

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



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



SUNDAY BULLETIN

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 10, 2019

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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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.saintswv.org

Facebook: St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church / St. William Catholic Church

WHAT WEEDS ARE YOU GOING TO PULL UP...

PRIDE	LUST	GLUTTONY	SLOTH
GREED	WRATH	ENVY	

...AND WHAT SEEDS ARE YOU PLANTING THIS LENT?

HUMILITY	CHASTITY	TEMPERANCE	DILIGENCE
GENEROSITY	MEEKNESS	CHARITY	

CatholicLink

Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

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, March 11, 2019
No Mass

Tuesday, March 12, 2019
5:15 p.m. Stations of the Cross @ St. William
6:30 p.m. Mass @ St. Wenceslaus
Int: † Richard Novacek

Wednesday, March 13, 2019
10:45 a.m. Mass @ Alpine
Int: † Joan Sukup
6:00 Stations of the Cross @ St. Wenceslaus

Thursday, March 14, 2019
8:30 a.m. Mass @ St. Wenceslaus
Int: † All Souls
5:30 p.m. Mass @ St. William
Int: Dan and Loretta Zelasney
Confession after 5:30 p.m. Mass @ St. William

Friday, March 15, 2019
8:30 a.m. Mass @ St. Wenceslaus
Int: † Sister Elisa Haverkamp

Saturday, March 16, 2019 Prom Mass
4:00 p.m. Mass @ St. Wenceslaus
Int: Living and Deceased Parishioners

Sunday, March 17, 2019
9:00 a.m. Mass @ St. Wenceslaus
Int: † Gene Peters
10:30 a.m. Mass @ St. William
Int: † Larry Shaffer

Vocation Prayer Cross March 10th—March 24th
Ted and Donna Mae Haverkamp

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.

FYL—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 March 16th: Emily Janak and Chelsea Wagner.

Knights of Columbus Bingo at Alpine 6:30 p.m.-Thur.
March 14th: Pete Pavlik, Dr. Ken Pavlik, Ray Franek.

Liturgy Assignments

	March 16, 2019	March 17, 2019
St. Wenceslaus	5:00 p.m.	9:00 a.m.
Altar Ministers	Steve Jacot Betty Jacot	Youth
Lector	Carolyn Kment	Youth
Ushers	Chris/Cindy Schreier	Youth
Greeters	Chris Schreier	Youth
Offertory	Cindy Schreier Chris Schreier	Youth
EMHC	Greg Johnson Kim Johnson	Theresa Pavlik Jane Bartos
Cantor	Volunteer	Jenny Kucera
Pianist/Organist	Volunteer	Pete Pavlik
Processors (Sun)		Jane Bartos Sam Sukup
Alpine - CDA Rosary (2 & 4 Sat)		
Alpine EMHC		Donna Mae Haverkamp
St. William		Sun March 17th, 10:30 a.m. Mass
Altar Minister		Emily Parks
Lector		Ruth Bathke
EMHC		Gina Johnson
Processors		Marjean Pischel Gina Johnson

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Every Thursday at 6:00 a.m. TMIY. Look for more information in the bulletin.
- March 14th -Alpha Meets at United Methodist Church
- Friday's in March- St. Wenceslaus Altar Society sponsoring a Fish Fry 5:00- 7:30 p.m. in the Fr. Oborny Auditorium..
- March 12th- 7:00 p.m. St. Wenceslaus Liturgy and Altar Society Meeting Combined.
- March 19th- St. Wenceslaus Parish Council Meeting after 6:30 p.m. Mass in the Fr. Oborny Auditorium.
- Every Sunday during Lent- Both parishes will have a Grateful Dollar collection. Each year this collection is used to help the needy in the area. Please give generously.

Stewardship Report

	St. William	Env's	St. Wenceslaus	Env's
Weekly Cash Needs	\$624.29		\$2,334.68	
Sunday Env	\$530.00	19/55	\$1517.00	57/125
Sunday Plate	\$10.00		\$28.67	
First Offering	\$5.00	1	\$5.00	1
Total	\$545.00		\$1550.67	
Catholic Relief	\$20.00	1		
Home & Foreign			\$10.00	1
Black & Indian	\$20.00	1	\$20.00	1
Total Deposit	\$585.00		\$1580.67	

CFF

Wednesday, March 13, 6:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross~ Classes for Kindergarten through Confirmation in the St. Wenceslaus Plaza following stations. Parents will be meeting for catechesis and elementary packet distribution.

