

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



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



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



**FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ JULY 10, 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  
Deacon Keith F. Pavlik—kfpavlik4@gpcom.net  
Office Manager: Rita Pavlik—stwencooffice@gpcom.net  
Parish Office: Tues– Fri 8:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m. 402-668-2331

**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)

**SUMMER WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE**

St. William, Niobrara..... Sunday Vigil .....5:00 P.M.  
St. Wenceslaus, Verdigre ....Sunday .....8:30 A.M.  
St. Andrew, Bloomfield.....Sunday .....10:30 A.M.

**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. William, 4:15-4:45 before 5:00 p.m. Mass. Sunday at 8:00 a.m. before 8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Wenceslaus, 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, July 11, 2022 No Mass**

**Tuesday, July 12, 2022**

8:30 p.m. Mass @ St. Wenceslaus, Verdigre  
Int: † Marcelene Vakoc

**Wednesday, July 13, 2022**

8:30 a.m. Mass @ St. Wenceslaus, Verdigre  
Int: † All Souls

10:00 a.m. Mass @ Alpine

Int: † Mila Ayers

**Thursday, July 14th, 2022**

8:30 a.m. Mass @ St. Andrew, Bloomfield

Int: † Damien Haselhorst

**\*Adoration following 8:30 a.m. Mass until 3:00.**

5:30 p.m. Mass @ St. William, Niobrara

Int: † Lois Grothe

**\*Adoration from 3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.**

**Friday, July 15th, 2022**

8:30 a.m. Mass @ St. Wenceslaus, Verdigre

Int: † Marjorie Rayer

**\*Adoration following Service until 3:00 p.m.**

**Saturday, July 16, 2022**

5:00 p.m. Mass @ St. William, Niobrara

Int: † Frances Draeger

**Sunday, July 17, 2022**

8:30 a.m. Mass @ St. Wenceslaus, Verdigre

Int: Living & Deceased Parishioners

10:30 a.m. Mass @ St. Andrew, Bloomfield

Int: † Mike Nissen

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

Liturgy Assignment	St. Wenceslaus July 17th *Summer Schedule	St. William July 16th *Summer Schedule	St. Andrew July 17th
	Sun. 8:30 a.m.	Sat. 5:00 p.m.	Sun. 10:30 a.m.
Altar Ministers	Daniel Pavelka Jacob Pavelka	Reid Teadtke	Kendra Kleinschmit Ryan Kleinschmit Brena Johnson
Lector	Kristin Arens	Kathy Foner	Katie Kuhlman
Ushers	Chris & Cindy Schreier		
Greeters	Linda Frederick Kathy Masat		Richard and Karen Kleinschmit
Offertory	Linda Frederick Kathy Masat		
EMHC	Carolyn Kment	Ruth Bathke	Ron Gubbels
Cantor	Betty Jacot		Deb Van Metre
Accompanist	Katie Hollmann		Laurie Larsen
Money Processors	Ruth Frank Theresa Pavlik	Don & Terry Hanzlik	*Tom/Terri Olander *Duane/Diana Mlady *Rick/Peg Kuchar

**St. William Church Cleaning**  
St. William Church Cleaners for July 16th: Carol Kalkowski and Cassie Stark.

**DEADLINE** Bulletin Deadline is  
Wednesday Noon

St. Andrew	St. Wenceslaus	St. William
NOTE THE COLOR CODE USED FOR ANNOUNCEMENTS (COLORS SHOW ONLINE OR WHEN PRINTED IN COLOR)		
<b>MARK YOUR CALENDAR</b>		
<b>Office Hours - Tues.-Fri. 8:00-4:00 p.m.</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• July 9th— St. William Mass at the Grotto. Fr. Kizito's Farewell, with Brownie Sundaes served after Mass.</li> <li>• July 10th- 2:00-4:00 p.m. St. Wenceslaus farewell to Fr. Kizito, open house in the Fr. Oborny Auditorium.</li> <li>• July 12th— After 6:30 pm. Mass, St. Wenceslaus, St. Andrew, St. William Parish and Finance Councils will Meet in the Fr. Oborny Auditorium.</li> <li>• July 14th—6:30 p.m. St. Wenceslaus Liturgy Meeting. 7:00 p.m. St. Wenceslaus Altar Society Meeting</li> <li>• July 14th-7:00 p.m. 3rd Degree Knights of Columbus meeting in St. Wenceslaus Plaza.</li> <li>• July 16th-9:00a.m.-3:00 p.m. Women's Retreat at the "Barn".</li> </ul>		

## 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	\$1261.00	24/130	\$716.00	27/125	\$844.00	27/55
Sunday Plate	\$101.15		\$398.00		\$121.00	
Children's	\$7.00	7				
Crosier	\$782.00		\$731.00			
Fall Fund						
Cemetery						
Special Coll			\$25.00	3	\$115.00	6
<b>Total Deposit</b>	<b>\$2151.15</b>		<b>\$1870.00</b>		<b>\$1080.00</b>	



### St. Andrew Mowing Schedule

Please maintain Grotto and north street curb as well as church grounds. Use church mower or your own if you prefer. Problems or concerns contact Duane Mlady 402-373-2565.

