

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



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



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



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT - DECEMBER 22, 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
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Parish Office: Hours: Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri December 23rd-27th 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 23, 2019

No Mass

Tuesday, December 24, 2019 Christmas Eve

4:30 p.m. Mass @ St. William, Verdigre

Int: † Richy Johnson

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

5:40 pm Christmas Music with CCD Children

Int: † Lisa Nissen

Wednesday, December 25, 2019 Christmas

9:00 a.m. Mass @ St. Wenceslaus, Verdigre

Int: † Claire Haverkamp

Thursday, December 26, 2019

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

Int: † Lorraine Buschkamp

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

Int: † All Souls

Friday, December 27, 2019

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

Int: † Mark Andersen

Saturday, December 28, 2019

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

Int: † Ellen Dufek

Sunday, December 29, 2019

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

Int: † Paul Stoural Jr.

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

Int: Living and Deceased Parishioners


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

SA-Vocation Prayer Cross Dec 29th ~

Richard Kleinschmit Family

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	St. Wenceslaus Sat. Dec. 28th	St. William Sun. Dec 29th	St. Andrew Sun. Dec 29th
Altar Ministers	Dan Vakoc	Emily Parks	Tenly Gilsdorf
	Landyn Frank		Keaten Gilsdorf
			Brena Johnson
Lector	Carolyn Kment	Kathy Foner	Caroline Oltjenbruns
Ushers	Sam Sukup		
	Steve Jacot		
Greeters	Alice Kinnison		Gary/Sheila Eckmann
	Alta Vakoc		* Richard Kleinschmit Fam
Offertory	Alta Vakoc		
EMHC	Steve Jacot	Terry Hanzlik	Kristi Hauger
	Kenny Reiman		Ron^/Sally Gubbels
Cantor	Betty Marshall		
Accompanist	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)	Janet Frank		
Alpine EMHC	Donna Mae Haverkamp		
Vocation Cross	Steve/Betty Jacot 12/14-12/28		* 12/29 Richard Kleinschmit Fam

Christmas Assignments	St. Wenceslaus Wed. Dec. 25th	St. William Tues. Dec 24th	St. Andrew Tues. Dec 24th
Altar Ministers		Taylor Teadtke	Madie/Wiley Ziegler
			Grace Van Metre
Lector		Mary Scheinost	Deb Guenther
Greeters			Jeff Fehringer Fam.
			Joe & Andrea Abbenhaus
EMHC		Rozann Graves	Keith & Denise Koertje, Kelli Fehringer
Money Processors		Chris and DeLynn Minarik	

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	\$1956.00	29/130	\$892.00	38/125	\$294.00	13/55
Sunday Plate	\$63.00		\$62.00		\$47.00	
Children's	\$35.55	21				
Rel. Retire			\$315.00	13	\$20.00	1
Immaculate Conception	\$15.00	2	\$232.50	10	\$25.00	1
Fall Fund			\$450.00	2		
Christmas	\$20.00	1			\$20.00	1
Total Deposit	\$2089.55		\$1951.50		\$406.00	

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

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Office Hours - Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 8:00-4:00 next week 23rd-27th

- December 28th & 29th – Second collection for Penny and a Prayer for vocations.
- 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.

St. William Church Cleaners for December 28th: Jill Stark and Marla Reynolds.

Knights of Columbus Bingo at Alpine 6:15 p.m.-Thur. December 26th:Pete Pavlik, Dr. Ken Pavlik, Ray Franek.



Knights of Columbus News

A big thank you to all participating in the Nebraska Knights of Columbus (Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities) formerly The Tootsie Roll Drive. St. Wenceslaus and St. William parishes raised a total of \$385. Because of your generosity, people with intellectual disabilities in Nebraska will have many more opportunities available to them. Thank you and may God bless you at this time of Advent.

Knights of Columbus Council 5218

St. William

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. William First Sunday Fellowship

January through May every first Sunday of the month after 8:30 a.m. Mass there will be fellowship at St. William in the church basement. Coffee, juice and rolls will be served. All are welcome.

Volunteers are needed February through May, please call Gina Johnson at 402-640-5234 if you are willing to help.



Thank you! Thank you!



A big thank you to Rick Kuchar for installing the new lights in the Parking lot at St. Andrew. Also, if you see Scott Ober, please take time to thank him for his time and donating his equipment to get the lights installed.

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...

As we come to the end of the Advent Season and the beginning of the Christmas Season, the various prophetic readings are beginning to make sense as God’s plan becomes concrete through the “fiat” of the Virgin Mary and the cooperation of Saint Joseph who in a vision of an Angel was told, “Joseph son of David do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her... When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him and took his wife into his home.” The Gospel both reveals the element of surprise in the divine drama and the mixture of the human and the divine in the mystery of salvation. While the Virgin Mary becomes the bearer of the divine mystery, Saint Joseph becomes the protector and guardian of the incarnate Son of God. Though not much is known or heard from Joseph, the few lines reveal his deep faith, devotion and integrity, for he was a “righteous man” who placed the safety and integrity of Mary above his sense of righteousness. Indeed, God found the right husband and foster father for the Virgin Mary and Jesus respectively. Thus, God is born in the human family, and the Word took flesh and dwelt amongst us!