Wednesday, March 20, 6:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross~ Classes for Kindergarten through Confirmation in the St. Wenceslaus Plaza following stations. (Parents are at home during class time.)

Trip to the Holyland 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! Couples would have the opportunity to renew their wedding vows in the Church of Cana, the village of Jesus 'first miracle of changing water into wine.

The price for the pilgrimage is \$3,599. Only \$500 deposit is required at registration

Included is Round Trip Air Fare, (Omaha-Tel-Aviv), 4 star Hotels, 2 meals a day (Breakfast and Supper), transportation in comfortable Eco Tourism buses with AC and WIFI, tips, reservations in churches and entrances to Holy Sites.

The plan is to travel with a small group of 22 pilgrims. Currently 17 people have signed up.

Please, pick up a brochure or a flyer at the Rectory and sign up on the official list. Also, you may call Issa Barakat at Holy Land Travel Center- 402-507-7067

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS.



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



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

RNW Deanery Reconciliation Services

- Sunday, March 10th, 2:00 p.m. Sacred Heart Parishes of Boyd County at St. Mary's in Spencer.
- Sunday, March 24th, 5:00 p.m. St. Wenceslaus and St. Williams, at St. Wenceslaus in Verdigre.
- Sunday, April 7th, 4:00 p.m. St. Peter's in Ewing.
- Sunday, April 7th, 5:30 p.m. St. John the Baptist in Deloit Township.
- Sunday, April 7th, 7:00 p.m. St. Theresa of Avila in Clearwater.
- Tuesday, April 9th 7:00 p.m. St. Patrick and St. Joseph at St. Patrick's in O'Neill (Mission talk from 7:00 to 7:30, Confessions begin at 7:30).
- Sunday, April 14th 5:00 p.m. St. Ignatius and St. Ludger's at St. Ludger's in Creighton.

From the Pastor's desk...

It is fair to say, life equals opportunity. The opportunities life present are often not labeled as such; however, it is up to us to decode whatever life throws at us and turn them into moments of grace. This is counter intuitive because we seldom consider challenging and painful experiences as opportunities for grace, virtue and growth. This Lent offers us the opportunity to embrace a new way of dealing with personal temptations and trials.

We like to read about heroes and heroine. Even though we value their accomplishments, often, we don't reflect much on the challenges and sufferings they had to endure to attain heroic status. Interestingly, too, when life gets rosy, we tend to forget the rough and tumbles, or the pains and groans of the past. While this is a good thing, sometimes, this memory loss may limit the inherent potential for those experiences to become opportunities for praise and gratitude to God and compassion for the neighbor in need.

In the passage Dt 26:4-10, Moses instructed the Israelites to cease upon the experience of slavery in Egypt and their sojourn in the desert as opportunity to offer God the best of their produce, now that they are in the Promised Land. Placing their first fruits before the Lord was a gesture of praise and honor to the God who remains faithful and embraces us through life's challenges. It is this recognition and awareness of God's love and presence in our lives that ignites faith and embolden our profession of faith, both in word and action (Rom 10:8-13). Thus, the trials, challenges and sufferings of life offer us the opportunity to celebrate the victory of God's grace, rather than succumb to the challenges which beset us. This is the experience of Jesus in the Temptation passage.

Jesus faced with three temptations at the beginning of his public ministry ceases upon the opportunity to reject power, possession and prestige (Lk 4:1-13). Rather, Jesus embraces the mission of saving humankind by demonstrating wisdom, fortitude, obedience and surrender to God's will. While the devil tried to corrupt God's word, Jesus demonstrated genuine faith in understanding the purity and truth of God's word. He relied on the love of the Father for strength. During this sacred season of Lent and beyond, there will be several opportunities for us to endure, persevere and embrace God's love through the pains and sufferings of life. We will have the opportunity to confidently trust in God's providence and presence to overcome temptation, sin, pain and suffering.

Please, join us for the stations on the designated days in Niobrara and Verdigre. It is the season of mercy, overflowing with God's forgiveness. Let us cease upon the opportunity to go to confession, reconcile with God and neighbor, and befriend those at the margin of society.

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

Alpha!



Please pray for our Winter Alpha course team and attendees. That the Holy Spirit may guide them and open their hearts to a closer relationship with Jesus... Thank you for your prayers.

