

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

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

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



FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT - MARCH 22, 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 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 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 SCHEDULE

Sunday, March 22, 2019
9:00 a.m. Mass on Facebook Livestream
Int: Living and Deceased Parishioners

Father Kizito is livestreaming his daily Mass on Facebook, please join in watching.

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

- Monday-Friday- All Masses canceled until further notice.
- All Mass intentions will be rescheduled. Father will be saying private Mass each day, if you would like an intention said that is already paid for, or you would like a new intention said. Please call the office and we will schedule it during this time.
- Weekend Masses are canceled. Father is planning a livestream Mass at 9:00 a.m. Sunday on Facebook that parishioners could watch. We have contacted Alpine in hopes the residents will be able to watch.

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Check out the Parishes' Calendar of Events on www.saintsw.org. Do you have an event that needs to go on the calendar? Call it in to the office and get it on the saintsw.org. St's Wenceslaus, William & Andrew Calendar.

Vocation Cross	Name
March 21, 2020	Brian and Zoe Vakoc
April 4, 2020	Carolyn Kment

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

CDA NEWS

Catholic Daughters for the Americas will not be meeting for their April meeting and New Member installation. New member installation will happen at the next meeting whenever our safety isn't at risk. Please let any members you know or you see that doesn't have an email listed here. We will be following the archdiocese's guidelines until the COVID 19 virus is no longer a threat to our homes, parishes, community, state, and country/world.



Regent Linda Paesl

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	\$1109.00	28/130	\$1639.00	38/125	\$507.00	14/55
Sunday Plate	\$34.00		\$80.00		\$34.00	
Children's	\$34.70	20				
Grateful Dollar	\$68.00		\$83.00		\$20.00	
Cath. Relief	\$10.00	1				
Black/Indian	\$35.00	2				
Total Deposit	\$1290.70		\$1802.00		\$561.00	

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



NOTE THE COLOR CODE USED FOR ANNOUNCEMENTS

St. Andrew	St. Wenceslaus	St. William
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Office Hours - Tues- Fri 8:00- 4:00

Until further notice:
 ALL MASSES- CANCELED. ALL MASS INTENTIONS WILL BE RESCHEDULED.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS- CANCELED.

ALL PLANNED ACTIVITIES, THIS INCLUDES- FISH FRY, CCD/ CFF, SPECIAL DINNERS- CANCELED.

CONFESSIONS WILL BE AVAILABLE, WITH SOCIAL DISTANCE OR CALL FATHER KIZITO FOR A PRIVATE APPOINTMENT.

ADORATION FOR HEALING AND PEACE ON THURSDAY AT ST. ANDREW FROM 9:00 A.M. TO 3:00 P.M., PLEASE CALL OR TEXT DELORES STROM @ 402-640-7932 AFTER 4:00 P.M. TO SCHEDULE A TIME.

ADORATION FOR HEALING AND PEACE ON FRIDAY AT ST. WENCESLAUS FROM 9:00 A.M. TO 3:00 P.M., PLEASE CALL OR TEXT THERESA PAVLIK @ 402-358-0608 TO SCHEDULE A TIME.

IF THE SACRAMENT OF THE SICK IS NEEDED, PLEASE CALL FATHER KIZITO @ 402-668-2331 OR HIS CELL @ 402-515-5837.

IF THERE IS A FUNERAL THE CONGREGATION CAN BE NO LARGER THAN 10 INCLUDING THE PRIEST.

POSSIBLE WEEKEND MASS LIVESTREAM THROUGH FACEBOOK. TIME AND DATE WILL BE COMMUNICATED.

Holy Week Schedule (Pending COVID-19) 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 a.m. St. Wenceslaus Mass
- Easter Sunday- 8:30 a.m. St. William Mass**
 10:30 a.m. St. Andrew Mass

Easter Lilies for St. Andrew, St. Wenceslaus, St. William
 With the uncertainty of the COVID-19 virus and whether we will be able to have Mass with the people. The decision was made to cancel our Lily plant order. What our hope is, that if one or two families have a Lily plant they could donate for the videotaping of the Easter Mass, then it could be taken home directly after Mass.



On Monday, we were notified if we wanted to cancel our order for palms we needed to call as soon as possible. Father made the decision to cancel.

Thank you for understanding some of the very difficult decisions that have to be made at this time.

St. William Church Cleaners for March 28th: Dee Kemp and Mary Scheinost. Please call Pat Altwine for instructions.

