

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



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



**SUNDAY BULLETIN**

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**MAY 12, 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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**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**

# 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, May 13, 2019**  
No Mass

**Tuesday, May 14, 2019**  
6:30 p.m. Mass @ St. Wenceslaus  
Int: † Joseph and Otilia Pavlik

**Wednesday, May 15, 2019**  
10:45 a.m. Mass @ Alpine  
Int: † For Mother's and Grandmother's

**Thursday, May 16, 2019**  
8:30 a.m. Mass @ St. Wenceslaus  
Int: † Dr. Jerry Griffin

5:30 p.m. Mass @ St. William  
Int: Emery Schmitt Family

**Friday, May 17, 2019**  
8:30 a.m. Mass @ St. Wenceslaus  
Int: † Richard Novacek

**Saturday, May 18, 2019**  
5:00 p.m. Mass @ St. Wenceslaus  
Int: † Philip and Lona Schreier

**Sunday, May 19, 2019**  
9:00 a.m. Mass @ St. Wenceslaus  
Int: Living and Deceased Parishioners

10:30 a.m. Mass @ St. William  
Int: † Larry Shaffer

**Vocation Prayer Cross May 5th—May 19th**  
~Steve and Betty Jacot

**\*Please pick up Easter Lilies from Church!!**

Check out the Parishes' Calendar of Events on [www.saintsww.org](http://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 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 May 18th: Shirley Mathis and Chris Minarik.

**Knights of Columbus Bingo at Alpine 6:30 p.m.-Thur.**  
May 16th: Willard Ayers, Ted Haverkamp, Ken Meyer.

## Liturgy Assignments

	May 18th	May 19th
<b>St. Wenceslaus</b>	5:00 p.m.	9:00 a.m.
<b>Altar Ministers</b>	Joseph Pavelka Rachel Pavelka	Steve Jacot Betty Jacot
<b>Lector</b>	Jean Pavelka	Theresa Pavlik
<b>Ushers</b>	Doug Pavelka	Dan Wagner
<b>Greeters</b>	Kathy Masat	Pam Sukup Glenna Soucek
<b>Offertory</b>	Doug Pavelka Family	Glenna Soucek
<b>EMHC</b>	Carolyn Kment Kathy Masat	Jane Bartos Pam Sukup
<b>Cantor</b>	Volunteer	Betty Marshall
<b>Pianist/Organist</b>	Volunteer	Katie Hollmann
<b>Processors (Sun)</b>		Jane Bartos Sam Sukup
<b>Alpine - CDA Rosary (2 &amp; 4 Sat)</b>		
<b>Alpine EMHC</b>		Dr. Ken Pavlik
<b>St. William</b>		Sun May 19th, 10:30 a.m. Mass
<b>Altar Minister</b>		Ashley Parks
<b>Lector</b>		Mary Scheinost
<b>EMHC</b>		Fred Sternberg
<b>Processors</b>		DeLynn Minarik Chris Minarik

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- May 14th— OACCW will meet at 9:30 a.m. at Raeville, NE.
- May 15th— 7:00 p.m. St. Andrew's Parish Council and Finance Council Meeting at Bloomfield.
- May 16th— 4:30 p.m. St. William Altar Society meeting.
- May 21st— St. Wenceslaus Parish and Finance Council Meeting after 6:30 p.m. Mass.
- May 23rd— St. William Parish Council Meeting after 5:30 p.m. Mass.
- May 28th— After 6:30 p.m. Mass, St. Wenceslaus, St. William and St. Andrew's Parish Council and Finance Council meeting in Fr. Oborny Auditorium.
- May 27th— 9:00 a.m. Memorial Day Mass at the Cemetery, weather permitting.

## Stewardship Report

	St. William	Env's	St. Wenceslaus	Env's
<b>Weekly Cash Needs</b>	\$624.29		\$2,334.68	
<b>Sunday Env</b>	\$393.00	16/55	\$1251.00	48/125
<b>Sunday Plate</b>	\$56.01		\$232.50	
<b>Easter</b>			\$55.00	2
<b>Total</b>	\$449.01		\$1538.50	
<b>Holy Day(s)</b>	\$20.00	1		
<b>Rice Bowl</b>			\$42.00	1
<b>Total Deposit</b>	\$469.01		\$1580.50	

## CFF

The 2018-2019 CFF Year is winding down. The theme this year was *"We are called to be Disciples and Friends of Jesus."* Thank you to Father Kizito, as well as, the regular CFF teachers, youth group leaders, teacher aides and substitutes for sharing their faith with the youth of our parishes. Thank you to the CFF parents for making the commitment to getting their children to class and other events. Parents, teachers and students are also very thankful to the St. Wenceslaus Altar Society for hosting the parties both at Christmas and at the end of the year. Most of all we are thankful for ALL of the parishioners who support our Catholic Faith Formation Program with positive words of encouragement, and prayers .



