

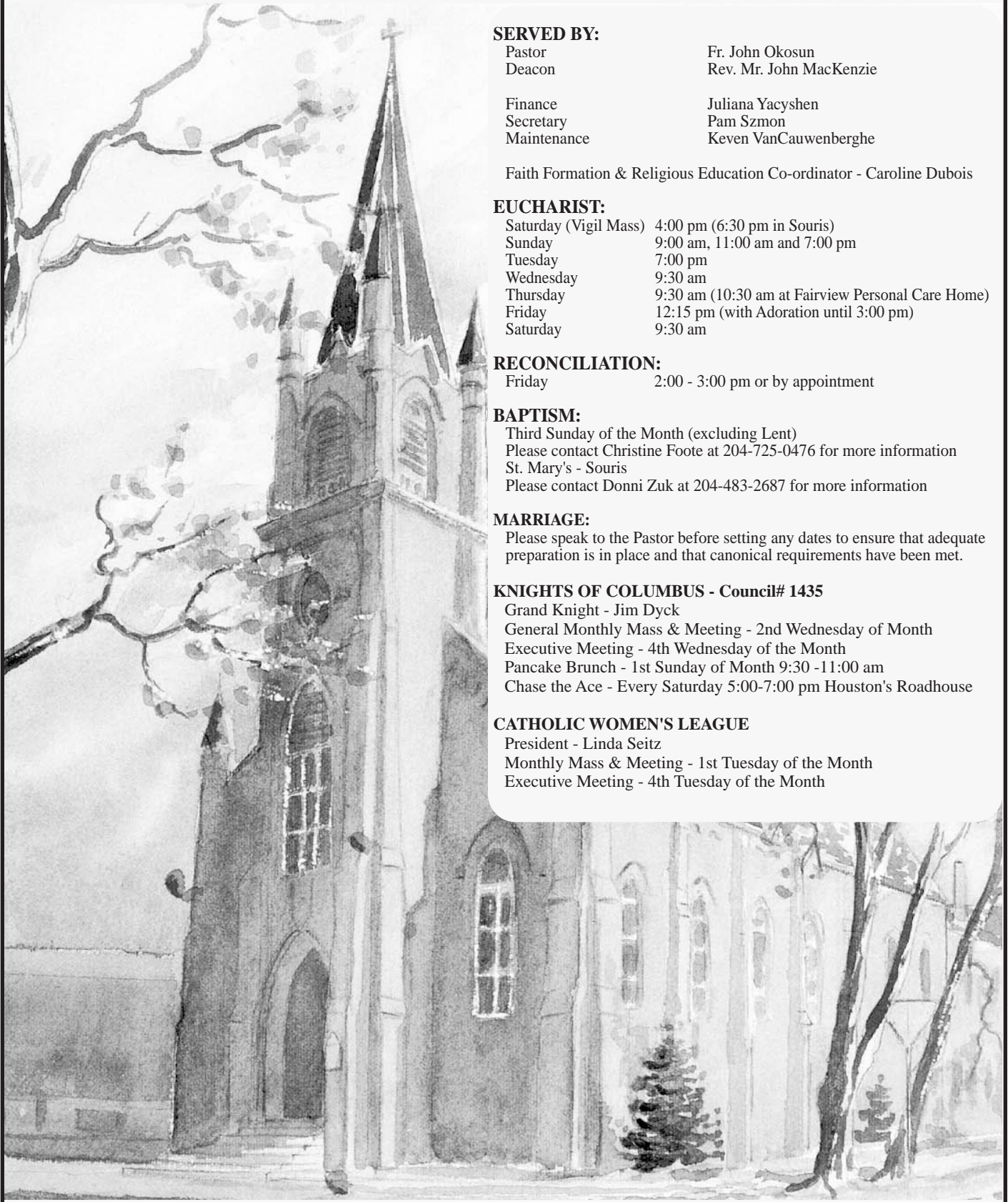
Saint Augustine of Canterbury Church

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

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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

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

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

We all know genuinely good people. Somehow they are able to live the virtues of their religious tradition. It might even appear that it is easy for them to do so. One would think that such good people would be valued. Well, yes and no. While we might truly value the goodness of others, that goodness can also shame us. And there is the rub. People are uncomfortable with the realization that they are not as good as they think—or not as good as others might view them. Today's readings underscore the price we might have to pay for such goodness.

