

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



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



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



SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD ~ DECEMBER 25, 2022

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

Make Disciples and Lead others into Relationship with Jesus



PARISH CONTACTS

Rev. Jeremy J. Hans, Pastor— frhans@ludgercatholic.org
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 Parish Office: Tues– Fri 8:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. 402-668-2331

**St. Ludger
Parish Office
402-358-3501
Fr. Hans will be in
the office Tues-Fri
1:30pm-2:30pm**

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 Scheinost857-3763
 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 Johnson340-5007
 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 Hanzlik857-3636
 4th Degree K of C: Ken Meyer.....358-3881
 CDA Regent: Linda Paesl841-9411
 DRE: Zoe Vakoc668-2260

St. Andrew Parish Organizations

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

Parish Council Pres: Delores Strom.....402-640-7932
 Parish Trustee: Troy Pinkelman402-617-0815
 Parish Trustee: Steve Kumm.....402-841-6399
 Altar Society Pres.: Cheri Haverkamp605-254-2627
 Christian Mothers: Luann Schumacher.....605-660-6122
 K of C Grand Knight: Wendell Strom.....402-427-3510
 DRE: Tanya DeWald605-660-8944

All Council members listed on www.saintsww.org

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

St. Wenceslaus, Verdigre..... Sunday Vigil.....5:00 P.M.
 St. William, NiobraraSunday8:30 A.M.
 St. Andrew, BloomfieldSunday10:30 A.M.
 St. Ignatius, Brunswick.....Sunday Vigil.....5:00 P.M.
 St. Paul, Plainview.....Sunday..... 8:00 A.M.
 St. Ludger, Creighton.....Sunday..... 10:00 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. 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 Jeremy Hans 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. Scott Schilmoeller, 402-558-3100.

Website: 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.)

**Monday, December 26, 2022
Through
Friday, December 30th
No Daily Mass or Adoration**

Fr. Hans and Fr. David will be taking a few days off.

Saturday, December 31, 2022 Solemnity of Mary (Vigil)
5:00 p.m. Mass @ St. Wenceslaus, Verdigre
Int: † Gordon and Jackie Block

Sunday, December 25, 2022 Solemnity of Mary
8:30 a.m. Mass @ St. William, Niobrara
Int: † Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Hanzlik
10:30 a.m. Mass @ St. Andrew, Bloomfield
Int: Living & Deceased Parishioners



Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest Change of Time!!!

The Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest will be January 7th at the Bloomfield Community Auditorium. **Registration will begin at 11:00 a.m. and at 11:30 a.m. the competition starts.** Ages 9-14 boys and girls are eligible to shoot. Proof of birth is needed at registration time.

Knights of Columbus One Rose One Life January 15th

The Nebraska Knights of Columbus One Rose, One Life campaign is Nebraska's premier source of income for the Culture of Life Foundation. All funds collected will be used to support Pro-Life organizations and activities throughout Nebraska. Our goal is 100% council participation. Thank you to those councils who have diligently participated in this campaign year after year.

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.

- December 27-December 30– No Daily Mass.
- January – The Fall semester of meetings for TMIY has ended. Our spring semester will start with our first meeting on Thursday, January 12, 2023.
- January 7th– 11:00 Registration, 11:30 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Competition at Bloomfield Community Auditorium.
- January 10th– 6:30 p.m. St. Wenceslaus Parish Council Meeting in the Rectory.
- January 12th– 6:30 p.m. St. Wenceslaus Liturgy committee meeting.
7:00 p.m. St. Wenceslaus Altar Society Meeting.
7:30 p.m. 3KC Meeting in plaza.
- January 17th–6:30 p.m. St. Wenceslaus Finance Council meeting in the Rectory.
- January 19th– 7:00 p.m. St. Andrew Parish/Finance Council meeting.
- January 26th- 7:00 p.m. St. William Parish Council Meeting.


