

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



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



SUNDAY BULLETIN

FEAST DAY OF THE HOLY FAMILY

DECEMBER 30, 2018

Our 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.

PARISH CONTACTS

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St. Wenceslaus Parish Organizations

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Parish Council Pres: **Kim Johnson** 668-7344
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3rd Degree K of C: **Don Hanzlik** 857-3636
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St. William Parish Organizations

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Parish Council Pres: **Vance Janak** 857-3665
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MASS SCHEDULES

St. Wenceslaus **SATURDAY VIGIL— 5:00 P.M.
SUNDAY 9:00 AM**
St. William **SUNDAY 10:30 AM**

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, 4:00-4:45 before 5:00 p.m. Mass. Sunday at 8:30 a.m. before 9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Wenceslaus. St. William every 1st and 3rd Thursday after 5:30 Mass till 6:30 p.m. 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



THE HOLY
Family

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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 31, 2018 *Solemnity of Mary Vigil
6:30 p.m. Mass @ St. Wenceslaus
Int: † Joan Sukup

Tuesday, January 1, 2019 *Solemnity of Mary
9:00 a.m. Mass @ St. William
Int: † Alvin and Dorothy Zila

Wednesday, January 2, 2019
10:45 a.m. Mass @ Alpine
Int: † All Souls

Thursday, January 3, 2019
8:30 a.m. Mass @ St. Wenceslaus
Int: Pro-Life
5:30 p.m. Mass @ St. William
Int: † Richard Barta

Friday, January 4, 2019
8:30 a.m. Mass @ St. Wenceslaus
Int: † Eugene Cerny

Saturday, January 5, 2019
5:00 p.m. Mass @ St. Wenceslaus
Int: † Delores Johnson, Kristen Johnson, Mark Pischel

Sunday, January 6, 2019
9:00 a.m. Mass @ St. Wenceslaus
Int: † Charles & Emma Pavelka, Ben & Wilma Vonasek
10:30 a.m. Mass @ St. William
Int: † Jake and Audrey Birmeier

Vocation Prayer Cross Dec. 30th– Jan 6th,
DeLynn and Chris Minarik

Check out the Parishes' [Calendar of Events](http://www.saintsww.org) on 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) Calendar.

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

St. William Church Cleaners for December 29th: Jill Stark and Marla Reynolds.

Knights of Columbus Bingo at Alpine 6:30 p.m.-Thur. Jan 3rd: Don Pavlik and Dean Pavlik.

Liturgy Assignments

	January 5, 2019	January 6, 2019
St. Wenceslaus	5:00 p.m.	9:00 a.m.
Altar Ministers	Rachel Pavelka Landyn Frank	Michaela Ravenkamp Dan Vakoc
Lector	Jean Pavelka	Kristin Arens
Ushers	Chris/Cindy Schreier	Dan Wagner
Greeters	Robert Bollich Jennifer Bollich	Dan Schackelton Janice Schackelton
Offertory	Chris Schreier Cindy Schreier	Dan Schackelton Janice Schackelton
EMHC	Jennifer Bollich James Mlady	Theresa Pavlik Janet Frank
Cantor	Mary Pavlik	Betty Jacot
Pianist/Organist	Pete Pavlik	Katie Hollmann
Processors (Sun)		Fran Kucera Linda Frederick
Alpine - CDA Rosary (2 & 4 Sat)		
Alpine EMHC		Kathy Masat
St. William	Mon. Jan. 1st, 9:00 a.m. Mass Solemnity of Mary	Sun Jan. 6th, 10:30 a.m. Mass
Altar Minister	Volunteer	Harley Stark
Lector	Allen Leader	Emily Janak
EMHC	Rozann Graves	T.Hanzlik/F.Sternberg
Processors		Vance Janak Emily Janak

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- December 29th & 30th– Penny and a Prayer Collection.
- January 7th– January 11th– Transitioning to new Parishsoft.
- January 10th– 6:00 a.m. TMIY, look for more information in the bulletin.
- January 10th– 6:30 p.m. Alpha at United Methodist Church.
- January 10th– 6:30 p.m. St. Wenceslaus Liturgy Meeting
7:30 p.m. St. Wenceslaus Altar Society Meeting
- January 13th– After 10:30 a.m. Mass, St. William Soup Dinner
- January 27th– 12:00– 2:00 p.m. Richy Johnson Benefit at Niobrara Elementary Multipurpose Room.