Clearly, what stands out in the Gospel passage is the obedience and cooperation of Joseph in accepting his fatherhood over the Son of God. This is an affirmation of God’s plan for family life, that children should be born and raised in a healthy family environment of two parents, man and woman. It is an established scientific fact that both fathers and mothers play a significant role in the human and spiritual development of children! These roles cannot be compensated for by either of the parents, even given the growing trend of absentee fathers in many homes. According to the Marriage and Religion Research Institute, 1 in 3 children in the United States live in a fatherless home, and by age 17 only 46% are living with both parents. The institute goes further to mention the robust benefits of children growing with a father, this is in contrast to the social ills attributed to children growing up without fathers in their homes. Though radical feminism is being blamed for this modern trend, the issue is past a blame game. Fatherhood and motherhood are the fundamental rights of every child. Therefore, we all must work together to affirm this truth regardless of our religious and political divide. This is only healthy for our society. According to the US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Administration for Children and Families (ACF), and the Office of Family Assistance (OFA), “Fathers are essential to the social, emotional and economic well-being of their children and families.” And I dare to add that fathers are equally essential for the spiritual wellbeing of their children. Yes, Joseph provided the example and stability Jesus needed to live his human existence while enriching the home of Joseph and Mary with his divine radiance! At this juncture, I affirm all fathers in their vocation of fatherhood, with all the aches and satisfactions. I enjoin mothers to affirm the fatherhood of their spouses and to work with their husbands to rediscover and reestablish the beauty and value of fathers within the family, amidst the growing cynicism and ridicule of fatherhood.

On behalf of Deacon Keith Pavlik, Rita Pavlik and Jean Pavelka, I wish you and your family a delightful Christmas and a joyous New Year. Thank you for your stewardship; and for the Christmas cards and gifts. Enjoy your family and keep the Christmas spirit alive and may Christ be born in your heart anew! God bless you.

Sts. Wenceslaus and William CFF News



Thank you to all who had a hand in the 2019 CFF Christmas Program. Appreciation goes to Betty Jacot for directing the program, Pete Pavlik for providing our music, and Fran Kucera for assisting the director. Students, thank you for sharing the story of Christmas in your actions and songs. Teachers, thank you for helping where needed. Parents, thank you for sharing your children with us every Wednesday evening. A huge thank you also goes to all of those who made up our audience. We enjoyed sharing "Live From Bethlehem" with all of you. Thank you to the ladies of the altar society who hosted the party portion of the evening, and the Knights of Columbus for the bags of treats for the students. Last but not least, thank you goes to Santa, who took time from his busy schedule to be with us.

Wednesday, December 25 - NO class "Happy Birthday Jesus!"

Wednesday, January 1 - NO class ~ Solemnity of Mary (Holy Day)

Wednesday, January 8, CFF classes and Alpha sessions resume.

St. Andrew CCD

Sunday, December 29, 2019

No CCD Class ~ Merry Christmas to all!



CFF/ Parish Christmas Party

Thank you to the CCD program for sharing "Live From Bethlehem", the Altar Society for providing the meal along with the CCD parents.

Thank you to the following for helping to make the evening all come together: Fran Kucera, Ruth Frank, Leroy and Katie Hollmann, Jenny Pavlik, Jane Bartos, Marie Vondracek, Wendy Hansen, Kathy Masat.



Archbishop Annual Appeal

St. Wenceslaus Verdigre Goal	St. Andrew Bloomfield Goal	St. William Niobrara Goal
\$6798.86	\$6810.54	\$2486.01
Collection to date: \$6994.00/ 102%	Collection to date: \$4755.00/ 70%	Collection to date: \$3040.00/ 122%

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.

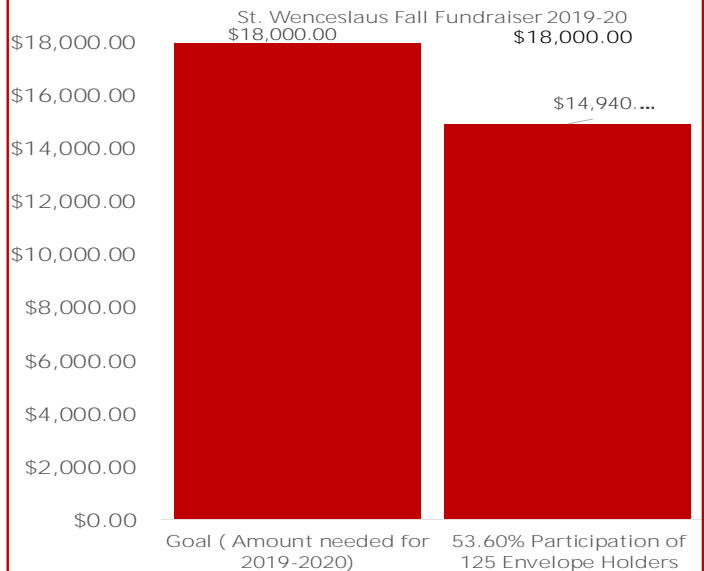


If you don't have a cell phone and have email, you can join by going online to

<https://swpverdigre.flocknote.com>

<https://stwilliamne.flocknote.com>

<https://standrewbloomfield.flocknote.com>



Office Request

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

Condolences

Deepest Sympathy to the family and friends of Donna Moline. May she rest in peace! Donna's funeral was at St. Andrew Church in Bloomfield December 14th.



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.