

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

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

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



FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT - MARCH 1, 2020

St. Andrew, St. Wenceslaus and St. William
Vision and Purpose Statement

Make Disciples and Lead others into Relationship with Jesus

PARISH CONTACTS

Rev. Kizito R. Okhuoya, Pastor— okhuoyak@gpcom.net
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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 Kemp857-3597
Parish Trustee: Mary Scheinost857-3763
Altar Society Pres: Pat Altwine750-3920

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 Johnson668-7344
Parish Trustee: Dan Vakoc668-7206
Parish Trustee: Fran Kucera668-7217
Altar Society Pres: Wilma Vakoc668-7206
3rd Degree K of C: Don Hanzlik857-3636
4th Degree K of C: Ken Meyer358-3881
CDA Regent: Linda Paesl668-7314
DRE: Jean Pavelka668-7240

St. Andrew Parish Organizations

St. Andrew Church
305 South McNamara Street
Bloomfield, NE 68718
402-373-2233

Parish Council Pres: Troy Pinkelman402-617-0815
Finance Council Advisor:Deacon Steve Archbold
Parish Trustee: Troy Pinkelman402-617-0815
Parish Trustee: Steve Kumm402-841-6399
Altar Society Pres.: Caroline Oltjenbruns..402-373-2581
Christian Mothers: Luann Schumacher402-373-2418
K of C Grand Knight:Jeff Fehringer
DRE: Barb Jackson402-373-2696

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](#)

Catholic Programming: (TV) [EWTN Channel 19 Cable](#)

[Spirit Radio:88.3 \(KOLB\) Hartington 91.5 Grand Island 102.7 Papillion/Lincoln](#)



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 2, 2019
 No Mass

Tuesday, March 3, 2019
 9:30 a.m. Mass @ Countryside Villa, Wausa
 Int: Residents and Families

10:45 a.m. Mass @ Good Samaritan, Bloomfield
 Int: Residents and Families

5:15 Stations of the Cross @ St. William, Niobrara

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

Wednesday, March 4, 2019
 10:45 a.m. Mass @ Alpine
 Int: † All Souls

6:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross @ St. Wenc, Verd
 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross @ St. Andrew, Blfd

Thursday, March 5, 2019
 8:00 a.m. Mass @ St. Andrew, Bloomfield
 Int: † Herbert Boecker

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

Friday, March 6, 2019
 8:30 a.m. Mass @ St. Wenceslaus, Verdigre
 Int: † Eileen Walsh

Saturday, March 7, 2019
 5:00 p.m. Mass @ St. Wenceslaus, Verdigre
 Int: † Bob Kment

Sunday, March 8, 2019 *Turn clocks ahead !
 8:30 a.m. Mass @ St. William, Niobrara
 Int: † Bob Pischel

10:30 a.m. Mass @ St. Andrew, Bloomfield
 Int: Living and Deceased Parishioners

Key Contact Numbers for Reporting Abuse

Archdiocese Victim Outreach and Prevention Manager, Mary Beth Hanus: 1-888-808-9055
 Archdiocese Child Abuse/Neglect 24 hot Hotline- 1-800-652-1999
 Violence Abuse Hotline: for survivors of domestic abuse and sexual assault is 1-800-876-6238
 Boys Town Crisis Intervention Resource Referral Hotline: 1-800-448-3000

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	\$1337.00	45/130	\$1051.00	50/125	\$409.00	16/55
Sunday Plate	\$153.00		\$54.00		\$53.00	
Children's	\$30.00	19	\$2.00		\$7.00	
Fuel	\$220.00	5				
Home/Foreign			\$10.00	1		
Seminary						
Total Deposit	\$1740.00		\$1117.00		\$469.00	

Liturgy Assignment	St. Wenceslaus Sat. Mar. 7th	St. William Sun. Mar 8th	St. Andrew Sun. Mar. 8th
Altar Ministers	Rachel Pavelka	Taylor Teadtke	Morgan Kleinschmit
	Jacob Pavelka		Carly Kleinschmit
			Carter Hans
Lector	Jean Pavelka	Kathy Foner	Steve Kumm
Ushers	Richard Jacot		
	Ann Jacot		
Greeters	Linda Frederick		Joe & Mary Skrivan*
	Alta Vakoc		Travis Schumacher Family
Offertory	Alta Vakoc		
	Linda Frederick		
EMHC	Carolyn Kment	Gina Johnson	Loren Bratetic
	Jeff Kinnison		Cynthia Kumm
Cantor	Jenny Kucera		Mike Jackson^
Accompanist	Pete Pavlik		
Money Processors	Jane Bartos	Mary Scheinost	Ken & Tami Kuhlman
	Sam Sukup	Rozann Graves	David & Staci Kleinschmit
			Troy & Lauren Pinkelman
Alpine EMHC	Jeff Kinnison		
Alpine Rosary CDA	2nd and 4th Sat.		
Vocation Cross	2/22 James and Lynette Mlady		Justin Jensen Family * 2/23

