

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



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



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



## TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME AUGUST 22, 2021

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

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



### PARISH CONTACTS

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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.....402-373-2418  
K of C Grand Knight: Wendell Strom.....402-427-3510  
DRE: Tanya DeWald .....605-660-8944

**Bulletin Deadline: Wednesday noon**

### SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULES

St. William, Niobrara.....Saturday Vigil..... 5:00 P.M.  
St. Wenceslaus, Verdigre.....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. 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.saintswv.org](http://www.saintswv.org)

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, August 23, 2021 No Mass**

**Tuesday, August 24, 2021**

**6:30 p.m. Mass @ St. Wenceslaus, Verdigre**  
 Int: † Bob and Mary Conley

**Wednesday, August 25, 2021**

**8:30 a.m. Mass @ St. Wenceslaus, Verdigre**  
 Int: † Mark Pischel, Delores Johnson,  
 Kristen Johnson

**10:00 a.m. Mass @ Alpine**  
 Int: Irene Sandoz

**Thursday, August 26, 2021**

**8:30 a.m. Mass @ St. Andrew, Bloomfield**  
 Int: † Joe Mach  
**No Adoration during church renovations**

**10:45 a.m. Communion Service @ Good Samaritan, Bloomfield (1st & 3rd Thurs)**

**5:30 p.m. Mass @ St. William, Niobrara**  
 Int: † Larry Shaffer  
**Adoration 3:00 p.m. -5:00 p.m.**

**Friday, August 27, 2021**

**8:30 a.m. Mass @ St. Wenceslaus, Verdigre**  
 Int: † Leo and Elinor Sukup  
**Adoration following Mass until 3:00 p.m.**

**Saturday, August 28, 2021**

**5:00 p.m. Mass @ St. William, Niobrara**  
 Int: † Andy Kavan

**Sunday, August 29, 2021**

**8:30 a.m. Mass @ St. Wenceslaus, Verdigre**  
 Int: † Living and Deceased Parishioners  
**10:30 a.m. Mass @ St. Andrew, Bloomfield**  
 Int: Christian Mothers

## Stewardship Report

	St. Andrew	Env's	St. Wenceslaus	Env's	St. William	Env's
Weekly Cash Needs 20-21	\$1,307.87		\$1,475.00		\$700.52	
Sunday Env	\$310.00	6/130	\$590.00	13/125	\$95.00	4/55
Sunday Plate	\$55.00		\$190.00		\$84.00	
Children's	\$2.00	2				
Holy Day	\$590.00	10	\$861.00	33	\$231.00	11
Fuel			\$410.00	4		
Special Coll			\$5.00			
Total Deposit	\$957.00		\$2056.00		\$410.00	

Liturgy Assignment	St. William Sat. Aug. 28th 5:00 p.m.	St. Wenceslaus Sun. Aug. 29th 8:30 a.m.	St. Andrew Sun. Aug 29th 10:30 a.m.  *In Church Basement
Altar Ministers	Taylen Stark	Dan Vakoc Carter Kucera	Madison Abbenhaus Marshall Bratetic
Lector	Kathy Foner	Lynette Mlady	Steve Kumm
Ushers		Brian and Zoe Vakoc	
Greeters		Kathy Masat Rita Pavlik	Dan Kleinschmit Family
Offertory		Kathy Masat Rita Pavlik	
EMHC	Ruth Bathke	Kathy Masat	Julie Trenhaile
Cantor		Janet Frank	Deb Van Metre
Accompanist		Katie Hollmann	Laurie Larsen
Money Processors	Don and Terry Hanzlik	Sam Sukup Jane Bartos	*Wade/Lyndsy Jenness *Wendell/Delores Strom *Steve/Cynthia Kumm
Alpine Service	10:00 a.m. Wednesday		

**St. William Church Cleaning**  
 St. William Church Cleaners for Aug. 28th:  
 Shirley Mathis and Chris Minarik.

NOTE THE COLOR CODE USED FOR ANNOUNCEMENTS

St. Andrew

St. Wenceslaus

St. William

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

- August 21st- Confirmation retreat at Casa de Paz.
- August 25th- 7:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus meeting in St. Andrew church basement.
- August 31st- Last day to RSVP for Fr.'s 25th Jubilee
- Sept. 1st- 7:00 p.m. St. Andrew Altar Society meeting.
- Sept 8th-6:30 p.m. St. William/ St. Wenceslaus CFF/ YD Opening Mass and Open House
- Sept 9th- TMIY will begin. All men are welcome!
- Sept 13th- St. John the Evangelist Bible Study in the plaza.