## **World Day of Prayer For Vocations May 12, 2019**

**Prayer cards available in the  
entrance of church**

### EMHC/Lector Training

Training for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion/  
Lectors  
Listed below are the dates for both Urban and Rural locations.  
**Please submit your name to the parish office by July 1, 2018 if you would like to be an EMHC or Lector. You must attend the Training and the Mandation at one location.**

#### TRAINING DATES:

##### URBAN

**Sunday, August 4, 2019**

St Columbkille, Papillion 1:30 – 4:30 P.M.

**Tuesday, August 13, 2019**

St. Leo I, Omaha 7:00 – 10:00 P.M.

**Monday, August 19, 2019**

St. Vincent de Paul, Omaha 7:00 – 10:00 P.M.

##### RURAL

Sunday, August 18, 2019

St. Mary, Norfolk 1:30 – 4:30 P.M.

Sunday, August 25, 2019

St Mary, West Point 1:30 - 4:30 P.M.

#### MANDATION – RURAL – Wednesday, August 28, 2019

St. Mary's Norfolk – 7:00 P.M.

URBAN -Thursday, August 29, 2019-St. Cecilia Cathedral -  
Omaha – 7:00 P.M.

If you have any questions, please contact the Worship Office  
at 558-3100 x3007

### From Omaha Archdiocese:



The Participation Competition is now over!

**And the winner of Unite VIP seating is...**

**St. Wenceslaus (Verdigre) Congratulations!**

### **From the Pastor's desk...**

The Fourth Sunday of Easter is traditionally known as *The Good Shepherd Sunday*. Often the Gospel Reading is taken from chapter 10 of John's Gospel. This passage employs the metaphors of *sheep* and *Shepherd* to describe the nature of Jesus's intimacy and relationship with his followers. Prior to this teaching, the Jewish authority took an adversarial posture against Jesus. The crowd, too, were beginning to question if Jesus is the Messiah. Therefore, Jesus affirms and reaffirms his authority by making bold and courageous claims, "I am the Good Shepherd." "My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me." "The Father and I are one" In making these claims, Jesus rebukes the Jewish authority, the Pharisees, Sadducees and Scribes, who had failed in their leadership role. What is striking is how Jesus uses the language of relationship, intimacy and care to express authority. Also, the image of the *Good Shepherd* evokes courage, protection, guidance and nurturance. These are the various ways through which Jesus leads and protects us from the harmful ways of the world, to keep us in the path of grace and salvation. This is only possible to the degree that the *sheep* recognize and listen to the voice of the *Good Shepherd*. The dynamics between the *sheep* and *Good Shepherd* reveal trust, docility and humility. The fact that the *sheep* listen only to the voice of the *Good Shepherd*, who knows and calls them by name, accentuates the degree of trust and intimacy between the *sheep* and the Good Shepherd. The Good Shepherd does much to demonstrate His commitment to the welfare of the flock: He lays down his life for the flock, He gives them eternal life, He leads them to better pastures, He is courageous in the face of danger, He cares for other sheep, He gathers the sheep into one fold. The Good Shepherd's unwavering commitment to His flock flows from the intimacy and unity between the Father and the Son, "The Father and I are one." At this point, the *Good Shepherd* passage should have eliminated every doubt in our hearts regarding Jesus' identity and commitment to love us; and the invitation to share in the intimacy between the Father and the Son. May our familiarity with the voice of Jesus, *The Good Shepherd*, lead us into deeper intimacy with God.

Congratulations to Kelly Wagner and Travis Frank and all the graduates from Verdigre and Niobrara Public Schools. We are proud of their years of hard work, growth and accomplishments. We commend them and their future to the care of God. May the road ahead not be long and may they continue to journey through life, aware of God's love and grace.

We have in the past rolled out our summer schedule, beginning Memorial Day, and make adjustments to Mass times for St. Wenceslaus, Verdigre and St William, Niobrara. However, due to the uncertainty created by the flooding of bridges and roads, and the adjustments needed to accommodate St. Andrew's Church, Bloomfield, we shall observe the status quo until the new Mass times take off beginning July 1st. So, Mass and confession times will remain the same until July 1st. Please, bear with me and us during these weeks of transition. I realize that change is difficult and we each respond to change differently. My goal is to make the transition less stressful as possible. I appreciate your understanding and cooperation. Please, continue to pray for me and the process.

