

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



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



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



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT - DECEMBER 8, 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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Deacon Steve Archbold— St. Andrew Parish
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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 9, 2019

No Mass

Tuesday, December 10, 2019

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

Int: † Elsie Mlady

Wednesday, December 11, 2019

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

Int: † Ellen Dufek

Thursday, December 12, 2019

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

Int: † John Broders

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

Int: † All Souls

Friday, December 13, 2019

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

Int: † Nelson Wandrey

Saturday, December 14, 2019

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

Int: † Bob Kment

Sunday, December 15, 2019

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

Int: Living and Deceased Parishioners

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

Int: † John and Lena Gilsdorf

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

SA-Vocation Prayer Cross Dec 15th ~
Robert and Judy Bruns

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 14th	Sunday December 15th	Sunday December 15th
	5:00 p.m.	8:30 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
Altar Ministers	Michaela Ravenkamp	Reid Teadtke	Cory Schumacher
	Jeff Kinnison		Katie & Emma Kuhlman
Lector	Kathy Masat	Ruth Bathke	Christy Mackeprang
Ushers	Scott Ravenkamp		-
	Becky Ravenkamp		-
Greeters	Linda Frederick		Robert & Judy Bruns*
	Rita Wickett		Justin Jensen Family
Offertory	Linda Frederick		-
EMHC	Diane Reiman	Chris Minarik	Bill Schumacher
	Jane Bartos		Perry & Julie^ Trenhaile
Cantor	Terry Pavlik		
Pianist/Organist	Pete Pavlik		
Money Processors	Jane Bartos	Don Hanzlik	Duane/ Luann Schumacher
	Sam Sukup	Terry Hanzlik	Mike Nissen
			Rich & Carolyn Kaiser
Alpine - CDA Rosary (2 & 4 Sat)	Donna Mae Haverkamp		
Alpine EMHC	Jeff Kinnison		
SA Vocation Cross	Marguerite Pavlik		Robert & Judy Bruns*

St. William Church Cleaners for December 14th: Ann Mitchum and Rozann Graves.

Knights of Columbus Bingo at Alpine 6:15 p.m.-Thur. December 12th: Don Pavlik and Dean Pavlik.

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	\$370.00	11/130	\$1199.00	52/125	\$267.00	16/55
Sunday Plate	\$5.00		\$210.00		\$41.00	
Children's	\$7.00	4	\$3.75			
God's Acres	\$80.00	4				
Alms			\$11.29			
Immaculate Conception			\$10.00	1		
CCHD			\$67.00	7	\$32.00	3
Fall Fundraiser			\$1875.00	3		
Total Deposit	\$462.00		\$3376.04		\$340.00	

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Office Hours - Tuesday—Friday 8:00– 4:00

- 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 11th– 8:00 p.m. St. Andrew Knights of Columbus meeting.
- December 12th– St. William Parish Council Meeting after 5:30 p.m. Mass.
- December 12th– 7:30 p.m. St. Wenceslaus 3KC meeting. No Liturgy or Altar Society meeting this month.
- December 16th– St. William will decorate church for Christmas.
- December 18th– 6:00 p.m. St. Wenceslaus CFF Christmas program, Altar Society Christmas party combined. All parishioners welcomed and encouraged to come!
- Alpha resumes January 8th.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Date: Wed. December 18th
 Time: 6:00 p.m.
 Place: Father Oborny 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.

Toys for Tots Sunday at St. Andrew

Toys for Tots Sunday will be Sunday December 15, 2019 at St. Andrews Catholic Church in Bloomfield. Children are asked to bring a gift for a less fortunate child of any age. Like always, the gifts will be brought up at offertory time.

St. William

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.

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...

