

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



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



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



HOLY FAMILY - DECEMBER 29, 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: 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 30, 2019

No Mass

Tuesday, December 31, 2019

4:30 p.m. Mass @ St. William, Niobrara
Int: Bob and Marilyn Janovec Family

6:30 p.m. Mass @ St. Andrew, Bloomfield
Int: † John Broders

Wednesday, January 1, 2019

9:00 a.m. Mass @ St. Wenceslaus, Verdigre
Int: † Ben and Rose Masat

Thursday, January 2, 2019

8:00 a.m. Mass @ St. Andrew, Bloomfield
Int: Allan Kohles Family

5:30 p.m. Mass @ St. William, Niobrara
Int: † All Souls

Friday, January 3, 2019

8:30 a.m. Mass @ St. Wenceslaus, Verdigre
Int: † James Van Scyok

Saturday, January 4, 2019

5:00 p.m. Mass @ St. Wenceslaus, Verdigre
Int: † Leo and Elsie Mlady

Sunday, January 5, 2019

8:30 a.m. Mass @ St. William, Niobrara
Int: Living and Deceased Parishioners

10:30 a.m. Mass @ St. Andrew, Bloomfield
Int: † Trevor Erickson

St. W & W-Vocation Prayer Cross Dec. 28th-Jan 11th
Jeff and Alice Kinnison

SA-Vocation Prayer Cross Dec 29th ~
Richard Kleinschmit Family

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	\$1476.00	38/130	\$1136.00	49/125	\$405.00	17/55
Sunday Plate	\$120.00		\$36.00		\$89.00	
Children's	\$20.00	12	\$15.00			
Rel. Retire			\$15.00	1		
CCHD			\$20.00	1		
Fall Fund			\$200.00	2		
Christmas	\$250.00	5	\$120.00	2		
Total Deposit	\$1866.00		\$1542.00		\$494.00	

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	St. Wenceslaus Sat. Jan 7th	St. William Sun. Jan 8th	St. Andrew Sun. Jan 8th
Altar Ministers	Rachel Pavelka	Ashley Parks	Evan Haverkamp
	Jacob Pavelka		Mason Mackeprang
			Sam Van Metre
Lector	Jean Pavelka	Terry Hanzlik	Lyndsy Jenness
Ushers	Chris Schreier		
	Cindy Schreier		
Greeters	Pam Sukup		Steve Kumm Fam*
	Linda Frederick		Paul & Caroline Oltjenbruns
Offertory	Doug Pavelka Fam		
EMHC	Greg Johnson	M.arilyn Janovec/Gina Johnson	Diane Fehringer, Mike Jackson^
	Kim Johnson		Loren Bratetic
Cantor	Betty Marshall		
Accompanist	Pete Pavlik		
Money Processors	Jane Bartos	Don Hanzlik	Tom & Terri Olander
	Sam Sukup	Terry Hanzlik	Duane & Diane Mlady
			Rick & Peg Kuchar
Alpine - CDA Rosary (2/ 4 Sat)			
Alpine EMHC	Steve Jacot		
Vocation Cross	Jeff /Alice Kinnison 12/28-1/11		* 1/7 Steve Kumm Family
Liturgy Assignments	St. Wenceslaus Tues. Dec 31	St. William Wed. Jan 1st	St. Andrew Wed. Jan 1st
Altar Ministers		Harley Stark	M. Abbenhaus, C.Hans, T. McQuay
Lector		Gina Johnson	Rich Kaiser
EMHC		Fred Sternberg	Keith Koertje
Greeters			Roger & Merina Leader

St. William Church Cleaners for January 4th: Marjean Pischel and Gina Johnson.

Knights of Columbus Bingo at Alpine 6:15 p.m.-Thur. January 2nd:Willard Ayers, Ted Haverkamp, Ken Meyer.

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.



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

Thank you!

Thank you to everyone that helped in any way to decorate all three churches for Christmas. Thank you to Derek Kinnison, Verdigre, Luann Schumacher and Caroline Oltjenbruns, Bloomfield for preparing and serving hot chocolate to the parishioners and guests as they went out of church after Christmas Mass. Thank you to the Lindy resident that drove Father to Bloomfield and Greg and Kim Johnson for helping Father get from Bloomfield to home through the fog after Christmas Eve Mass. To our Liturgical Minister planners and ministers for making our celebration at Mass special, thank you! Thank you to Deacon Keith and the sacristans that help prepare for Mass, we couldn't do it without you. And most of all, thank you to Father Kizito, thank you for being our Good Shepard. Merry Christmas to all!



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

St. William

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



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.



Archbishop Annual Appeal

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



**KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS**
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL

The Knights of Columbus Council 5218 of St Wenceslaus

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

From the Pastor's desk...

Christmas is a family Feast in many ways. The mystery of the Incarnation took place within a human family. God becomes part of the human family through His birth into the family of Joseph and Mary. Through the Sonship of Christ and the spirit of adoption we become God's adopted children and members of the family of God called the Church.

