

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



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



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



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - DECEMBER 1, 2019

St. Wenceslaus and St. William Parish Vision Statement

St. Wenceslaus Parish and St. William Mission Church are welcoming communities of Faith that desire growth in discipleship. We will lead and invite all to encounter Jesus and give bold witness to the faith through joyful worship and service to neighbor.

St. Andrew Mission Statement

United in faith and under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we are called to share our Catholic faith through the celebration of the Mass, prayer, stewardship, education and service in our church, community and the world; and to foster an atmosphere of love and acceptance among the St. Andrew parishioners.

PARISH CONTACTS

Rev. Kizito R. Okhuoya, Pastor— okhuoyak@gpcom.net
Deacon Keith F. Pavlik— kfpavlik4@gpcom.net
Deacon Steve Archbold— St. Andrew Parish
Office Manager: Rita Pavlik— stwencooffice@gpcom.net
Parish Office: Hours: Tuesday - Friday 8:00-4:00 pm 402-668-2331

St. William Parish Organizations

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

Parish Council Pres:
Parish Trustee: Alan Kemp 857-3597
Parish Trustee: Mary Scheinost 857-3763
Altar Society Pres: Pat Altwine 750-3920

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: Kim Johnson 668-7344
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: Linda Paesl 668-7314
DRE: Jean Pavelka 668-7240

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
Finance Council Advisor: Deacon Steve Archbold
Parish Trustee: Troy Pinkelman 402-617-0815
Parish Trustee: Steve Kumm 402-841-6399
Altar Society Pres.: Luann Schumacher 605-660-6122
Christian Mothers: Caroline Oltjenbruns
K of C Grand Knight: Jeff Fehringer
DRE: Barb Jackson 402-373-2696

Bulletin Deadline: Wednesday noon

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULES

St. Wenceslaus, Verdigre..... Saturday Vigil.....5:00 P.M.
 St. William, Niobrara Sunday Morning.....8:30 AM.
 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)

Every 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
 Facebook: *St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church / St. William Catholic Church*



MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

N.B. The Archdiocese of Omaha encourages the faithful to consider an offering of \$10 for Mass stipends.

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

Monday, December 2, 2019

No Mass

Tuesday, December 3, 2019

9:30 a.m. Mass @ Countryside Villa, Wausa

Int: Residents and Families

10:45 a.m. Mass @ Good Samaritan, Bloomfield

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6:30 p.m. Mass @ St. Wenceslaus, Verdigre

Int: † Marina Bollich

Wednesday, December 4, 2019

10:45 a.m. Mass @ Alpine, Verdigre

Int: † Eileen Walsh

Thursday, December 5, 2019

8:00 a.m. Mass @ St. Andrew, Bloomfield

Int: † Bernie Newton

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

Int: † Richard Barta

Friday, December 6, 2019

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

Int: † Betty Andersen

Saturday, December 7, 2019

5:00 p.m. Mass @ St. Wenceslaus, Verdigre

Int: † Larry Sukup

Sunday, December 8, 2019

8:30 a.m. Mass @ St. William, Niobrara

Int: Living and Deceased Parishioners

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

Int: † Lisa Nissen

St. W & W-Vocation Prayer Cross Nov 30th– Dec. 14th

Marguerite Pavlik

SA-Vocation Prayer Cross Dec 8th~

Daniel & RoseAnn Kleinschmit

Stewardship Report

	St. Andrew	Env's	St. Wenceslaus	Env's	St. William	Env's
Weekly Cash Needs	\$1320.00		\$1326.64		\$697.02	
Sunday Env	\$791.00	28/130	\$1197.25	45/125	\$510.00	16/55
Sunday Plate	\$117.00		\$11.00		\$200.00	
Children's	\$33.50	18			\$3.00	
Military	\$10.00	1				
CCHD	\$539.00	12	\$450.00	24	\$235.00	9
Fall Fundraiser						
Total Deposit	\$1490.50		\$1658.25		\$948.00	

FYI—Violence Abuse Hotline: for survivors of domestic abuse and sexual assault is 1-800-876-6238
Sexual Victim Assistance Hotline: 1-888-808-9055
Boys Town Crisis Intervention Resource Referral Hotline: 1-800-448-3000
Spirit Radio:88.3 (KOLB) Hartington 91.5 Grand Island
 102.7 Papillion/Lincoln
 EWTN Channel 19 Cable

Liturgy Assignments

NEW MASS SCHEDULE	St. Wenceslaus	St. William	St. Andrew
	Saturday December 7th	Sunday December 8th	Sunday December 8th
	5:00 p.m.	8:30 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
Altar Ministers	Steve Jacot	Ashley Parks	Emily/Morgan Kleinschmit
	Betty Jacot		Kaitlyn Kumm
Lector	Jeff Kinnison	Allen Leader	Steve Kumm
Ushers	Dan Schackelton		-
	Janice Schackelton		-
Greeters	Chris Schreier		4th, 5th & 6th Graders
	Cindy Schreier		Daniel/RoseAnn Kleinschmit*
Offertory	Dan/Janice Schackelton		-
EMHC	Greg Johnson	Fred Sternberg	Loren Bratetic, Tabitha Gilsdorf
	Kim Johnson		Mike Jackson^
Cantor	Jenny Kucera		
Pianist/Organist	Katie Hollmann		
Money Processors	Fran Kucera	Mary Scheinost	Duane/ Luann Schumacher
	Linda Frederick	Rozann Graves	Mike Nissen
			Rich & Carolyn Kaiser
Alpine - CDA Rosary (2 & 4 Sat)			
Alpine EMHC	Dr. Ken Pavlik		
SA Vocation Cross	Marguerite Pavlik		Daniel/RoseAnn Kleinschmit