Check out the Parishes' Calendar of Events on [www.saintsww.org](http://www.saintsww.org). Do you have an event that needs to go on the calendar? Call it in to the office and get it on the [saintsww.org](http://saintsww.org) St's Wenceslaus, William & Andrew Calendar.

**Key Contact Numbers for Reporting Abuse**

Archdiocese Victim Outreach and Prevention Manager, Mary Beth Hanus: 1-888-808-9055

Archdiocese Child Abuse/Neglect 24 hot Hotline- 1-800-652-1999

Violence Abuse Hotline: for survivors of domestic abuse and sexual assault is 1-800-876-6238

Boys Town Crisis Intervention Resource Referral Hotline: 1-800-448-3000

**ST. ANDREW  
MOWING SCHEDULE:**

August 19-21 Aidan Kleinschmit  
August 26-28 Mike Jackson  
September 2-4 Victor Hames  
September 9-11 Glen Guenther



**CFF**

St. William/St. Wenceslaus CFF/YD will start on Wednesday, September 8th at 6:30 with an opening mass and open house. All are welcome. Parent Packets with a full calendar, registration forms and general information will be mailed. Call Zoe Vakoc at 402-841-4413 for more information.

St. William/St. Wenceslaus CFF/YD is seeking donations (time, monetary, food and paper products) to support our CFF/YD meals that are served each week to the families and catechists at our CFF/YD meetings held most Wednesdays throughout the school year. Please contact Zoe Vakoc at 402-841-4413 for more information.

Vocation Cross	Name
August 29, 2021	Diana Sukup
September 12, 2021	Ted and Donna Mae Haverkamp



FOR ALL MEN — NO EXCEPTIONS  
PLAN TO BE A PART OF THIS GREAT SERIES  
**RETURNING IN SEPTEMBER**

**St. Andrew Renovations to Begin**

Renovations to St. Andrew Church are in process, therefore Mass will be held in the basement of church during the renovations. Please keep the northwest corner parking lot available for the handicap. The renovation committee asks that you be patient during this time and share in the excitement of the new renovations.

**St. Andrew Divine Mercy Statue**

Still taking donations for the Divine Mercy Statue at St. Andrew's Church. Would like to have it finished in two weeks. Any questions or donations, contact Mary Skriwan at 402-841-1016. Make checks out to St. Andrew's and indicate for Divine Mercy in memo section give to Mary Skriwan at church or mail to PO Box 367, Bloomfield NE 68718.



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

This past week I have returned over and over again to the beauty of human freedom but also to the dangerous reality of choice. Life presents us with a plethora of choices, nevertheless, the choices we make have eternal consequences. This is clear from the readings of this weekend. Joshua says to the people of Israel, "decide today whom you shall serve." For Joshua the choice is clear, "As for me and my household, we shall serve the Lord." (Josh 24:15). In the gospel reading (John 6:60-69), when many of the disciples who had been listening to Jesus' teaching on the Bread of Life walked away, Jesus poses a question of choice to the Twelve, "Do you also want to leave?" But Simon Peter says to Jesus, "Master to whom shall we go, you have the message of eternal life..." (John 6:68-69). Also, in the passage from Ephesians 5, Paul makes it clear that marriage is the choice of two free individuals to live in a communion of conjugal love and to mirror God's sacrificial love in selfless fidelity to Christ (5:21-32).

In all of the choices and decisions examined above, freedom is the realization of God's love that leads to a conscious decision of faith to be in relationship with God, the source of genuine happiness. This calls to mind the words of St. Augustine, "You have made us for yourself, Lord, and our hearts are restless until they find rest in you." I have been around long enough to know from my own personal experience that it's not all choices, decisions and relationships that bring about true happiness. This is true especially if the choices we make do not have meaning and purpose with eternity in sight. It may be hard to choose Jesus or be detached from the worldly desires that lead to sadness and despair; but to follow Jesus is to come to experience a deeper intimacy that brings about true happiness because his words are spirit and life. This is what Jesus offers us in his friendship and the gift of Himself in the Eucharist! So, what needs to die or be sacrificed in order for you to freely come to the fullness of life and happiness in Christ? Peace be with you.