Through Baptism and Confirmation we all share in the spirit of Christ as described by the Prophet Isaiah in the first reading, "a spirit of wisdom and insight, a spirit of counsel and power, a spirit of knowledge and fear of the Lord." But the spirit of Jesus is shared with us in order to live the Christian life with integrity, a robust sense of justice and fidelity to the vision of peace and harmony envisioned by the Prophet Isaiah and proffered by Christ. This vision becomes urgent in a broken world marred by war, conflict, violence, disunity, political enmity, racial and religious bigotry and every inhumane behavior. This is essentially the ground for a character like John the Baptist, called with the mission of preparing Israel to receive the Messiah. Matthew's austere characterization of John the Baptist, his stern and radical message underscores the necessity of penance and repentance. Given our proclivity to sin, the coming of Jesus and the proclamation of the "Kingdom of God" or "Kingdom of Heaven" requires that all humankind reform their lives, hence, the practice of penance hastens our repentance. John the Baptist challenges his audience, the Pharisees and Sadducees to take a stand, either for God or against God (Lk 11:23). Thus, the invitation is to embrace the humility which prevents us from going away from God and instead try to get closer to him. We must abandon our self righteous posture and false confident grip on salvation without a sincere desire and effort towards repentance. Our conversion must transcend good resolutions to mend our ways; even when it appears difficult. The good news lies in the Christian hope which raises our ethical consciousness to seek harmony in the midst of chaos, grace in the depth of sin and peace over conflict. The Christian attitude of mercy and service are the vehicles through which authentic peace and harmony are spread among peoples. Therefore, the voice of John the Baptist renews our hope in the Lord for a better world through the invitation to "Prepare a way for the Lord, make his path straight." Therefore, let us take advantage of the opportunities for confession or reconciliation and penance during this time of the year. In fact, the Christian life is a life of daily repentance from all that estrange us from family, community, one another and from God.

This Sunday we are glad to host at St. Wenceslaus parish Church the Verdigre Community Chorus as they usher in the spirit of Christmas with heartwarming songs. I am particularly proud of all our parishioners who are members of the Chorus and bring others joy through their musical talents. Please, let us appreciate their time and dedication by turning out in good numbers. See you on Sunday afternoon.

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



December 11 - 6:30 p.m. Christmas program practice in the Father Oborny Auditorium for all students in grades K-12.

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

December 25 – NO Class ~ Merry Christmas!

Congratulations to Brooklyn Ebel and Parker Frank receiving the sacrament of Reconciliation.

St. Andrew CCD

Congratulations to Crew Dewald on receiving the sacrament of Reconciliation December 8, 2019

Sunday, December 15, 2019

9:00—10:15 a.m. CCD Class

4th, 5th & 6th Grade Rosary

Coffee and Rolls– Surprise Visitor!!



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: \$5938.00/ 87.3%	Collection to date: \$4598.00/ 67.5%	Collection to date: \$2615.00/ 105%

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.



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



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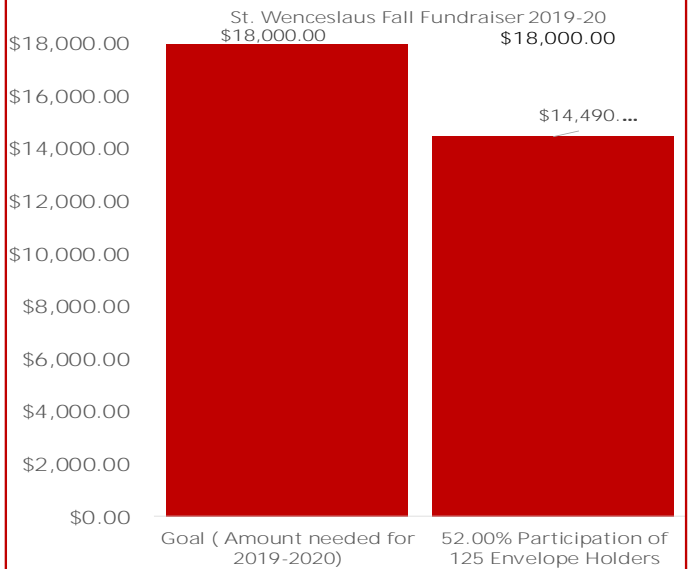


If you don't have a cell phone and have email, you can join by going online to

<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 13 (December 12, 2019)
Love is Possible

PRESENTATION POINTS

- In the Battle for Love God is Fighting for Us
- The Renewal God has in Store for Our Culture
- The Gift of the Life-Giving Water
- Water Flowing from the Temple
- The Mystery of Lourdes and the Holy Family
- Man Cannot Live Without Love - JPII
- Love is our Origin and Love is Our Destiny

Fall Semester ends Dec. 12. Watch for Spring Semester in Jan.