

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



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



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



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT - DECEMBER 15, 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— kfapavlik4@gpcom.net
Deacon Steve Archbold— St. Andrew Parish
Office Manager: Rita Pavlik— stwencoffice@gpcom.net

Parish Office: Hours: Monday - Thursday December 16th-19th 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 16, 2019

No Mass

Tuesday, December 17, 2019

10:45 a.m. Mass @ Good Samaritan, Bloomfield
Int: Residents and Families

6:30 p.m. Mass @ St. Wenceslaus, Verdigre
Int: † All Souls

Wednesday, December 18, 2019

10:45 a.m. Mass @ Alpine, Verdigre
Int: † Ellen Dufek

Thursday, December 19, 2019

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

5:30 p.m. Mass @ St. William, Niobrara
Int: † Ed Dufek

Friday, December 20, 2019

8:30 a.m. Mass @ St. Wenceslaus, Verdigre
Int: † Nelson Wandrey

Saturday, December 21, 2019

5:00 p.m. Mass @ St. Wenceslaus, Verdigre
Int: Living and Deceased Parishioners

Sunday, December 22, 2019

8:30 a.m. Mass @ St. William, Niobrara
Int: † Larry Shaffer

10:30 a.m. Mass @ St. Andrew, Bloomfield
Int: † Herbert Boecker

St. W & W-Vocation Prayer Cross Dec. 14th– Dec. 28th
Steve and Betty Jacot

SA-Vocation Prayer Cross Dec 22nd ~

Scott and Kristi Hauger

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 21st	Sunday December 22nd	Sunday December 22nd
	5:00 p.m.	8:30 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
Altar Ministers	Carolyn Kment Kim Johnson	Taylen Stark	Taylor Kumm, Carter Hans Jonathan Nissen
Lector	Lynette Mlady	Terry Hanzlik	Carolyn Kaiser
Ushers	Kenny Sukup Pam Sukup		-
Greeters	Brian Vakoc Zoe Vakoc		Scott and Kristi Hauger* Wade Jenness Family
Offertory	Brian Vakoc Fam		-
EMHC	Theresa Pavlik	Kathy Foner	Cynthia Kumm Keith^ and Denise Koertje
Cantor	Mary Pavlik		
Pianist/Organist	Pete Pavlik		
Money Processors	Deb Hansen	Marjean Pischel	Duane/ Luann Schumacher
	Theresa Pavlik	Gina Johnson	Mike Nissen
			Rich & Carolyn Kaiser
Alpine - CDA Rosary (2 & 4 Sat)			
Alpine EMHC	Carolyn Kment		
Vocation Cross	Marguerite Pavlik		Scott and Kristi Hauger*

St. William Church Cleaners for December 16th: All are welcome and encouraged to come help decorate.
Knights of Columbus Bingo at Alpine 6:15 p.m.-Thur.
December 19th: Don Hanzlik and Deacon Keith Pavlik.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR


Office Hours - Monday—Thursday 8:00– 4:00 next week 16th-19th

- December 15th– 5:00 p.m. St. Wenceslaus Reconciliation Service.
- December 16th– St. William will decorate church for Christmas starting at 9:00 a.m.
- December 18th– 6:00 p.m. St. Wenceslaus CFF Christmas program, Altar Society Christmas party combined. All parishioners welcomed and encouraged to come!
- December 21st– 10:00 a.m. St. Andrew Reconciliation Service.
- December 21st– St. Wenceslaus Christmas decorating after 5:00 p.m. Mass.
- Alpha resumes January 8th.
- January 8th– 7:00 p.m. St. Andrew Pastoral and Finance Council meeting.
- January 14th– After 6:30 p.m. Mass St. Wenceslaus Parish Council and Pastoral Leadership Committee meeting.

