial rites in the Church, which consoles the living and commends all of the dead "to God's merciful love and pleads for the forgiveness of their sins" (Order of Christian Funerals, 6). Nor are they deprived of burial in a Catholic cemetery—a sacred place that helps bring peace to those confronted by the sudden death of a suicide. —Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR

Financial Report - Thank You!

Weekend Collection for Sept. 6- \$8,350.15
Weekly Expenses are approximately \$11,000.
Weekly shortage was \$2,649.85

Sharing God's Gifts

Target for 2020 - \$45,720
Amount collected for 2020 = \$42,264.80
Amount owing = \$3,455.20

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 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.

Welcome to Our Christian Community:

Ian Roy Theriault, Samuel Oheji Jaxon Ojajah

Praying with Pope Francis -September

We pray that the planet's resources will not be plundered, but shared in a just and respectful manner.

Once Weekly Catechism Classes 2020-2021

Fall classes begin on Thursday, September 17 at 6:30 PM. See the full schedule online. Please refer to your Parent's Letter as to the changes made due to COVID this year. If you are presenting symptoms at any point, do not attend classes.

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.

Wanted:

1. The Faith Formation Office is looking for donations of children's books for the Family Lending Library. New or gently-used religious books only, please.
2. Have a First Communion dress or suit that you would like to donate to a family in need? The Faith Formation Office is accepting new or gently-used outfits (please wash beforehand).

Catholic Women's League Scholarship

The Catholic Women's League of St. Augustine of Canterbury Parish is very honoured and pleased to announce that the recipient of the 2019-2020 Scholarship is VENICE ESCALARA.

Venice is a grade 12 graduate from Neelin High School in Brandon.

She plans to attend the University of Manitoba where she will pursue a Bachelor of Science degree.

The very best of wishes and blessings go with Venice.

A seed will not grow without earth and water; and a person will not develop without voluntary suffering and divine help. St. Mark the Ascetic



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