

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



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



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



## TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME AUGUST 29, 2021

**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](mailto:okhuoyak@gpcom.net)  
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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.saintsww.org](http://www.saintsww.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 30, 2021 No Mass**

**Tuesday, August 31, 2021**

**8:30 p.m. Mass @ St. Wenceslaus, Verdigre**

Int: † Dorothy Kathol

**Wednesday, September 1, 2021**

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

Int: † Marjorie VanScyoc

**10:00 a.m. Mass @ Alpine**

Int: John Rudloff

**Thursday, September 2, 2021**

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

Int: † Daniel Nielson

**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: † Maxine Reising

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

**Friday, September 3, 2021**

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

Int: † Kirk Kilgore

**Adoration following Mass until 3:00 p.m.**

**Saturday, September 4, 2021**

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

Int: † Larry Shaffer

**Sunday, September 5, 2021**

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

Int: † Jackie Ebel

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

Int: † Living and Deceased Parishioners

## 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	\$1202.00	29/130	\$1383.00	36/125	\$665.00	14/55
Sunday Plate	\$22.25		\$115.00		\$85.00	
Children's	\$14.00	14				
Holy Day	\$55.00	2	\$140.00	3	\$155.00	3
Fuel			\$50.00	2		
Special Coll			\$40.00	2		
Total Deposit	\$1293.25		\$1728.00		\$905.00	

Liturgy Assignment	St. William Sat. Sept. 4th 5:00 p.m.	St. Wenceslaus Sun. Sept. 5th 8:30 a.m.	St. Andrew Sun. Sept. 5th 10:30 a.m.  *In Church Basement
Altar Ministers	Reid Teadtke	Carolyn Kment Kim Johnson	Kaden Haverkamp Jonathan Nissen
Lector	Gina Johnson	Kristin Arens	Caroline Oltjenbruns
Ushers		Dan/Janice Schackelton	
Greeters		Linda Frederick Barb Rifer	Jeff Abbenhaus Family
Offertory		James and Lynette Mlady	
EMHC	Fred Sternberg	Janet Frank	Kelli Fehringer
Cantor		Terry Pavlik	Deb Van Metre
Accompanist		Pete Pavlik	Laurie Larsen
Money Processors	Delynn and Chris Minarik	*Theresa Pavlik *Barb Rifer *Linda Frederick	*Ken/Tami Kuhlman *David/Staci Kleinschmit *Troy/Lauren Pinkelman
Alpine Service	10:00 a.m. Wednesday		

**St. William Church Cleaning**  
**St. William Church Cleaners for Sept. 4th:**  
 Dee Kemp and Mary Scheinost.

- NOTE THE COLOR CODE USED FOR ANNOUNCEMENTS**
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| St. Andrew | St. Wenceslaus | St. William |
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- MARK YOUR CALENDAR**  
**Office Hours - Tues.-Fri. 8:00-4:00 p.m.**
- August 31st– Last day to RSVP for Fr.'s 25th Jubilee.
  - August 31st– 7:15 p.m. Music practice for Fr.'s Jubilee at St. Wenceslaus Church.
  - Sept. 1st– 7:00 p.m. St. Andrew Altar Society meeting.
  - Sept. 7th– 7:00 PLT Meeting in St. Wenc Auditorium.
  - Sept 8th-6:30 p.m. St. William/ St. Wenceslaus CFF/ YD Opening Mass and Open House
  - Sept 9th– TMIY First Meeting. Breakfast at 6:00 AM!  
 Sept. 9th– 7:00 p.m. Music practice for Fr.'s Jubilee at St. Wenceslaus Church.
  - Sept. 9th– 7:00 p.m. St. Wenc. Altar Society meeting.  
 7:00 p.m. 3KC Meeting in St. Wenc. Plaza
  - Sept 13th– St. John the Evangelist Bible Study in the plaza.

Check out the Parishes' Calendar of Events, **the bulletin, ministry assignments and much more** 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://www.saintsww.org) St's Wenceslaus, William & Andrew Calendar.