- MARK YOUR CALENDAR**
 Office Hours - Tues- Fri 8:00- 4:00
- February 29/March 1- Second collection for Black and Indian Mission.
 - March 1st- St. William Church Fellowship after Mass with coffee, juice and rolls. All Are Welcome!
 - March 4th- 7:00 p.m. St. Andrew Altar Society meeting.
 - March 5th- CDA 7:00 Rosary followed by a meeting.
 - March 6th- 2:00 p.m. St. Andrew World Day of Prayer.
 - March 6th- 5:00- 7:30 p.m. St. Wenceslaus Lenten Fish Fry.
 - March 8th- Daylight Savings Time Turn Clocks Ahead One Hour.
 - March 12th- 6:30 p.m. St. Wenc. Liturgy Committee meeting
 - 7:30 p.m. St. Wenc Altar Society meeting
 - 7:30 p.m. St. Wenc 3KC meeting in Plaza
 - March 13th- 5:00-7:30 p.m. Lenten Fish Fry, Bloomfield Community Center sponsored by Knights of Columbus.
 - March 21st- 4:00 p.m. Mass /Prom Jr/Sr and guests. All are welcome. There will not be 5:00 p.m. Mass this Saturday.

St. William Church Cleaners for March 7th: Cathy Barta, Tammie Parks, Amber Knight.

Knights of Columbus Bingo at Alpine 6:15 p.m.-Thur. March 5th: Don Pavlik and Dean Pavlik.

CDA NEWS



Catholic Daughters meeting will be at St. Ludger Social Hall, Thursday, March 5, at 7:00 p.m. beginning with Rosary. Kathy Becker and Karen Boyle are on lunch committee for drinks. (usually no food during Lent). Ladies if you need a ride, contact Linda Paesl 402-841-9411 Verdigre, Janet Frank, Verdigre 402-358-0278 and Kay



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

Alpha Schedule

March:

4th Why and How Should I tell others?

11th How does God heal?

18th What about the Church?



Military Addresses ~ Alms Box/Grateful Dollar ~ Prom Mass

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— Saturday, March 21, 2020 mass will be at 4:00 p.m. before Prom. All Juniors, Seniors and their dates and friends are encouraged to attend along with parishioners & guests. There will be no 5:00 p.m. Mass on March 21st.

St. Andrew, St. Wenceslaus, St. William Lenten Schedule 2020

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.**
- **St. Andrew Children's Stations of the Cross, March 4th @ 7:00 p.m. March 11, 19 (Thur), 25, April 1 & 8 @ 7:00 p.m.**
- **Confessions: Please contact Father for private confession outside of regular scheduled reconciliation time.**
- **St. Wenceslaus: Before Saturday Mass 4:15-4:45 p.m.**
- **St. William: Every Thursday after 5:30 p.m. Mass**
- **St. Andrew: After Mass every Sunday from 11:30—12 Noon**

From the Pastor's desk...

It is the First Sunday of Lent and the readings are about temptation, sin and grace. At one point in our life we all have been tempted, sinned and graced with God's forgiveness. Lent is a reminder of the reality and implications of sin but also the power of grace. The reading from the Book of Genesis (2:7-9; 3:1-7) recounts the origin of sin, its nature and consequences for humanity. Sin is to be viewed and treated as a parasite-foreign body-which corrupts the human soul created good by God Like endoparasites and ectoparasites which infect the body both internally and superficially respectively, sin can destroy both the human spirit and body, if not remedied by daily repentance and openness to grace. St. Paul in the Second Reading (Rom 5:12-19) points out the implications of sin, "Through one man sin entered the world, and through sin death, and thus death came to all men, inasmuch as all sinned." St Paul impresses upon us the social and contagious nature of sin, but also underscores the overwhelming power of grace. Though a flawed interpretation of the passage of the book of Genesis "The Fall of Man" seems to blame Eve "The woman" for the sin of Adam, what is clear and true is that both Adam and Eve sinned and were punished. Though the serpent orchestrated the grand deceit that led to the fall of man, both Adam and Eve could not make excuses for their disobedience. Therefore, we all must take personal responsibility for our sin. Often, it is so easy to blame others or make excuses for our sins on the grounds that we had no intention to sin or hurt others. The fact that we are created weak and broken doesn't mean that we are evil and helpless. God has endowed us with the intellect to either accept or reject him through our choices.