July 4– July 10 Tom Olander and Curt Seagren  
July 11– July 17 Kurt Ziegler and Joe Abbenhaus  
July 18th– July 24th Kevin Mlady and Wade Jenness

### St. William Parish Farewell for Fr. Kizito

St. William will have Mass in the Grotto on July 9th at 5:00 p.m. Afterwards there will be Brownie Sundaes being served to wish Father farewell in his next adventure. All are welcome to come! **Please bring your own lawn chair!**



### St. Wenceslaus Parish Farewell to Fr. Kizito

St. Wenceslaus will have a farewell open house for Fr. Kizito on July 10th from 2:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m. in the St. Wenceslaus Fr. Oborny Auditorium. It will be a cake and ice cream social. All are welcome to come wish Father the very best in his future with the United State Air Force.



### Tim Staples speaks on “Why be Catholic” COLUMBUS, NE : Spirit Catholic Radio

invites you to hear **Catholic Answers** Senior Apologist, **Tim Staples**, speak on “Why Be Catholic” at St. Bonaventure Church on Tuesday, July 26, at 7pm. Tickets are \$5, or bring your friends and reserve 5 tickets for \$20! Tickets can be purchased at [spiritcatholicradio.com](http://spiritcatholicradio.com).

### Sacrament of Baptism

Congratulations to Connor Patrick Jensen who will receive the sacrament of baptism on Sunday, July 10th. Connor is the son of Justin and Jenna Jensen.

### St. Joseph Church in Constance Supper & Bazaar

All Saints Parish at St. Joseph Church in Constance, NE is hosting their annual supper and bazaar on Sunday, July 17, in the air-conditioned Constance Parish Center. Serving chicken, potatoes and gravy, vegetable, homemade pies, plus salad bar, from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. Adults \$12.00, Ages 6-12 \$6.00, 5 and under free. Bingo, games for kids, quilt raffle, and a large raffle featuring two split sides of beef, limited edition prints, cash prizes, and more. Bring the whole family!!

### Parish/ Finance Council Meeting St. Wenceslaus, Verdigre St. Andrew, Bloomfield St. William, Niobrara Tuesday, July 12, 2022

There will be a Parish/Finance Councils meeting at St. Wenceslaus Fr. Oborny Auditorium on July 12th after the 6:30 p.m. Mass at St. Wenceslaus. Agenda packets will be available on the weekend of the 9th and 10th at each parish. We will have a short meeting, and then have a farewell to Fr. Kizito and a welcome to Fr. Jeremy Hans and Fr. David Mhagama.



### **From the Pastor’s desk...**

Ireland is beautiful! Thank for the prayers for my mentor, Fr. Billy Green, and for my safe return. When I mentioned to Fr. Greene that my parishioners send their prayerful wishes, he wanted me to pass on to each of you his gratitude and prayers as well. It was a delightful visit with mixed emotions knowing that it’s probably the last time we saw each other.

As I draw to the end of my ministry amongst you, it’s kind of hard to capture in words and images all that these years have meant to me. Let’s say there are no words or images to capture the beauty, grace and blessings of the experiences of these years. It’s all about you. When moving to a new parish or community, one of the important things is the sense of being welcomed and accepted. This I felt as soon as I inhaled the air of your towns and right after the first weekend Mass. I have always felt welcomed and accepted in your midst, but beyond all of that, I have felt your love. I do not take this for granted because of the many gifts and opportunities that came with knowing your love. Through your love, you gave me the chance to gain your trust and cooperation. This allowed us to work together as we accomplished all we were able to do for the glory of God and the good of the parishes. It was definitely not always perfect or pretty, something I always desire, but we made some good decisions together that created the environment for most parishioners to feel a part of the community. I am proud of each of you and grateful for your cooperation and generosity. Also, thank you for allowing me to be myself. This challenged me to be the best version of myself both as a person and in terms of maturing as a leader. So, I am grateful to all who served with me on the parish council and finance council. Having a leadership team to brainstorm and execute the various elements of our parish vision is a luxury. Of course, it was an opportunity to grow and lead in a new way. It challenged me to grow through vulnerability, trust and teamwork. Although I enjoy being a pastor, it couldn’t have been more enjoyable without my leadership team. Thank you PLT members. My gratitude list includes all the members and leaders of the various parish organizations, committees, and groups, notably Altar Society, CDA and Knights of Columbus. As a priest, I do not need lavished and embarrassing gifts. What I need is the gift of knowing that through the good examples of your life, I have not given my life in vain. It is my honest and humble hope that I have enriched your lives as much as you have mine. And if I have done nothing, hopefully I have increased your sense of discipleship and desire for heaven.