Knights of Columbus Bingo at Alpine 6:15 p.m.-Thur. March: Alpine Closed until further notice.

Hope Connecting Hearts Nigeria
Music Instruments and Books



Hope Connecting Hearts Nigeria is asking for donations of small instruments and music books that can be mailed to Nigeria for the children. Beginner music books and instruments like, guitars, keyboards, recorders etc... would be greatly appreciated.

If you have questions please talk with Fr. Kizito. Thank you! Fr. Kizito



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.

St. Andrew Knights of Columbus #10592

Catholic Mass 7 days a week at 8:10am on News Channel Nebraska.

<https://lattevalley.newschannelnebraska.comstory/41906785/ncn-to-broadcast-daily-morning-mass-statewide>

Father Kizito is livestreaming his daily Mass on Facebook, please join in watching.

Stream *The Eucharist in Scripture* for free!! <https://stpaulcenter.com/free-stream>

Dr. Scott Hahn has this study FREE for a short period of time. It is on the St. Paul Center website if you are interested.

CFF/CCD NEWS



In light of the current situation with the COVID-19 (coronavirus) St. Wenceslaus / St. William and St. Andrew CFF/CCD activities have been suspended until further notice.

Please Pray

To you, O blessed Joseph, do we come in our tribulation. Through that charity which bound you to the immaculate Virgin Mother of God and through the paternal love with which you embraced the Child Jesus, we humbly beg you graciously to regard the inheritance, which Jesus Christ has purchased by his Blood, and with your power and strength to aid us in our necessities.

O most loving father, ward off from us every contagion of error and corrupting influence; O our most mighty protector, be propitious to us and from heaven assist us in our struggle with the power of darkness; and, as once you rescued the Child Jesus from deadly peril, so now protect God's children from the snares of the enemy and from all adversity; shield, too, each one of us by your constant protection. Amen.

(Excerpted from the Enchiridion of Indulgences, 1969)

Modified excerpts from Fr. Keiters letter to the parishioners of All Saints, Holy Family and St. Rose.

From the Pastor's desk...

As we approach Easter the Gospel readings which are from the Gospel of John are uncharacteristically long, dramatic and intense. The healing of the man born blind (Jn 9:1-41) is cast in a dramatic fashion consisting of several plots and scenes, portraying the blind man as the protagonist while the Pharisees display their antagonistic tendencies both towards the blind man and Jesus, and Jesus is treated as the villain for healing the man born blind on the Sabbath. The Evangelist John describes the healing as a "sign" meaning that there is a deeper spiritual meaning to the miracle. There is no doubt that Jesus physically healed the blind man, however, the "sign" reveals the glory of God, an affirmation of Jesus' messianic identity and mission. In healing the blind man, Jesus reveals himself as the Messiah and Light of the world. So, it would be right to say that the passage is less about the blind man than it is about mere blindness; rather, it is much more about the darkness of sin and the light of salvation.

I have often wondered about which of the five human senses would be harder to lose. Just because they are all connected it would be harder to lose any of the senses, but even more so, the sense of sight, at least for me! Blindness comes with the burden of discrimination and dependence; this is in spite of the American Disability Act and the advancement in medical and communication technologies. Now if you put yourself in the shoes of the blind man, you will appreciate the joy of the blind man in the gospel who was eager to tell everyone that it is Jesus who cured him. This healing helped him to see the glory of God in the compassionate power and goodness of Jesus, and in the beauty of the creation that surrounds him. Though the Pharisees and Jews wanted to throw a shade on his healing by questioning if he was really blind or born blind, the blind man was unapologetic in admitting that he was born blind but now can see. Jesus had removed from the blind man the cultural shame and stigma associated with blindness. Perhaps, the first he knew that he was born blind not as a result of the sins of his parents but so that God will be glorified. Indeed, the light of faith changes our perspective and the way we interpret the events of life. Thus, the Christian sense of faith enables believers to judge things according to God's will, plan and purpose; not so much in the flesh, but through the light of faith which reveals the incorruptible truth of God and dispels the darkness of error, pride and ignorance. It takes a lot of courage to admit to our spiritual blindness, but when we do, God frees us from the guilt of sin and empowers us to defeat the pervading darkness in the world. May God enlighten our hearts and deepen our faith in the worship of the Paschal Mystery!

Finally, I commend you to the intercessions of the Blessed Virgin Mary and our patron saints, Andrew, Wenceslaus and William. Stay close to Christ and your family.