Lent is a reminder that God has not abandoned us but comes to save us through the enduring and efficacious obedience of His Son, Jesus Christ who died on the wood of the cross to save the humankind and restore creation to the state of original holiness. He was tempted like us but showed us how to be firm and victorious in resisting the devil who seeks to exploit our vulnerability (Mt. 4:1-11). Jesus uses the power of God's word, trust in the love of the Father and detachment from worldly pleasures, power and possessions to dismiss the devil. The Church enjoins her children to embrace a life of penitence, self restraint and sacrifice to combat the wiles of the enemy. Temptations will always be part of Christian discipleship, however, commitment to a life of grace, the daily practice of virtue and faith in the sacraments help us resist the devil swiftly so as to more readily accept God's grace. So, as in the words of St. Thomas Aquinas, "The Sacrament of the Body of the Lord puts the demons to flight, defends us against the incentives to vice and to concupiscence, cleanses the soul from sin, quiets the anger of God, enlightens the understanding to know God, inflames the will and the affections with the love of God..." Though we may feel overwhelmed by the reality of personal sin or the sins in the world, we must feel hopeful and courageous because of the overwhelming presence of God both in and around us. As in the words of St. Paul, "if by the transgression of the one death came to reign through one, how much more would those who receive the abundance of grace and the gift of justification come to reign in life through the one Jesus Christ." May our Lenten journey be filled with overflowing grace.

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

Sts. Wenceslaus and William CFF News



- Wednesday, March 4, 6:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross, followed by Family Meal / CFF classes and Alpha sessions.
- Wednesday, March 11, 6:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross, followed by Family Meal / CFF classes and Alpha sessions.

St. Andrew CCD

Sunday, March 8, 2020

CCD 9:00 –10:15 a.m.

Reconciliation 10th, 11th, 12th Grade
4th, 5th & 6th Grade Rosary



St. Wenceslaus Lenten Fish Fry 2020 Friday
Feb. 28, March 6, 13, 20, 27, & April 3
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 6-12 \$ 5.00
5 and under Free

In town delivery call 402-668-2375

Free Guitar Lessons!!

Guitar lessons at the **Bloomfield Library** will start March 3rd. Teachers and Volunteers will be at the library at 4 to start tuning guitars and to have people sign in. Lessons start at 4:30. Teachers and volunteers will stay after 5 for a short time to help anyone that needs extra assistance. There will be a few extra guitars to use for those that do not have a guitar but it would be best to have your own guitar. Please bring a , 3 ring binder, plastic sheet protectors and a pen. Lessons will be on Tuesdays through March 31st. Guitar chords will be the main objective of the lessons. Contact Laurie Larsen for additional information 402-640-2147 or email lkarsen_72@gpcom.net

Are you interested in joining Christian Mothers?

Any Catholic women, married or widowed, with or without children, old or young alike wishing to join Christian Mothers please notice the insert in this weeks bulletin. If interested please sign the sheet in the back of church. Questions or concerns contact Luann 402-373-2418. Reminder to existing members dues are \$5.

Grateful Dollar

Every Sunday during Lent– Each parish will have a Grateful Dollar collection. This collection is used to help the needy in the area. Please give generously!

Vocation Cross	Name
February 22, 2020	James and Lynette Mlady

World Day of Prayer hosted by St. Andrew

St. Andrew is the host for the World Day of Prayer on March 6, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. This year’s theme comes from Zimbabwe, “Rise, Take Up Your Mat and Walk” and will take place at St. Andrew. Group 4 is in charge of arrangements. Bloomfield community churches have been invited to attend, read and participate in prayers. Notice of the event has been put in the local paper. Laurie Larsen offered to help out with lining up music. Refreshments of coffee, lemonade and cookies will be served.

Check out the Parishes’ Calendar of Events 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. St’s Wenceslaus, William & Andrew Calendar.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
SAVE THE DATE!
PRIME RIB SUPPER
SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 2020

St. Andrew Church
Children’s Stations of the Cross
Wednesday March 4th at 7pm
All adults are welcome!

Holy Week Schedule
Sacred Triduum:

Holy Thursday:
St. Wenceslaus- 8:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours
7:30 p.m. Mass/ Adoration after Mass
St. Andrew– 5:30 p.m. Mass
Good Friday:
St. Wenceslaus– 8:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours
3:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross
7:00 p.m. Good Friday Service
St. William– 4:30– 5:15 p.m. Reconciliation
5:30 p.m. Good Friday Service
Easter Vigil– 8:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours
8:30 p.m. St. Wenceslaus Mass
Easter Sunday– 8:30 a.m. St. William Mass
10:30 a.m. St. Andrew Mass

THE BATTLE OVER THE BRIDE
THE UNVEILING OF LOVE
Spring Semester
ALL MEN ARE WELCOME.
Thursdays at 6:00 a.m. at St. Wenceslaus.
Following Breakfast-Week 19 (March 5, 2020)

“USE MONEY FOR OTHERS ”
The Providence of the Father
The Providence of St. Joseph
The Dinner Table in a Jewish Family
The Importance of Your Presence
The Liturgy of the Table
The Challenge to be Generous
E. Riley Leggett and Another Path