

**St. Andrew Catholic Church  
Bloomfield, Nebraska**



**St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church  
Verdigre, Nebraska**



**St. William Catholic Church  
Niobrara, Nebraska**



**FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT ~ APRIL 3, 2022**

**St. Andrew - St. Wenceslaus - St. William  
Vision and Purpose Statement**

***Make Disciples and Lead others into Relationship with Jesus***



**PARISH CONTACTS**

Rev. Kizito R. Okhuoya, Pastor—okhuoyak@gpcom.net  
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Parish Office: Tues– Fri 8:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m. 402-668-2331

**Bulletin Deadline  
is  
Wednesday Noon**

**St. William Parish Organizations**

St. William Church  
262 Buckeye Rd,  
Niobrara, NE 68760  
402-857-3438

Parish Council Pres: Kevin Barta.....857-3699  
Parish Trustee: Alan Kemp .....857-3597  
Parish Trustee: Mary Scheinost .....857-3763  
Altar Society Pres: Kathy Foner .....857-3455

**St. Wenceslaus Parish Organizations**

409 S. 3rd St. P.O. Box 9,  
Verdigre, NE 68783-0009

402-668-2331 Auditorium and Fax: 402-668-2375

Parish Council Pres: Greg Johnson .....340-5007  
Parish Trustee: Dan Vakoc.....668-7206  
Parish Trustee: Fran Kucera.....668-7217  
Altar Society Pres: Wilma Vakoc.....668-7206  
3rd Degree K of C: Don Hanzlik .....857-3636  
4th Degree K of C: Ken Meyer.....358-3881  
CDA Regent: Marlene Meyer.....358-3881  
DRE: Zoe Vakoc.....668-2260  
Omaha Province Director: Theresa Pavlik .....358-0608

**St. Andrew Parish Organizations**

St. Andrew Church  
305 South McNamara Street  
Bloomfield, NE 68718  
402-373-2233

Parish Council Pres: Troy Pinkelman .....402-617-0815  
Parish Trustee: Troy Pinkelman .....402-617-0815  
Parish Trustee: Steve Kumm.....402-841-6399  
Altar Society Pres.: Cheri Haverkamp .....605-254-2627  
Christian Mothers: Luann Schumacher.....605-660-6122  
K of C Grand Knight: Wendell Strom.....402-427-3510  
DRE: Tanya DeWald .....605-660-8944

All Council members listed on [www.saintsww.org](http://www.saintsww.org)

**SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULES**

St. Wenceslaus, Verdigre.....Saturday Vigil..... 5:00 P.M.  
St. William, Niobrara.....Sunday Morning..... 8:30 A.M.  
St. Andrew, Bloomfield.....Sunday Morning..... 10:30 A.M.  
*See page 2 for the daily Schedule of Masses for the week.*

**THE SACRAMENTS**

**MARRIAGE**

Arrangements for the Sacrament of Matrimony must be made with the Pastor at least six or even eight months in advance of the wedding date. Please do not set a wedding date until visiting with the Pastor.

**BAPTISM**

If you are expecting your first child, please call the rectory to register for a baptism class.

**RECONCILIATION (PENANCE/CONFESSION)**

Saturday at St. Wenceslaus, 4:15-4:45 before 5:00 p.m. Mass. Sunday at 8:00 a.m. before 8:30 a.m. Mass at St. William, St. Andrew 11:30-noon. *Other times, call for an appointment.*

**CONFIRMATION**

If you **are not** in CFF and **have not received** this sacrament you should desire to do so in the future. Please contact Father Kizito or the Parish Office.

**HOLY ORDERS, RELIGIOUS, CONSECRATED LIFE**

If you are discerning a call to any of these vocations, please contact your pastor or the Archdiocesan Vocations Director, Rev. Andrew J. Roza, 402-558-3100.

Website: [www.saintsww.org](http://www.saintsww.org) (includes link to Parish Cemetery Directory)  
Facebook: *St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church / St. William Catholic Church*  
Catholic Programming: (TV) *EWTN Channel 19 Cable*  
Spirit Radio:88.3 (KOLB) Hartington 91.5 Grand Island 102.7 Papillion /Lincoln



# MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

The Archdiocese of Omaha encourages the faithful to consider an offering of \$10 for Mass stipends. **Please make checks payable to St. Wenceslaus Church.** (All three parishes Mass stipends are paid from St. Wenceslaus Mass Stipend account.)

(†)Mass Intention for Deceased (Int.) Special Intention Mass

**Monday, NO MASS April 4, 2022**

**Tuesday, April 5, 2022**

6:30 p.m. Mass @ St. Wenceslaus, Verdigre  
Int: † Wm Wandrey Jr.