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	\$50.00	4/130	\$295.00	7/125	\$825.00	10/55
Sunday Plate	Immaculate Conception					
Children's	\$29.00	18	\$5.00			
God's Acres	\$100.00	3				
Rel. Retire	\$557.00	15	\$378.00	20	\$510.00	12
Immaculate Conception	\$1195.00	34	\$648.00	30	\$734.00	17
CCHD			\$25.00	1		
Christmas	\$200.00	1			\$25.00	1
Total Deposit	\$2131.00		\$1351.00		\$2094.00	

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT




Date: Wed. December 18th
 Time: 6:00 p.m.
 Place: Father O'borny Aud.

All families are asked to bring sandwiches, bars or cookies.

Poinsettia Plants for St. Andrew

St. Andrew Church will be accepting donations of poinsettias for Christmas. There is a signup sheet in the back of church. Poinsettias may be brought to church and placed in the overflow room any time after Thursday, December 19th.



Reconciliation Services


St. Wenceslaus will have a reconciliation service Sunday, December 15th at 5:00 p.m. and at St. Andrew Saturday, December 21st at 10:00 a.m.



St. William

The Altar Society will decorate the church for Christmas Monday December 16th starting at 9:00 a.m.


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



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


St Andrew Christmas Eve Mass Music

Music on Christmas Eve will start at 5:40 pm with many of the CCD students singing or playing special Christian Christmas songs. There will be music practice at 9:30 am December 21st at Saint Andrews for CCD students. For questions please call Laurie Larsen 402-640-2147 Also I am considering offering a 6 week course on learning to play guitar chords– free of charge. This would be on Tuesdays at 4:15 at Saint Andrews Church in the downstairs. Students would all learn together and would need to have their own guitar. March 3 to April 7th. If you are interested please contact Laurie Larsen @ 402-640-2147.




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.



From the Pastor's desk...

Last week we reflected on the gifts of peace and harmony which flow from repentance, sustained in endurance and hope. This week our attention is directed to the temptation inherent in waiting for the fulfillment of God's promise. Many a time the Israelites became distracted and impatient while waiting, settling for less in the various forms of idolatry. They wavered and faltered in their commitment to the covenant; their behavior did not particularly reflect the joy which ought to characterize those waiting for salvation; similarly, we too, have sometimes settled for less. Yes, strange as the behavior of the Israelites may sound, we tend to exhibit the same or similar behaviors.

So, as we await the coming of the savior, either at the end of our time here on earth or at the end of time, how are we embracing the challenges of the Christian life? How are we preparing for that end? The joys we get from new things, a new toy, car, home, jewelry, clothing, vacation locations are fleeting and less. Amidst the joy we get from this world is the temptation to be distracted and to settle for the counterfeit rather than the real thing, the joy of possessing Christ and the hope of a promised salvation, already fulfilled but yet to be fully experienced. So, don't settle for less, open yourself for more! Both the Prophet Isaiah and the Gospel of Matthew underscore God's faithfulness in the fulfillment of his promise to give life and fruitfulness, through his power to heal our fears, deafness and blindness. In any case, Saint James, using an image familiar to those of us in rural Nebraska, admonishes us to be patient and firm like farmers in our commitment to Christ and discipleship! This is important because the wait for the second coming of Jesus may be long, hence, the need to embrace the examples of the prophets who both foretold the coming of the Messiah and longed for the coming salvation!

As the year comes to an end, I am grateful to each of you, our beloved parishioners, in Bloomfield, Niobrara and Verdigre for your stewardship of time, talent and treasure. We can look back and be grateful for the little and the big things we have been able to accomplish through working together and sharing of our resources. Your love of Christ and his Church has allowed good things to happen in our communities. In the coming weeks, I will put together a Christmas and New Year wish list for our churches. This would be an opportunity for you and your family to donate towards a need or donate a particular item on the list. Thank you in anticipation.

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. God bless you.