St. William Church Cleaners for December 7th:
 Shirley Mathis and Chris Minarik.

Knights of Columbus Bingo at Alpine 6:15 p.m.-Thur. December 5th: Willard Ayers, Ted Haverkamp, Ken Meyer

MARK YOUR CALENDAR
 Office Hours - Tuesday—Friday 8:00– 4:00

- **December 4th– 6:00 p.m. St. Andrew Altar Society Christmas party at The Hive. \$10 White Elephant gift exchange.**
- **Second Collection Religious Retirement Fund December 7th and 8th.**
- **December 8th– 1:30 p.m. Verdigre Community Christmas Concert @ St Wenceslaus Church. 7:00 p.m. First Trinity Lutheran Church in Bloomfield.**
- **December 12th– St. William Parish Council Meeting after 5:30 p.m. Mass.**
- **December 16th– St. William will decorate church for Christmas.**

CRAZY CHRISTMAS SOCK EXCHANGE 2019



Faiths United Women would like to invite all the women of the community to our 4th Annual Crazy Christmas Sock Exchange. Just fill some crazy looking socks with fun "stuff" and bring a yummy something to share, then on **Thursday, December 12th at 7:00pm** in the Presbyterian Church, Niobrara, NE we will gather to exchange our socks. Contact Linda Crosley or Pastor Martha Atkins with any questions.

St. William

Please turn in all fundraiser money this week to Pat Altwine.

The Altar Society will decorate the church for Christmas Monday December 16th starting whenever you can for shifts that work for you.

St. William parish is in need of someone to scoop the sidewalks. Please contact the office at 402-668-2331.



St. Andrew Altar Society Christmas Party

Altar Society Christmas Party will be held at December 4th @ 6:00 p.m. at The Hive. White Elephant gift exchange \$10 and under. Please bring snacks or sweets to share.



Verdigre Community Chorus Christmas Concert

The Verdigre Community Chorus will present a Christmas concert "Angels Watchin" on Sunday, December 8 at 1:30 p.m. at St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church in Verdigre and at 7:00 p.m. that evening at First Trinity Lutheran Church in Bloomfield.

Refreshments will be served and a free will offering will be taken.

Everyone is welcome.



Save the date!! St. William Annual Soup Luncheon

St. William Parish will have their annual Soup Luncheon on January 19th. Snow date will be January 26th!



Poinsettia Plants for St. Wenceslaus

If you wish to donate toward the poinsettias this year, there are envelopes in the entrance of church. The six plus plants are \$13.99 and the large are \$25.00.



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

From the Pastor's desk...

Advent marks the beginning of the Church's year. The season's apocalyptic themes remind us of the inevitable end of the world and invites us to engage in acts of penitence like fasting to focus on the coming of Jesus. Advent prepares us to celebrate the twofold coming of Jesus, at His birth and at the end of time. It is a time of joyful anticipation for a new beginning in Christ. Advent is designed to help us contemplate the yearning and waiting of a people, Israel as they awaited the coming of the Messiah. This was quite an emotional period for our spiritual ancestors, the Israelites, especially for an oppressed people whose existence was often punctuated by conflicts and wars, exile and servitude, drought and famine, fear and anxiety, but also faith and hope. These emotions embedded in the readings of Advent only remind us of our own longing for peace, truth, love and wholeness in the face of all the perennial challenges that confound humankind today. Therefore, Advent proclaims LIBERATION from the tyranny of fear.

So, as Advent begins, may we all be open to the many spiritual treasures flowing from God's generosity and love, so that TRUE LOVE, Jesus Christ is born in our hearts and homes. Let us remain focused in the midst of the anxiety and stress of holiday shopping by considering one the following suggested spiritual practices of engaging in daily scripture reading and praying for God's mercy and peace, create an Advent environment in your home which prepares and awake hearts to receive to God's grace, and being intentionally mindful of the needs of others.

One way we are going to be mindful of the needs of others throughout our Trinity Cluster is to pray for each other! I am grateful to members of the Pastoral Leadership Team, Zoe Vakoc, Kathy Masat, Robyn Frank, Deb Hansen and Steve Jacot for running with this idea and doing all the behind the scene work to make this happen. Again, each family will receive a list of parishioners to pray for during the entire Advent and Christmas Seasons! It is our opportunity to accompany each other in prayer by focusing and discerning what God may reveal to us as the needs of the families on our prayer list. This allows us to focus on the needs of others and what may be happening in their life. This is a genuine act of care and Christian charity. The easiest things to do in life is to focus on our needs and we never lack the time to do this. Let this year's Advent be different for you and your family. I pray that God will remove from our hearts all that may get in the way of God's plan for our parishes.