**Wednesday, April 6, 2022**

8:30 a.m. Mass @ St. Wenceslaus, Verdigre  
Int: † All Souls  
10:00 a.m. Mass @ Alpine  
Int: † Marcelene Vakoc

**Thursday, April 7, 2022**

8:30 a.m. Mass @ St. Andrew, Bloomfield  
Int: † Lawrence Schneider  
**\*No Adoration this Thursday**  
10:00 a.m. Visitation for Margorie Rayer  
10:30 a.m. Rosary  
11:00 a.m. Funeral for Margorie Rayer  
5:30 p.m. Mass @ St. William, Niobrara  
Int: † Wilma Kavan  
**\*Adoration from 3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.**

**Friday, April 8, 2022**

8:30 a.m. Mass @ St. Wenceslaus, Verdigre  
Int: † Jean Gerkins  
**\*Adoration following service until 3:00 p.m.**

**Saturday, April 9, 2022**

5:00 p.m. Mass @ St. Wenceslaus, Verdigre  
Int: † Donna Maly

**Sunday, April 10, 2022**

8:30 a.m. Mass @ St. William, Niobrara  
Int: † Frank and Bernice Pinkelman  
10:30 a.m. Mass @ St. Andrew, Bloomfield  
Int: † Living & Deceased Parishioners

\* Adoration closes with the Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benediction.

## Stewardship Report

	St. Andrew	Env's	St. Wenceslaus	Env's	St. William	Env's
Weekly Cash Needs 21-22	\$1,261.92		\$1,409.96		\$665.90	
Sunday Env	\$2021.00	31/130	\$1398.00	36/125	\$308.00	18/55
Sunday Plate	\$23.00		\$33.00		\$73.00	
Children's	\$27.00	11				
Fuel						
Ukraine			\$50.00		\$220.00	3
Grateful	\$7.00					
Special	\$601.00	17	\$816.00	21	\$134.00	7
Total Deposit	\$2679.00		\$2297.00		\$735.00	

Liturgy Assignment	St. Wenceslaus April 9th	St. William April 10th	St. Andrew April 10th
	5:00 p.m. Palm Sunday (Vigil)	8:30 a.m. Palm Sunday	10:30 a.m. Palm Sunday
Altar Ministers	Steve Jacot Betty Jacot	Harley Stark	Auzzy Ziegler Maddie Ziegler Wiley Ziegler
Lector	Greg Johnson	Alan Leader Terry Hanzlik	Jeff Fehringer Caroline Oltjenbruns
Ushers	Brian & Zoe Vakoc		
Greeters	Michelle Kotrous Rita Wickett		Wendell & Delores Strom
Offertory	Brian & Zoe Vakoc		
EMHC	Kim Johnson	Rozann Graves	Julie Trenhaile
Cantor	No Music		Deb Van Metre
Accompanist			Laurie Larsen
Money Processors	Ruth Frank Barb Rifer	Don & Terry Hanzlik	Scott/Kristi Hauger Caroline Oltjenbruns

**St. William Church Cleaning**  
St. William Church Cleaners for April 9th: Dee Teadtke, Diane Teadtke, Ellie Fuchtman, Jenny Bauer.

St. Andrew	St. Wenceslaus	St. William
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NOTE THE COLOR CODE USED FOR ANNOUNCEMENTS (COLORS SHOW ONLINE OR WHEN PRINTED IN COLOR)

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**  
Office Hours - Tues.-Fri. 8:00-4:00 p.m.

- April 1– April 8th– St. Wenceslaus Lenten Fish Fry every Friday 5:00-7:30 p.m.
- April 7th -6:00 a.m. TMIY in the St. Wenceslaus Plaza. All men are welcome!
- April 1st– 4:30 till gone. Knights of Columbus Drive-Thru Fish Fry @ St. Andrew parking lot.
- April 2nd– 10:00-11:00 a.m. St. Andrew Reconciliation Service.
- April 2nd– Bloomfield Prom.
- April 3rd– 5:00-6:00 p.m. St. Wenceslaus Reconciliation Service.

### St. Wenceslaus/St. William CFF

April

6th - CFF/YD class & Reconciliation. Stations of the cross at 6 p.m. (**change to YD schedule**) 13th - No CFF/YD Classes - Holy Week - see Church bulletin for Holy Week's Mass Schedule  
17th Easter Sunday  
20th End of the year Thanksgiving Mass, CFF Closing picnic  
TBD - First Communicants Family Retreat



### St. Andrew Religious Education Schedule

Date:	Time:
4/3/22	9:00-10:15 AM 1st & 2nd Grade Mass
4/10/22	9:00-10:15 AM Palm Sunday
4/17/22	No Class- Easter Sunday



### Stations of the Cross

St. Wenceslaus-Every Wednesday through April 6th @ 6p.m.  
St. William- Every Tuesday through Lent @ 5:30 p.m.  
St. Andrew- Every Wednesday through Lent @ 7:00 p.m.