The first reading describes a plot being devised to get rid of a righteous person whose goodness has become "annoying" (Wisdom 2:12). This is not someone who flaunts goodness; it is a genuinely good person, one who is referred to as "the righteous one" (2:18). (Here "son of God" simply means someone belonging to the people of God.) The plotters insist that God will come to the rescue if the righteous one is truly good. The petitions in the psalm response are placed on the lips of that righteous one. Like many good Bible stories, this story is open-ended. We do not know what happens. The price paid for righteousness is found in the Gospel passage as well. Here the righteous one is Jesus. Though we know how his story ends, here the disciples did not.

Today we are faced with the starkness of these stories. Are we willing to pay the price of goodness? *Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA*

MASS INTENTIONS

Tue.	Sept. 21	7:00 pm	†Rebie O'Donohoe	Ken & Josie Bessant
Wed.	Sept. 22	9:30 am	†Doreen Beattie	Mike, Heather & Family
Thu.	Sept. 23	9:30 am	Fr. Michael Savarimuthu	Markmann Family
			†Connie Phillips	Brian & Family
Fri.	Sept. 24	12:15 pm	†Rebie O'Donohoe	Lawrence & Noreen Dubois
Sat.	Sept. 25	9:30 am	Bob & Annette Boucher	Don & Claudette Smith
		4:00 pm	Richard & Yvonne Henderson	Dr. Mary Egan
Souris		6:30 pm	For All Parishioners	Fr. John
Sun.	Sept. 26	9:00 am	Children of Residential Schools	Tony & Linda DeVliegere
		11:00 am	†Benita Cahiles	Dulce Lizada
		7:00 pm	†Rebie O'Donohoe	Issigonis 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.

Did You Know That.....various parishes and religious orders in Manitoba have sponsored and hosted "Return to Spirit" workshops. For more information on these reconciliation workshops visit the website link: <https://www.returningtospirit.org/About-Us>.

Welcome to Our Christian Community:

Asher David Higgins, Ysabella Tuvera Agustin

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.

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.

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.

Catholic Women's League Scholarship

The Catholic Women's League of St. Augustine of Canterbury is very honoured and pleased to announce that the recipient of the 2020-2021 scholarship is YASMIN PEARL PEREZ.

Yasmin Pearl is a grade 12 graduate from Souris School in Souris Manitoba. She is a parishioner at St. Mary's Parish in the community.

Yasmin Pearl plans to attend the Assiniboine Community College where she will pursue Business Management.

The very best of wishes and blessings go with Yasmin Pearl. Donna M. Michaels

Prayer is the best weapon we have. It is the key to God's heart. St. Pius

Dear Padre: In Bible times why did people sacrifice animals, children, and other living beings for their own sins?

The practice of human and animal sacrifice is at least as old as written history, including in our own Scripture. Few stories are more chilling than when God asks Abraham to sacrifice his son, or when Jephthah sacrifices his daughter (Genesis 22; Judges 11). In scriptural theology, one's sins merited punishment and even death, but an animal or other person could be chosen to take one's place. God, in his mercy, instituted this animal sacrificial system as a symbol, foreshadowing Jesus' sacrifice for our sins (Genesis 8:20; Hebrews 10:1-18). In the New Testament, Jesus understood his mission as sacrificing his own life as a ransom for many (Matthew 20:28). His fidelity to that mission was at the cost of death. However, to say that Jesus' death was payment for our sins is not to say that a vengeful God was appeased by the sacrifice of his own innocent Son. Rather, Christ was willing to liberate us when he "bore our sins in his body upon the cross, so that...by his wounds you have been healed" (1 Peter 2:24).

Thus, "it is love 'to the end (John 13:1)' that confers on Christ's sacrifice its value as redemption and reparation, as atonement and satisfaction" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 616). It is in this sense that Jesus' death was a payment—not one to be exacted—but a unique sacrifice that "completes and surpasses all other sacrifices" (CCC 614).

Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR

Financial Report - Thank You!

Collection for Sept. 12, 2021 - \$7,448.00
Weekly Expenses are approximately \$11,000.
Weekly shortage was - \$3,552.

Sharing God's Gifts

Target for 2021 - \$46,070
Amount collected for 2021 - \$41,558.

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.

As soon as I believed there was a God, I understood I could do nothing else but live for him. My religious vocation dates from the same moment as my faith. God is so great. There is such a difference between God and everything that is not. Blessed Charles de Foucauld

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 holymen.com to see the new format and sample materials. Please consider spiritually adopting a baby to pray for their protection.

Spiritual Adoption Program - Baby's Development Update

Conception: I'm Here!! From the moment of conception, an unrepeatably human being comes into this world. He or she comes complete with his or her own unique set of DNA. His or her gender has already been determined. All this tiny person needs is nine months time, nourishment, and especially love, to develop into a unique individual with a unique role to play in the world.

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