As we transition and continue the work of pastoral planning, I wish you all the very best and be assured of my prayers. This week, Tuesday, July 12, I will be meeting with parish leaders from the three churches. Frs. Jeremy Hans and David Mhagama will be at the meeting. You will meet them in the coming weeks and I pray that their ministry in your midst will be more fruitful than mine. Needless to say, I urge you to welcome them both as you did me several years ago and still do.

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



### Women's Retreat

**"Dignity of Women"** next Saturday, July 16th at God's Country Barn in Center, NE from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. with registration starting at 8:30 a.m.

Inspirational speaker is Linda Kerkman from Elgin, NE. All women, please come join us for an enlightening day of spirituality, sisterhood, group discussion, food and Mass!

Sponsored by St. Wenceslaus, St. Andrew and St. William parish ladies. A special invitation to the ladies of St. Ludger, St. Paul and St. Ignatius, from our new cluster.

Free will offering! Preregistration is appreciated.

Call Kathy Masat at 402-668-2305 (hm) or 402-358-2007 (cell). It's not too late!



### The Bible Project Presented by Nora Kucera and Family

**For:** All Kindergarten through 3rd grade are welcome!

**Place:** The Verdigre Library

**When:** July 18th & 21st at 1:30 PM



Two dates offering an Old and New Testament Bible story with games, crafts, snacks, and music



### Priest Meal Train for Fr. Hans and Fr. Mhagama:

Father David will be arriving on July 22nd and we would like to provide meals for Father Hans and Father David's freezers at St. Ludger Rectory for them to be able to warm and eat when needed. Maybe a gift card or a meal from a local restaurant. If you would like to provide a hot meal instead of a ready to eat entrée, please let Tara know a day you would like to do that. We would like to have all of this set up by Friday, July 22nd. Please contact St. Ludger office at 402.358.3501 or email

[tgragert@ludgercatholic.org](mailto:tgragert@ludgercatholic.org) if you are willing to make an entrée or want to provide a hot meal. Meals can also be brought to St. Wenceslaus rectory after July 24th. Examples: premade lasagna, meatloaf, casseroles etc that can be frozen and then cooked later.



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



**St. Andrew Prayer Line**– Please call Christy Mackeprang at 402-841-5379 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.

### Fasting Brothers

Seeking Men in our Tri-Cluster parish to augment our Seven Sisters Apostolate (Seven Women, One Priest, One Hour, One Day, with the Holy Eucharist) **FASTING BROTHERS** is a Groups of men offering various forms of fasting to augment the prayer efforts of our Seven Sisters group. Each man prayerfully discerns the type of fasting he will offer and commits to fast a designated day of the week (excepting Sunday/Solemnities). For more information visit <https://sevensistersapostolate.org/mission-and-structure/> **Contact Zoe Vakoc at 402-841-4413 to learn more and sign up!**



### In Sympathy

Deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Janice Maly. Janice's funeral was Friday, July 8th at 10:30 a.m. at St. Wenceslaus Church in Verdigre. May she rest in peace.

### **August 28<sup>th</sup> and September 11<sup>th</sup> 2022 MARRIAGE CELEBRATION**

Archbishop George J. Lucas invites you to attend the annual Mass honoring marriage on August 28<sup>th</sup> at St. Mary's in Norfolk or September 11<sup>th</sup> at St. Cecilia's in Omaha. This event honors couples who are celebrating 1, 5, 25, 40, 50, 60 or more years of marriage. Rosary at 2pm, Mass at 2:30pm and cake reception to follow. Names of couples who register by July 12<sup>th</sup> will be included in the program. Visit [ArchOmaha.org/FamilyLife](http://ArchOmaha.org/FamilyLife) for more information and to register. Contact the Evangelization and Family Life Office 402-551-9003 with questions.

### Liturgy Assignments Will Be Made Quarterly

As our parishes transition into the new cluster, it has been requested that all advanced liturgy assignments be made, at least, quarterly. The three parishes will update the liturgical ministry list of assignments through the end of September. The parish office is asking that when you are assigned a weekend or time that does not work for you, please contact and trade with another minister for that assignment.

The three parish volunteers, Wilma Vakoc of St. Wenceslaus, Verdigre; Kathy Foner of St. William, Niobrara; and Denise Koertje, St. Andrew, Bloomfield put much effort into preparing the assignment lists. We want to assist them by making certain the assignment is fulfilled.

If you wish to participate in one of the ministries, please let your volunteer scheduler know your wish. It is important to your parish.

COMING IN THE FALL  
AT ST. WENCESLAUS

**TMIY**  
THAT MAN IS YOU!  
THY KINGDOM COME

**PLANNING AHEAD**

FEATURING NEW, DYNAMIC  
PRESENTERS FOR 2022-2023