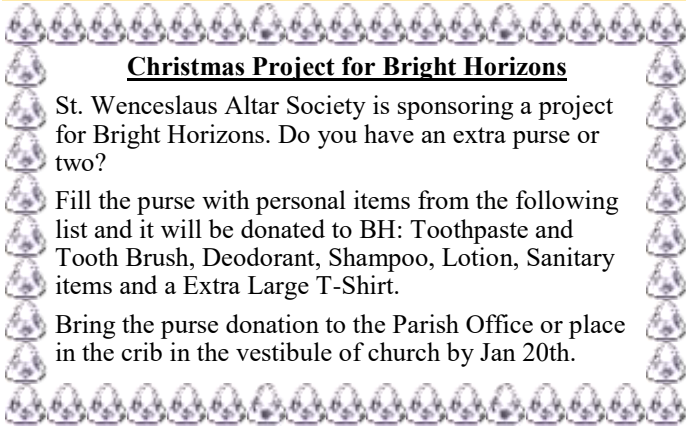
Stewardship Report

	St. William	Env's	St. Wenceslaus	Env's
Weekly Cash Needs	\$624.29		\$2,334.68	
Sunday Env	\$462.00	17/55	\$1206.00	49/125
Sunday Plate	\$70.00		\$277.00	
Immaculate Conception				
Fall Fund			\$1250.00	3
Christmas	\$1159.00	24	\$3421.00	58
Total	\$1691.00		\$6154.00	
Retirement Fund				
Total Deposit	\$1691.00		\$6154.00	

CFF

Wednesday, January 2 ~ NO Class ~ Christmas Break

Wednesday, January 9, CFF Classes Resume



Christmas Project for Bright Horizons

St. Wenceslaus Altar Society is sponsoring a project for Bright Horizons. Do you have an extra purse or two?

Fill the purse with personal items from the following list and it will be donated to BH: Toothpaste and Tooth Brush, Deodorant, Shampoo, Lotion, Sanitary items and a Extra Large T-Shirt.

Bring the purse donation to the Parish Office or place in the crib in the vestibule of church by Jan 20th.

2019 PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND WITH FR. KIZITO

The lifetime trip you've always wanted is at your reach! Will visit Bethlehem, Jordan River, Nazareth, Jerusalem, Sea of Galilee, Capernaum, Mount of Olives, Mount of Temptation, Via Dolorosa and many more!

Included is Round Trip Air Fare, (Omaha-Tel-Aviv), Hotels, 3 meals a day, transportation in comfortable Eco Tourism buses with AC and WIFI, reservations in churches and entrances to Holy Sites.

Estimated price at level of 22 pilgrims \$3,850 to \$4,100. Estimated dates of pilgrimage October 23rd to Nov. 2nd, 2019. The previous figure and date are adjusted when reservations are made.

Please, pick up a brochure or a flyer at the Rectory and sign up on the official list. The earlier we reserve, the better prices and hotels we get.

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS.

Seminary Collection

The Seminary Collection will be held the weekend of January 5-6, 2019. The Archdiocese of Omaha is currently blessed with twenty-three men studying for the Priesthood. We humbly ask for your continued prayers, sacrifices and generous financial support.



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 and 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 virtues and values. 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 which reflects the Family of Nazareth. May God richly bless your family in the New Year.