Liturgy Assignment	St. Wenceslaus December 31st *Winter Schedule	St. William January 1st *Winter Schedule	St. Andrew January 1st
Solemnity of Mary	New Years Eve Sat. 5:00 p.m.	New Years Day Sun. 8:30 a.m.	New Years Day Sun. 10:30 a.m.
Altar Ministers	Joseph Pavelka Jacob Pavelka	Ashley Parks	Marshall Bratetic Peyton Bratetic Jace Gerdes
Lector	Wilma Vakoc	Mary Scheinost	Denise Koertje
Ushers	Ken & Pam Sukup		
Greeters	Theresa Pavlik Linda Frederick		Scott and Kristi Hauger
Offertory	Theresa Pavlik Linda Frederick		
EMHC	Dan Vakoc	Terry Hanzlik	Cynthia Kumm
Cantor	Janet Frank	St. William Choir	Deb Van Metre
Accompanist	Pete Pavlik	Cathy Barta	Laurie Larsen
Money Processors	Richard Jacot Linda Frederick	Don and Terry Hanzlik	*Tom/Terri Olander *Duane/Diana Mlady *Rick/Peg Kuchar

St. William Church Cleaning
St. William Church Cleaners for December 31st:
Naoma Borgmann and Terry Hanzlik.

Snow Removal

It's that time of year when we have to plan for snow removal around the church. St. Wenceslaus Parish is looking for someone to remove snow this winter. Until we find someone, will you please volunteer to help if it snows?

If you are interested please call the office at 402-668-2331.



Stewardship Report

	St. Andrew	Env's	St. Wenceslaus	Env's	St. William	Env's
Weekly Cash Needs 22-23	\$1,212.66		\$1,339.98		\$635.75	
Sunday Env	\$2961.00	41/130	\$1346.00	40/125	\$310.00	18/55
Sunday Plate	\$15.00		\$48.00		\$175.00	
Children's Fund	\$51.00	16				
Holy Day			\$25.00	2	\$92.00	7
Fall Fund			\$2975.00	9		
Christmas Special Collection	\$30.00	1	\$130.00	9	\$281.00	10
Total	\$3057.00		\$4599.00		\$858.00	



Dear Family,

A merry and blessed Christmas to all of you! Fr. David and myself will be taking some time off after Christmas, so there will not be any weekday Masses and no adoration between Christmas and New Year's weekend. I hope all of you also get to enjoy time with family, friends and loved ones.

I pray that all of us, through our efforts to be ready, to prepare for the Lord's coming, will now receive His love and joy - indeed His very Self - into hearts more fully and in a special way this Christmas. As Pope Francis said, "The Word of God, who created the world and who gives meaning to history and to humanity's journey, became flesh and came to dwell among us. He came like a whisper, like the murmur of a gentle breeze, to fill with wonder the heart of every man and woman who is open to this mystery.

The Word became flesh in order to dialogue with us. God does not desire to carry on a monologue, but a dialogue. For God himself, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, is dialogue, an eternal and infinite communion of love and life.

By the coming of Jesus, the Person of the Word made flesh, into our world, God showed us the way of encounter. Indeed, he made that way incarnate in himself, so that we might know it and follow it, in trust and hope.

Even as the message of the birth of the Saviour, the source of true peace, resounds in our hearts and in the whole world, we continue to witness a great number of conflicts, crises and disagreements. These never seem to end; by now we hardly even notice them. We have become so used to them that immense tragedies are now being passed over in silence; we risk not hearing the cry of pain and distress of so many of our brothers and sisters.

Yet, in the heart of the night, look! The sign of hope! Today, the Love that moves the sun and the other stars, became flesh. He came in human form, he shared in our plight and he broke down the wall of our indifference. In the cold of the night, he stretches out his tiny arms towards us: he is in need of everything, yet he comes to give us everything. On this festive day, let us implore him to stir up in the hearts of everyone a yearning for reconciliation and fraternity. Let us turn our hearts to Him in adoration and prayer."

I pray that I, and all of you dear family, may experience this holy time not as just another Christmas that goes by, another year come to an end, but rather that we are changed in some way, transformed for the better, that we really grow closer to Jesus, the Son of God, and to the Father in the Spirit, that we know Him a little better, love Him a little more and hear His voice fill our hearts a little more clearly. May we embrace our almighty God who comes to us as a small, poor, fragile baby. May the love, joy, peace and presence of Christ flood your hearts, fill your homes and unite your families in His blessings. Merry Christmas! - Fr. Hans


DEADLINE Bulletin Deadline is Wednesday Noon

Niobrara Community Nativity Tour


The Faith United Parish in Niobrara will be holding a Community Nativity Tour on Wednesday, December 28th from 3:00 to 6:00 pm. If you wish to have your nativity displayed, bring it to the Presbyterian church between 3:00 to 5:00 on Tuesday the 27th or 2:00 to 3:00 on the 28th. Please include a note card including your name and a brief history of the set. There will be refreshments and cookies in the Lutheran Church hall during the event.