Sts. Wenceslaus and William CFF News



Wednesday, December 18, 6:00 p.m., the evening will begin with the CFF students and teachers sharing a meal with all in attendance. This evening is the parish Christmas gathering in conjunction with the CFF Christmas program. When the CFF students are finished eating they will dress for the program, and then present the program to our friends and families. Everyone is welcome at our Christmas Program! **All CFF families are asked to provide a plate of sandwiches OR cookies/bars for the party part of the evening.**

Wednesday, December 25, NO CFF class ~ "Happy Birthday Jesus!"

St. Andrew CCD

Music practice at 9:30 am December 21st at church.
 Sunday, December 22, 2019
 No CCD Class ~ Merry Christmas to all!



St. Wenceslaus Christmas Decorating



St. Wenceslaus parishioners will be decorating the church on Saturday, December 21st after 5:00 p.m. Mass. Please give a few hours of your time, talent and strong backs to help beautify the church for a blessed Christmas. "Many hands make light work!"

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

Archbishop Annual Appeal

St. Wenceslaus Verdigre Goal	St. Andrew Bloomfield Goal	St. William Niobrara Goal
\$6798.86	\$6810.54	\$2486.01
Collection to date: \$6504.00/ 95.6%	Collection to date: \$4730.00/ 69.5%	Collection to date: \$2615.00/ 107%

Advent Crib

Every year the St. Wenceslaus Altar Society has an Advent Crib in the vestibule of church so people can donate baby items to Little Miracle's (Knox County Right to Life). The crib will be up until the first week of January. Please be generous to the infants in need during the Holiday.



Vocation Cross Schedule Pray for vocations for two weeks	Name
December 14, 2019	Steve and Betty Jacot
December 28, 2019	Jeff and Alice Kinnison
Your name here!	Call the office 402-668-2331

Sign up with Flocknote

Don't miss messages about winter cancellations 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.

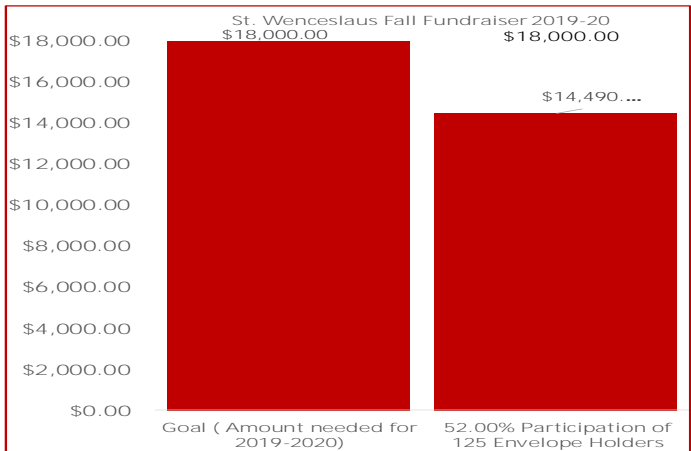


If you don't have a cell phone and have email, you can join by going online to

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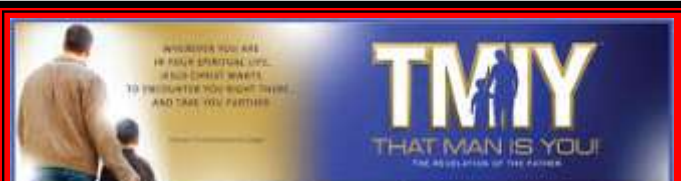
Office Request

The office will be closed on December 20th due to a family funeral, please have all bulletin news into the office by noon Wednesday December 18th.

The week of Christmas, have bulletin news into the office by Thursday December 26th at noon. Thank you! Rita

Thank you!

A huge thank you goes out to the following men for putting up the stable at St. Andrew: Ron Gubbels, Scott Fiedler, Cole Fiedler, Kevin Mlady, Tom Olander, Jerry Nipp, Jeff Fehringer.



Wishing all the members of all of our parishes a happy and holy celebration of Christmas. May our worship of the Christchild bring a renewal of the Holy Spirit in us all!

The next meeting of TMYY will be January 23, 2020.