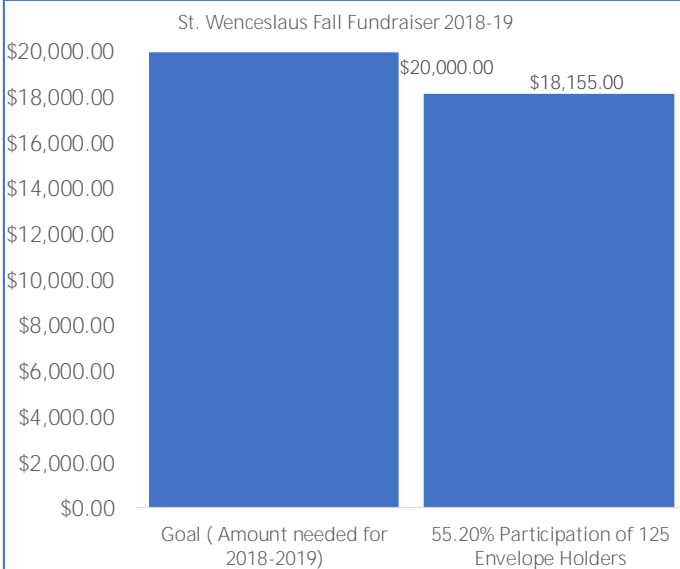
As we come to the end of the year, I am filled with grateful sentiments for the gift that you are to our parish family. Let us approach the New Year with great optimism, resolve and commitment to live out our discipleship with PURPOSE as we grow into a more inviting and welcoming community. I am grateful for all we were able to accomplish this year in both churches, especially for your generous of spirit and corporation. ALPHA sessions are being scheduled beginning in January. I urge you to invite yourself and others to a fellowship and encounter experience. Please look forward to it, expect it and pray for it. 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 Wenceslaus and William. Stay Close to Jesus and your family. God bless you.

Next Alpha Course!



The next Alpha course is scheduled to start Wednesday, Jan. 10th, at 6:30 p.m. at the United Methodist Church in Verdigre. Alpha (www.Alphausa.org) is an 11 week course consisting of interactive sessions exploring the Christian faith and developing a personal relationship with Jesus. All sessions will include dinner, presentation, and discussion. Some of the topics covered include: Who is Jesus? Why did Jesus die? How can I have faith? Why and how do I Pray and read the Bible? Who is the Holy Spirit? and How can I resist evil? To learn more or Pre-register call Alpha Team members: Zoe Vakoc (402-668-2260), Steve Jacot (402-394-1531), Jill Stark (402-857-3621), Keith and Theresa Pavlik (402-668-7363)



All men are invited to join as often as they can.
Thursdays at 6:00 a.m. at St. Wenceslaus
Week 14 (January 10, 2019) The Three Spiritual Foods

- ◆ The Universal Call to Holiness
- ◆ Learning to Feed Upon Spiritual Foods
- ◆ The Word of God is Light to Our Mind
- ◆ The Will of God Purifies Our Will
- ◆ The Eucharist is the Ultimate Spiritual Food
- ◆ The Seven Steps and Ages in the Spiritual Life
- ◆ The Challenge of Sexual Purity in Today's Culture



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

**St. William Catholic Church
 Niobrara, NE
 SOUP, SANDWICH,
 DESSERT LUNCHEON**



Sunday, January 13, 2019
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 20, 2019

**RICHY JOHNSON
 MEDICAL BENEFIT**



SUNDAY, JANUARY 27TH
 WITH SNOW DATE OF FEBRUARY 3RD

**12PM - 2PM | NIOBRARA PUBLIC ELEMENTARY
 MULTIPURPOSE ROOM**

**LIVE AUCTION, SILENT AUCTION AND
 RAFFLES START AT 2 P.M.**

GOOD WILL DONATION

SERVING:

Serving Pulled Pork
 Cheesy Potatoes
 Salads & Desserts

THE COMMUNITY WELCOMES EVERYONE

DONATIONS & CONTRIBUTIONS

Matching Funds up to \$2,000 by Modern Woodmen Camp 8993

Donations: drop off at Sportsmen's Bar - Niobrara or contact Tyler Wilson
Tyler Wilson | PO Box 195 Niobrara, NE 68760 • 712-899-3903 • tyler.dimg@gmail.com
 Facebook page: Richy Johnson Medical Benefit

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

Name

December 30, 2018	DeLynn and Chris Minarik
January 13, 2018	James and Lynette Mlady
January 27, 2018	Katie, Max & Heidi Hollmann



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