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. God bless you.





Sts. Wenceslaus and William CFF News

December 4 - 6:30 p.m. First Reconciliation for Brooklyn Ebel and Parker Frank. After those two students receive the sacrament the rest of the CFF students will have the opportunity to receive the sacrament, as well. Students will be trying on costumes for the Christmas Program.

December 11 - 6:30 p.m. Christmas Program Practice in the Auditorium

December 18 - **6:00 p.m.** CFF Christmas Program / Party in the Auditorium. All CFF families are asked to bring a plate of sandwiches, bars or cookies for the party portion of the evening. (Please note time change)

December 25 – NO Class ~ Merry Christmas!



St. Andrew CCD

Sunday, December 8, 2019

9:00—10:15 a.m. CCD Class

4th, 5th & 6th Grade Mass

Reconciliation 2nd & 3rd Grade

Christmas and Solemnity Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve:

Tuesday, December 24th– 4:30 p.m. St. William, Niobrara

6:30 p.m. St. Andrew, Bloomfield

Wednesday, December 25th– 9:00 a.m. St. Wenceslaus, Verdigre

Solemnity (New Years Day) * Holy Day of Obligation

Tuesday, December 31st– 4:30 p.m. St. William, Niobrara

6:30 p.m. St. Andrew, Bloomfield

Wednesday, January 1st– 9:00 a.m. St. Wenceslaus, Verdigre

2020 OACCW College Scholarship

The Omaha Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women (OACCW) and its deaneries are accepting scholarship applications from high school senior girls who are Catholic and plan to attend a public or private college or university.

Each deanery may award a scholarship, and the application and essay of the winner of each deanery scholarship will be sent to the OACCW Scholarship Chair to compete for a \$500 OACCW Scholarship. Requirements and mailing addresses for each deanery contact are available from high school guidance counselors. Scholarship application forms are available on the OACCW Facebook page in “Photos” in the menu bar on the left side of the page.

All documentation should be submitted to the applicant’s Deanery Council of Catholic Women contact, and be post-marked by **January 15, 2020**. Late applications will not be considered.



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

Vocation Cross Schedule Pray for vocations for two weeks	Name
November 30, 2019	Marguerite Pavlik
December 14, 2019	Steve and Betty Jacot
Your name here!	Call the office 402-668-2331

Sign up with Flocknote

Don’t miss messages about winter cancelations and important special events for your church! If you need help call the office!

Please join Flocknote so we can communicate together!

To receive flocknote messages, text this information for your parish:

For St. Wenceslaus text: wenc to 84576

For St. William text: will to 84576

For St. Andrew text: Bloom to 84576



You may be prompted to follow a link to complete the process.

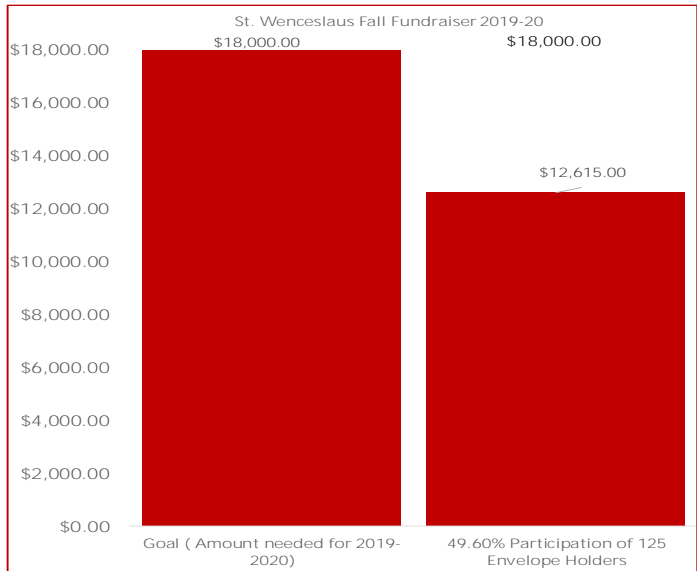


If you don’t have a cell phone and have email, you can join by going online to

<https://swpverdigre.flocknote.com>

<https://stwilliamne.flocknote.com>

<https://standrewbloomfield.flocknote.com>



THE BATTLE OVER THE BRIDE

THE UNVEILING OF LOVE

All men are encouraged to come and see.
Thursdays at 6:00 a.m. at St. Wenceslaus.
Following Breakfast-Week 12 (December 5, 2019)
*****Love is Eternal*****

PRESENTATION POINTS

- The Battle to Love is in Our Hearts
- A Sacrificial Gift of Ourselves for Our Bride
- Love is Everlasting - Love is Eternal
- The Mystery Found in the Nuptial Mass
- The Church as a Symbol of Paradise
- The Marriage Feast of the Lamb
- The Paradise Yet to Come