### St. Wenceslaus is Hiring!

#### Mowing the Church Grounds and Cemetery



Do you need extra income over the summer?

St. Wenceslaus Parish is looking to hire someone that can mow the church grounds and the cemetery. Please contact the parish office if you are interested in mowing at 402-668-2331.



### St. Andrew Parish Needs Two Parish Council Members

St. Andrew Parish will have two members leaving the Parish Council after June. Troy Pinkelman and Julie Trenhaile, thank you for your time serving on the Parish Council. If you are interested in being a member of the council please call Troy Pinkelman at 402-617-0815 or Father Kizito at 402-515-5837. The pastoral council enables the pastor to obtain input from members of his parish and to help him reach his vision for the church.

### Musicians Wanted at St. Wenceslaus!

St. Wenceslaus is in need of cantors and accompanists for liturgical services. Please contact Pete Pavlik @ 402-715-0185 or call the parish office and leave your name and number.



## **ALL THINGS NEW**

**Thursday, April 7th**  
**Meet in the Plaza at St. Wenceslaus Church**  
**Title: A New Day, A New Man**  
**Speaker: Michael Gormley**

What Kind of Man Will You Be?  
The Danger of Pride  
Friends of the World  
Idols Always Demand a Sacrifice  
Putting on the Armor of Light  
The New Heavens and the New Earth



### **From the Pastor's desk...**

The exodus of the Israelites from Egypt remains one the most remarkable events in the history and destiny of the nation of Israel. This became a prototype of every kind of liberation orchestrated by the Lord. The prophet Isaiah refers to the exodus experience in light of another liberation of the Israelites from Babylon, the land of the Chaldeans, current day Iraq. Although the first exodus is worth pondering, Isaiah speaks of a new exodus (Isaiah 43:18-19) more remarkable than the previous one; "I will make a way in the wilderness, rivers in the desert... to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself ...." God never stops doing remarkable things to liberate humankind from the oppression of sin and death. And nothing could be more remarkable than the exodus of the Son of God who died on the Cross and rose from the dead to liberate us from sin and damnation, meriting for us the righteousness of God and the gift of eternal life through faith in Jesus. Through this extraordinary event we all have been given a new freedom and hope for repentance and forgiveness.

St. Paul articulates the value of this new exodus to include liberation from self-righteousness and the loss of everything that gets in the way of the pursuit of God's righteousness and faith in the power of Jesus' resurrection. This new exodus of Christ allows us to forget about the failures of the past and fills us with the hope of a greater commitment to moving forward towards the prize of God's upward calling in Christ Jesus (Philippians 3: 8-14). The response of Jesus in the gospel narrative of the woman caught in adultery provides us with example of how God's mercy allows us to forget about the past, moving us towards God's upward calling in Christ.

In the narrative dubbed "A woman caught in adultery" (John 8:1-11), Jesus could have used knowledge and power to end the standoff, but he implored silence, few words and scribbles on the ground to douse the tension and create an atmosphere for the upward pursuit of God's calling to genuine holiness. Jesus' response forced both the woman and her accusers to examine their consciences. The scribes and Pharisees, custodians of Jewish laws and traditions, realized what God needs us to understand, that we are not defined by our past. While Jesus scribbled on the ground, He exposed the hypocrisy of pretense and the false superiority that allow us to condemn others. The silence of Jesus freed both the woman and her accusers from the darkness of sin and error which prevents us from seeing the true condition of our hearts. Silence allows us to see quickly in the mirror of conscience the injustices in oppressive situations, giving birth to compassion and the avoidance of the hasty condemnation of those oppressed. Also, it is the simple but profound lesson that we are not any better. Perhaps, it was this realization that momentarily changed the hearts of the scribes and Pharisees as they walked away from the scene, from being judgmental to being compassionate. On the part of the woman, she was liberated from shame and given a new life to pursue God's righteousness. Indeed, God's love and mercy opens the way for us to be delivered from whatever binds us, makes us proud or gets in the way of the humility that opens our hearts to God's mercy.

Finally, I commend you to the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, our patron Saints Andrew, Wenceslaus and William. Stay close to Jesus and your family. God bless you.