**Music Practice for Confirmation Mass**

The Confirmation Mass music practice will be September 21st at St. Wenceslaus. Tuesday Mass is at 6:30 p.m. so practice will begin following Mass around 7:15 p.m.

**ST. ANDREW  
MOWING SCHEDULE:**

August 26-28 Mike Jackson  
September 2-4 Victor Hames  
September 9-11 Glen Guenther  
September 16-18 Scott Fiedler



**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 Prayer Partners Needed**

St Andrews is in need of adult prayer partners for the upcoming 2021-2022 school year. As of now we don't have enough adults to continue this wonderful program. If anyone is interested there will be a sign up sheet in the basement, or contact Kelli Fehringer 402-358-0304.

**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...**

The Scripture readings (Dt 4:1-2,6-8; James 1:17-18,21-22,27; Mk 7:1-8, 14-15,21-23) this weekend line up well. This does not happen frequently. The connecting word is hear or listen, depending on the translation. These words, though often used anonymously, they are radically distinct in values. The distinction lies in the fact that hearing is the function of the ears and listening is the function of both the ears, heart and soul. Have you ever wondered why Jesus' healing of the deaf and dumb man in the gospel is integral to the proclamation of the Kingdom of God? What do you think of *Ephatha*, it means, be opened —the symbolic baptismal ritual that involves the touching of the ear lobes of infants? These spiritual moments speak to the deeper meaning of listening and hearing God's word with the heart. When the ears are not connected to the heart, words mean nothing to the soul. When was the last time you heard your spouse say, "Dear, you are not listening" I bet parents with young children would understand the frustrations that go with the feelings of not being heard. These patterns in human communication only reinforce the distinction between hearing and listening. So, someone may have ears but not be a good listener! Listening is a richer engagement with words that increases wisdom, understanding and lead to meaningful and life-giving actions. Therefore, the invitation to each of us is to become better listeners to God's words and commands, that is, to become attentive and to allow the word of God to penetrate our being.

We bring this gift of attentiveness not only to the word of God but also to the things God calls us to love: family, faith, work, friends, truth, justice, mercy, the poor, the sick and environment. Such attentiveness opens our hearts to what God needs us to see if we must respond with gratitude and charity. God's word provides the filter both for our ears and hearts as we deal with the overwhelming power of social media and the intrusive advertising that screams for attention. Sadly, as the screaming in our society gets louder, God is increasingly being shut out of the hearts of many. However, it doesn't stop with God; the consequences are extended to the shutting down of our hearts to our own needs and the needs of others. Therefore, we benefit from our attentiveness as much as others do. It is in this sense that we can be both hearers and doers of the word, and thus, improve our relationship with others. This week may God help us to listen in a new and transformative way and may we come to a deeper understanding of God's love for each of us as we recommit ourselves to truth of God's word and commands.

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 FUNdraiser 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.

**Mass Schedule will be changing in September**

The winter Mass schedule usually changes the weekend after Labor Day. This year with Father Kizito's Jubilee being on that weekend, the schedule will be as followed along with the weekend of September 25/26 for Confirmation:

September 5/6	Sat. St. William 5:00 p.m. Sun. St. Wenc. 8:30 a.m. Sun. St. Andrew 10:30 a.m.
September 11/12	Sat. St. William 5:00 p.m. Sat. St. Andrew 7:00 p.m. Sun. St. Wenc 11:00 a.m. Fr. Jubilee
September 18/19	Sat. St. Wenc. 5:00 p.m. <b>Winter Schedule</b> Sun. St. William 8:30 a.m. Sun. St. Andrew 10:30
September 25/26	Sat. St. Wenc 5:00 p.m. Sun. St. William 8:30 a.m. Sun. St. Andrew 10:30 a.m. <b>Sun. St. Wenceslaus 2:00 p.m. Confirmation</b>



**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 this 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 @ ZCJB 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