I commend you to the intercessions of the Blessed Virgin Mary, our patrons Saints Wenceslaus and William. Stay close to Jesus and your family. God bless you.

**2019 Marriage Celebration Save the Date**

The Center for Family Life Formation provides marriage enrichment opportunities throughout the calendar year. The fall marriage celebrations are a time when couples attend a Mass of thanksgiving celebrating their anniversaries with Archbishop Lucas at St. Cecilia's Cathedral in Omaha and St. Mary's in Norfolk. Couples renew their vows and commitment to their vocation and sacrament of Matrimony.

Archbishop George J. Lucas invites you to attend the annual Mass honoring marriage and your anniversary. This event honors couples celebrating 1, 5, 25, 40, 50, 55, 60 or more years of marriage. September 15th, 2019 in Omaha and September 29th, 2019 in Norfolk.

Sponsored by the Center for Family Life Formation.

Registration opens in June. Visit [family.archomaha.org/enriching-marriage/enrichment-events/](http://family.archomaha.org/enriching-marriage/enrichment-events/) for the latest updates and information.



**ST. WENCESLAUS AND ST. WILLIAM HAS FLOCKNOTE!!**

This is a communication tool that will allow us to keep YOU (our parishioners) updated on all the happenings going on in our parish community. Important things like cancellations due to weather, reminders for Holy Day Mass, even upcoming events will be sent straight to your computer or phone! Email addresses and some cell numbers have been imported. No login or app is needed to receive messages. \*To update your information and to be sure you receive flocknote messages, text this information for your parish: For St. Wenceslaus text: wenc to 84576 For St. William text: will to 84576

**Kolach Baking**

It's that time of year again! Kolach Baking (June 6th & 7th) schedules will be handed out at Mass on the first weekend in May and sent in the mail to those not picking them up. Each Altar Society member is asked to help with this annual fundraiser. All help is appreciated!



Kolaches are \$10.00 per dozen. For orders over 5 dozen, please call the Fr. Oborny Auditorium at 402-668-2375 before noon on Thursday or Friday.

**Water Damage?**

If you live in a home in the country and had water damage in your home. Please contact the parish office with that information before May 15th. Parishioners please pass this information on to your rural neighbors.

**Knox County Right to Life Baby Bottle Fundraiser**

The Knox County Right to Life is holding a baby bottle fundraiser Mother's Day through Father's Day, May 12– June 16.

Knox County Right to Life strives to be a voice for the voiceless, defending life from conception to natural death. We strive to strengthen our communities by educating, encouraging, defending, assisting and praying for a greater respect for life and families.

Little Miracles is part of the Knox County Right to Life and assists mothers and fathers with their needs for toddlers and infants.

A portion of the funds received will go to the Little Miracles program.

**St. Andrew's, St. Wenceslaus and St. William Parish Council and Finance Council**

Beginning July 1st I will be pastor of St. Andrew Catholic Church Bloomfield. I warmly welcome parishioners of St Andrew Bloomfield to our parish cluster and look forward to the opportunity to serve their families as well. In order to facilitate a smooth transition, there will a special meeting of the parish council and the finance council members of the three churches on Tuesday May 28th. This special gathering will begin with a Mass at 6:30pm, then, followed by the meeting at 7PM in the Fr. Oborny Auditorium, Verdigre. Also, invited to the meeting is the Director of Pastoral Planning and Services, Fr. Jeff Lorig and Fr. Tim Podraza, pastor of Rose of Lima Parish Crofton. The purpose of this meeting is to begin conversations around our new pastoral reality and to discuss areas of collaboration as a communion of three churches. The gathering will address three important subjects: (1) Mass Schedule (2) Budget- percentages and shared expenses (3) Rita Pavlik's work hours and benefits. Please, pray for a smooth transition and for the fruitfulness of our meetings.

**St. Isidore the Farmer  
May 15, 2019**



Almighty God and Father of all,  
You give to man the opportunity to  
Harvest the good things of Your  
Creation and to build up Your Kingdom.

By the prayers and holy example of Saint Isidore,  
inspire us to be diligent in our  
laboring and to have trustful hearts  
that rely totally on your loving providence.

Help us to care for creation and use it  
for its highest good; to bring true charity to those  
around us. Through the intercession of your faithful  
servant St. Isidore, help all who sow and reap to  
abound in rich harvests. May all who work the land  
be treated fairly and be allowed to share in the  
fruits of their labor.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and  
the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.  
Amen.

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

**Name**

May 5, 2019

Steve and Betty Jacot

May 19, 2019

Derek Kinnison

June 2, 2019

Marguerite Pavlik