The Feast of the Holy Family turns our attention to Jesus' earthly family. I believe that the birth of a King in a manger would have made prime time television in modern America because it would have been an embarrassment to our collective affluence and sense of royalty. But it is precisely this divine irony, shrouded in the human reality of Jesus in the home of Nazareth, where Jesus grew up with Mary and Joseph that the Church invites her sons and daughters to reflect upon the virtues of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. Definitely, both our church and human families can learn a lot from the family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. Therefore, we are invited to enter into the school of Nazareth and to reflect upon the virtues of the Holy Family. This is where God is honored, love is nurtured and faith is deepened through obedience to God's will. It is no wonder, then, that the Church proposes the Family of Nazareth as a model of holiness for all Christian families. The world depends on the sanctification of the Christian homes to further the civilization of love and life. Human civilization, regardless of time, age or culture is secured and sustained by certain undying values and virtues. These are enumerated in the readings of the Feast of the Holy Family; Sir 3:2-14 and Col 3:12-21: God centeredness, faith, mutual love and surrender, respect, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another. These everyday virtues and values foster communion and peaceful living in family life as exemplified by Jesus, Mary and Joseph. We all are responsible for exhibiting these virtues and for creating the environment that allow others to easily model the virtues of the Holy Family. This mutual support is built upon love, the foundation of every Christian virtue. Let us all work together to create a culture that reflects the Family of Nazareth. May God richly bless your family in the New Year.

As we come to the end of the year, I am filled with grateful sentiments for the gift that you are to our parish family. Let us approach the New Year with great optimism, resolve and commitment to live out our discipleship with PURPOSE as we grow into a more inviting, welcoming and spiritual thriving community. I am grateful for all we were able to accomplish this year in both churches, especially for your generous spirit and corporation. The adult and youth ALPHA sessions in Verdigre resume in January. I urge you to give yourself the gift of participation in fellowship activities in the various churches. And if you are interested or feel called to lead a small group in any of the communities, please contact me. I will ensure that you are equipped for whatever the Lord may be putting in your heart for the good of our parishes. Please, prayerfully anticipate God's graces and blessings in the New Year! Wishing you, your family and friends a blessed New Year!

Finally, I commend you to the intercessions of the Blessed Virgin Mary, our own patron Saints Andrew, Wenceslaus and William. Stay Close to Jesus and your family. God bless you.

Sts. Wenceslaus and William CFF News



Wednesday, January 1 - NO class ~
Solemnity of Mary

Wednesday, January 8, CFF classes and Alpha sessions resume

St. Andrew CCD



Sunday, January 5, 2020
CCD 9:00 a.m.—10:15 a.m.

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**SOUP, SANDWICH,
DESSERT LUNCHEON**

Sunday, January 19, 2020
11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Free Will Donation
MASS: 10:30 am



**Chili, Potato soup,
Egg salad, Ham, Cheese sandwiches,
Taverns, Assorted Desserts**

Carry outs available-
Call the church 402-857-3438 Sunday morning
This is St. Williams's annual fundraiser.
Storm date: Sunday, January 26, 2020

Mass Intentions Needed

Currently Mass intentions are low for St. Wenceslaus and St. Andrew, there are predated Masses for intentions but not enough to fill current dates. If you would like to have a Mass said for your loved one, please contact the office. The suggested stipend for a Mass is \$10 and should be made to St. Wenceslaus Church. I will do my best to fill your requested date, or close to it. Thank you! Rita

**Seven Sisters Apostolate Informational Meeting
Saturday January 25th**

Inviting all women of the archdiocese. Are you looking for a way to help the priest(s) at your parish? Come and learn more about the Seven Sisters Apostolate on Saturday, January 25th at St. Patrick's in Fremont (3400 E 16th St, Fremont, NE 68025) from the founder of the apostolate, Janette Howe. The morning will begin with Mass at 8am with an informational meeting following at St. Patrick's parish hall. Refreshments will be provided. The meeting will conclude before noon. Contact Katie Keller at 402.575.9216 if you have any questions. More information about the apostolate can be found at: sevensistersapostolate.org

"In strengthening the priest you strengthen the whole Church... Strengthen the priest and you strengthen the whole foundation, you strengthen everything in the Church." — Fr. Gerald Fitzgerald, S.P.

**Vocation Cross Schedule
Pray for vocations
for two weeks**

Name

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.

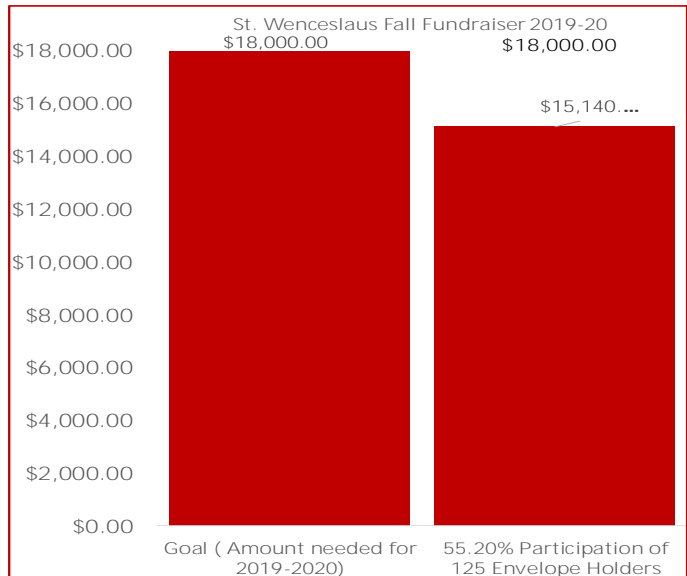


If you don't have a cell phone and have email, you can join by going online to

<https://swpverdigre.flocknote.com>

<https://stwilliamne.flocknote.com>

<https://standrewbloomfield.flocknote.com>



Poinsettia's

Every year we are so blessed to have donations of Poinsettia's, this year the following have donated in memory of Gary Frederick from Linda Frederick and family, Charles and Ann Fausset, Dean and Delilah Frank from Larry and Ruth Frank, Delores Johnson, Kristen Johnson and Mark Pischel from Greg and Kim Johnson, Lawrence Sandoz and Mark Sandoz from Mary Synder.



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.