Advent Crib

Every year the St. Wenceslaus Altar Society has an Advent Crib in the vestibule of church so people can donate baby items. This year they are collecting disposable diapers only (no clothing), especially infant size. The crib will be up until the first week of January. Please be generous to the infants in need during the Holiday.

 **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.

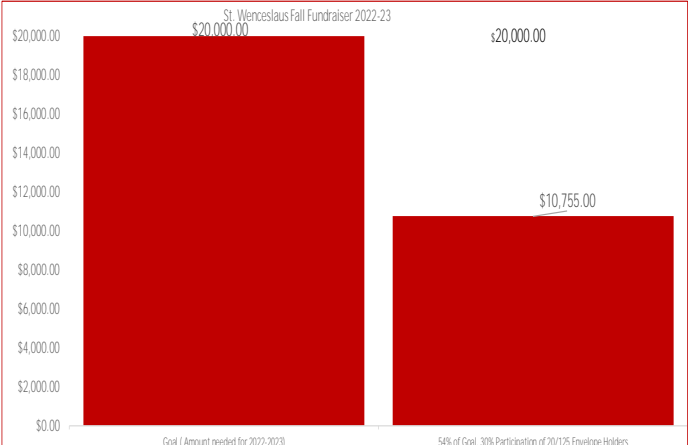
 **St. Wenceslaus Prayer Line**— Please call Janet Pavelka at 402-668-7349 for a request to add someone to the Prayer line.

Archbishop Annual Appeal 2022			
	St. Wenceslaus/ Verdigre	St. Andrew/ Bloomfield	St. William/ Niobrara
Goal	\$9044.78	\$8514.83	\$4403.78
To Date	\$8604.00	\$5810.00	\$1700.00
Donors/ % to Goal	36/125 95.1 %/Goal	28/130 68.2%/Goal	10/55 38.6%Goal

Sts. Wenceslaus/William Catholic Faith Formation

DECEMBER:
· 28th – NO Class – Christmas Break

St. Andrew CCD		
12/25-1-1	NO CLASS	Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!



WISHING ALL A JOYFUL AND BLESSED CELEBRATION OF THE BIRTH OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST!



December 25, 2022

The Nativity of the Lord

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

Is 52:7-10 | Heb 1:1-6 | Jn 1:1-18

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

The day we have been awaiting has arrived: Christ is born! All of our Christmas preparations – wrapping gifts and preparing holiday meals to be shared among family and friends – are meant to glorify and reflect God's own work for and in us. That is, God's greatest gift of himself, clothed in mortal flesh, who would one day offer himself as the bread of life: "The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us." Jesus came to the world in the form of the most helpless of us all, a newborn infant, so that through him we would be reconciled to the Father, for "to those who did accept him he gave power to become children of God." We celebrate the Incarnation of the Lord, for Christ is our salvation! It is through Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit that we are adopted into God's family and receive the fullness of his grace. The fullness of God's truth is revealed in Jesus Christ. "The Lord has made his salvation known"; "he has spoken to us through the Son." Let us give thanks and rejoice this day!

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

The Good News of Jesus Christ is not meant to be kept to ourselves. Today's Gospel reading reminds us that John the Baptist testified to the light of Christ before Christ had yet publicly appeared. Sharing the Good News is not optional! Even the earth proclaims the Good News in Isaiah, "announcing salvation, and saying to Zion, 'Your God is King!'" Indeed, Christ the King – God in human flesh – has arrived. Just as John was sent before the Lord to proclaim his coming, so are we charged: Sent out to the world to go and announce the Gospel of the Lord, "so that all might believe."

WITNESS How might you go out and proclaim the coming of the Lord? Don't forget: sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ isn't limited just to speaking to others. It includes *living* as Christ did – feeding the hungry, caring for the sick and the poor, defending the helpless – because we are Christ's body in the world.

AND A HAPPY AND HOLY NEW YEAR