Finally, I commend you to the intercessions of the Blessed Virgin Mary and our patron saints, Andrew, Wenceslaus and William. Stay close to Christ and your family.





**The Knights of Columbus Council 5218 of St Wenceslaus**

**St. Andrew Knights of Columbus #10592**

Become a member of this national brotherhood of Catholic men in your own community. Talk to a Knight about joining our council.

**Vocation Cross**

Please consider taking the Vocation Cross for 2 weeks & pray for vocations. If we want more priests, sisters, & brothers we all need to ask. Thank-You!



**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.

**Snow Removal**



It's hard to think about snow this time of year, but it truly will be just around the corner. Both St. Wenceslaus and St. Andrew parishes are looking for someone to remove snow this winter. If you are interested please call the office at 402-668-2834.

**Hope Connecting Hearts Nigeria**

Please join us for the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Hope Connecting Hearts Nigeria - Fall **FUN**draiser on Friday, September 24, 2021 at St. Robert Bellarmine Parish. We will also be celebrating Fr. Kizito's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Priesthood. Tickets are on sale now! Limited seating – registration is now open online at [bidpal.net/hchn](http://bidpal.net/hchn). Questions or assistance please call Teresa Kopietz at 402-616-4484 or Therese Farnsworth at 402-980-2629. Raffle tickets are \$5 each or 6 for \$25.

**Thank you!**

Thank you to all the volunteers that came to the rescue at St. Wenceslaus Church this last week, when we had a water line break. From the clean-up to the repairs, to putting everything in place, each bit of time, talent and treasure means so much. Thank you!



**In Sympathy**

Deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Alvin Pavelka. Alvin's funeral was Friday, August 20th at St. Wenceslaus where he was a member. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace.



**Memorials: Remember loved ones. Leave a legacy. Locally held endowments. Call the parish office or details at 402-668-2331.**

**Bible Study beginning Sept 13th**



Monday Nights starting September 13th, for approximately 11 weeks, at 7:00 p.m. in St. Wenceslaus Plaza Seeking Truth Bible Series/ Revelations–selected reading on your own with video with Sharon Doran and Discussion.

St. John the Evangelist gives us a glorious glimpse of the Heavenly Tabernacle and the perpetual sacrifice of the Heavenly Mass that exists outside of time and space in Revelations. Contact [lindapaesl@gmail.com](mailto:lindapaesl@gmail.com)

**Christian Concerts**

Christian Concert Wednesday September 1<sup>st</sup> Wausa Park 7 pm bring lawn chairs. If inclement weather it will be at Thabor Lutheran. for more information go to Just the Messengers on Facebook

Christian Concert Wednesday September 8<sup>th</sup> 6:30 pm The Barn at God's Country Center. Possibly outside if weather permits bring lawn chairs. If too hot it will be inside. Food Available for more information go to Just the Messengers on Facebook

Christian Concert Wednesday October 13<sup>th</sup> 6:30 pm The Barn at God's Country Center. for more information go to Just the Messengers on Facebook

Thank you so very much for your support.

**Little Free Pantry**

The donation box for the Little Free Pantry will be in St. Wenceslaus church entrance next weekend (August 29th).

**Sts. Andrew, Wenceslaus and William Parishioners**



You are invited to share In celebration of:  
**Fr. Kizito Okhuoya**

**25th Anniversary of Priesthood**

**Sunday, September 12, 2021**

**Mass @ St. Wenceslaus Church 11:00 a.m.**

**Verdigre, NE**

**Social @ ZCBJ Hall, Verdigre 12:00 p.m.**

**Pot Luck Meal @ 1:00 p.m. \*Dessert is provided**

**Celebrating Father @ 2:00 p.m.**



**RSVP by Aug. 31, 2021 to [st.wenceslaus1915@gmail.com](mailto:st.wenceslaus1915@gmail.com) or call the office at 402-668-2331 with number attending.**

*25 Years of Priesthood*