**St. Wenceslaus/St. Andrew/ St. William/Holy Week Schedule**

**Holy Thursday: (April 14, 2022)**

St. Andrew, Bloomfield:  
5:30 p.m. Mass  
St. Wenceslaus, Verdigre:  
7:30 p.m. Mass  
No Mass @ St. William

**Good Friday: (April 15, 2022)**

St. William, Niobrara:  
4:30 p.m.-5:15 p.m. Reconciliation  
5:30 p.m. Good Friday Service  
St. Wenceslaus, Verdigre:  
8:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours  
3:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross  
7:00 p.m. Good Friday Service

**Easter Vigil Mass: (April 16, 2022)**

St. Andrew, Bloomfield:  
8:30 p.m. Mass

**Easter Sunday Mass: (April 17, 2022)**

St. Wenceslaus, Verdigre:  
8:30 a.m. Mass  
St. William, Niobrara:  
10:30 a.m. Mass

The schedule is also listed on  
the website: [www.saintsww.org](http://www.saintsww.org)

**Lenten Reconciliation Times**

St. William, Niobrara– March 31st after 5:30 p.m. Mass  
St. Andrew, Bloomfield– April 2nd 10:00-11:00 a.m.  
St. Wenceslaus, Verdigre-April 3rd 5:00-6:00 p.m.



**St. Andrew High School Silhouette of the Stations of the Cross**

The Saint Andrews high school religious Ed students Will be performing Silhouette stations of the cross at 9:30 a.m. on Palm Sunday in the church basement. All are welcome to come watch the performance!



**In Sympathy**

Deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Dolores Broders. Dolores' funeral was Tuesday, March 29th at 10:30 a.m. at St. Andrew Church in Bloomfield. May she rest in peace.

**St. Wenceslaus Lenten**

**Fish Fry 2022 Friday**

March 4, 11, 18, 25  
April 1 & 8



Serving 5:00 - 7:30 p.m.

St. Wenceslaus Church Auditorium  
Verdigre, NE

Menu: Fried and Baked Fish  
Scalloped Potatoes, Mac 'n Cheese  
Salad bar, Roll and Brownie  
Sales tax included:  
Adults: \$14.00  
Children 6-12 \$ 5.00  
5 and under Free

In town delivery call 402-668-2375

**St. William Prayer line**



St. William Prayer Line– Please call Fran Shaffer at 402-857-3639 for a request to add someone to the Prayer line.



St. Wenceslaus Prayer Line– Please call Janet Pavelka at 402-668-7349 for a request to add someone to the Prayer line.

**"Live Lent Together" Lenten Small Groups**

Live Lent Together! <https://archomaha.org/lent/> Lenten Small Groups are all still open for enrollment.



**Verdigre:**

We have two small groups currently available for you to join!

Keith and Theresa Pavlik are leading a small group in the church plaza on Tuesday afternoon at 1:30, please contact them at 402-358-0608 or just show up!

Zoe Vakoc is leading a small group in the Church Plaza on Monday nights at 7 p.m. Please contact Zoe at 402-841-4413.

**Bloomfield:**

All are invited to come to St. Andrew Church basement each Sunday from 9:10– 10:10 during Lent. Call Cheri Haverkamp at 605-254-2627, Amber Endres at 402-841-2720 or Travis Schumacher at 605-760-1500.

**Niobrara:**

Ruth Bathke and Kathy Foner are leading a small group at Ruth's home, 32 Spruce Ave, Niobrara, Tuesdays during Lent, starting March 8th @ 7:00 p.m.

Call the church office 402-668-2331 for more information, especially if you'd like to lead a small group.

**Rural Northwest Deanery Spring Meeting**

St. John's Catholic Church (10 miles South and 1 mile east of Ewing) on Tuesday, April 19, 2022. Registration at 9:20 a.m. followed by a meeting at 10:00 a.m. with a very inspirational talk by Sara Paxton (My Faith Journey.) Mass will be celebrated at 11:30 a.m. with Father Joseph Sund.

Are you looking for a way to help the priests at your parish?

**SEVEN SISTERS APOSTOLATE**  
INFORMATIONAL MEETING

Women of the Archdiocese of Omaha (and surrounding dioceses) are invited to join Janette Howe and other Seven Sisters for a night of fellowship as they share about the mission of their apostolate. A meal will be provided.

Sacred Heart Parish Center - Norfolk, NE  
2301 Madison Ave, Norfolk, NE 68701

6:30-8:30 pm | Thursday May 5, 2022

For any questions please email Katie at [sevensistersomaha@gmail.com](mailto:sevensistersomaha@gmail.com)



Janette Howe  
Founder

Scan here to RSVP



"In strengthening the priest you strengthen the whole Church."  
— Fr. Gerald Fitzgerald, S.P.