Omaha Unite

On June 8, experience your faith in a new way - a vibrant, joy-filled, one-day Catholic event called **ArchOmaha Unite!** Thousands of Catholics from every corner of the archdiocese will rally together to celebrate hope, family, community and ALL the things that make us 'who we are' in the Archdiocese of Omaha. Don't miss out on this once-in-a-lifetime event! Admission is free, but space is limited! Save a place for you and your family at Unite by registering today at [unite.Archomaha.org!](http://unite.Archomaha.org)

St. Wenceslaus and St. William is chartering a bus, if you are registered for Archomaha Unite and would like to ride the bus, your name can be placed on a waiting list. The bus is full! Please check the Catholic Voice for the article about Omaha Unite!

Military Addresses~ Alms Box/Grateful Dollar~ Prom Mass

*Military Addresses Needed - The St. Wenceslaus Liturgy Committee is requesting addresses of your military servicemen and women so our parishes can thank them for their service to America and to let them know they will be especially remembered in our prayers during this Lenten season. Please submit the addresses to Donna Mae Haverkamp @ 402-668-7348 or Lynette Mlady @ 402-668-7248.

Almighty God, We lift up prayer for our military personnel. We ask for blessing's for all our men and women in uniform both here and around the world. We are grateful for their service and their dedication to keeping our nation safe. We pray that you would keep them and their families safe. We ask this in the name of your beloved son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

*Alms Box in Church - Grateful Dollar Collection will be taken during weekend Masses of Lent. The money will be donated or used to help the needy in our area. If you miss the opportunity to give during the collection at Mass, there is an Alms Box attached to the wall near the votive candles designated for Alms. You can contribute at any time and the funds will go towards the needy.

*Mass before Prom - Next Saturday March 16, 2019 Mass will be at 4:00 PM before Prom. All Juniors, Seniors, & their dates and friends are encouraged to attend along with parishioners & guests. There will be no 5:00 Mass on March 16th.

Vocation Cross Schedule Pray for vocations for two weeks	Name
March 10, 2019	Ted and Donna Mae Haverkamp
March 24, 2019	Larry and Kathy Masat

THE FINAL 5 PRESENTATIONS WILL PROVIDE AN EXCEPTIONAL LENTEN ACTIVITY FOR ALL MEN TO ADD TO PREPARATION FOR THE CELEBRATION OF EASTER.



All men are encouraged to attend as often as they can. Thursdays at 6:00 a.m. at St. Wenceslaus. Following Lenten Breakfast - Session 23 (March 14, 2019)

- Fr. Dave Pivonka Returns
- The Descent of the Holy Spirit
- Jesus Breathes on the Apostles
- The Power of the Breath of God
- Having a Relationship with the Holy Spirit
- God Brings to Life Dry Bones

St. Wenceslaus Lenten Fish Fry 2019 Friday
 March 8, 15, 22, 29
 April 5 & 12
 Serving 5:00 - 7:30 p.m.
 St. Wenceslaus Church Auditorium
 Verdigre, NE

Menu: Fried and Baked Fish Scalloped Potatoes Salad bar, Roll and Brownie	Sales tax included: Adults: \$12.00 Children 5-12 \$ 3.00 Under 5 Free
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In town delivery call 402-668-2375

St. Wenceslaus / St. William Lenten Schedule 2019

Stations of the Cross will be at:

- St. William every Tuesday at 5:15 p.m. through Lent
- St. Wenceslaus every Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. through Lent. CFF students are encouraged to attend.

Confessions:

- St. Wenceslaus: Please contact Father for private confession outside of regular scheduled reconciliation time.
- St. William: Every Thursday after 5:30 p.m. Mass

Y-Disciple Dinner Fundraiser

The Y-disciple youth group will put on a Y-serve Dinner Fundraiser. The dinner on Sunday, April 7th will be held in the Father Oborny Auditorium and will be served at 5:30 p.m. This dinner also comes with the option to participate in an Escape Room Challenge! Tickets for the meal will be \$15 and if you wish to participate in an Escape Room team it is an additional \$5. Please purchase your tickets early to reserve your seat as space is limited. Make checks to St. Wenceslaus Church.

If you wish to donate any supplies needed for the fundraiser, the list can be found in the vestibule. For monetary donations please leave in the collection and label the envelope "YD dinner donation".

Thank you for prayers and support of our youth! Questions contact Jenny Kucera 402-394-1344.