

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

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

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



## SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT - MARCH 8, 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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Deacon Steve Archbold— St. Andrew Parish

Office Manager: Rita Pavlik— stwencooffice@gpcom.net

Parish Office: Hours: Tues -Fri 8:00-4:00 pm 402-668-2331

#### 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.: Caroline Oltjenbruns..402-373-2581

Christian Mothers: Luann Schumacher .....402-373-2418

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](http://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 9, 2019**  
 No Mass

**Tuesday, March 10, 2019**  
**5:15 Stations of the Cross @ St. William, Niobrara**  
**6:30 p.m. Mass @ St. Wenceslaus, Verdigre**  
 Int: † Ethel Jelinek

**Wednesday, March 11, 2019**  
**10:45 a.m. Mass @ Alpine**  
 Int: † Raymond Kounovsky  
**6:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross @ St. Wenc, Verd**  
**7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross @ St. Andrew, Blfd**

**Thursday, March 12, 2019**  
**8:00 a.m. Mass @ St. Andrew, Bloomfield**  
 Int: † Annette (Guenther) Barnett  
**5:30 p.m. Mass @ St. William, Niobrara**  
 Int: † Steve Reynolds  
 \*Confessions after Mass

**Friday, March 13, 2019**  
**8:30 a.m. Mass @ St. Wenceslaus, Verdigre**  
 Int: † All Souls

**Saturday, March 14, 2019**  
**5:00 p.m. Mass @ St. Wenceslaus, Verdigre**  
 Int: Living and Deceased Parishioners

**Sunday, March 15, 2019**  
**8:30 a.m. Mass @ St. William, Niobrara**  
 Int: † Robert Pischel  
**10:30 a.m. Mass @ St. Andrew, Bloomfield**  
 Int: † Herbert Boecker

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

### 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	\$1466.00	37/130	\$1648.00	56/125	\$587.00	22/55
Sunday Plate	\$122.50		\$104.00		\$70.00	
Children's	\$23.60	19	\$18.00			
Fuel						
Cath Relief			\$63.00	3	\$20.00	1
Black/Indian	\$478.01	15	\$458.82	28	\$114.00	10
<b>Total Deposit</b>	<b>\$2090.11</b>		<b>\$2291.82</b>		<b>\$791.00</b>	

Liturgy Assignment	St. Wenceslaus Sat. Mar. 14th	St. William Sun. Mar 15th	St. Andrew Sun. Mar 15th
Altar Ministers	Dan Vakoc Landyn Frank	Emily Parks	Keegan/Keaten Kleinschmit, Tenly Gilsdorf
Lector	Wilma Vakoc	Ruth Bathke	Caroline Oltjenbruns
Ushers	Steve Jacot Sam Sukup		
Greeters	Steve Jacot Betty Jacot		Bill Schumacher Fam*, Tom/ Terri Olander
Offertory	Steve Jacot Betty Jacot		
EMHC	Greg Johnson Kim Johnson	Marilyn Janovec	Tabitha Gilsdorf, Kristi Hauger, Kelly Fehringer^
Cantor	Betty Marshall		
Accompanist	Katie Hollmann		
Money Processors	Deb Hansen Theresa Pavlik	Delynn/Chris Minarik	Ken & Tami Kuhlman, David/Staci Kleinschmit, Troy/Lauren Pinkelman
Alpine EMHC	Carolyn Kment		
Alpine Rosary CDA 2nd and 4th Sat.			
Vocation Cross	Dan and Wilma Vakoc 3/8		Bill Schumacher Fam*, 3/15

**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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**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

**Office Hours - Tues- Fri 8:00- 4:00**

- **March 13th- 5:00- 7:30 p.m. St. Wenceslaus Lenten Fish**
- **During Lent- Second collection for Grateful Dollar. All three parishes. One dollar makes a difference.**
- **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. St. Wenceslaus Lenten Fish Fry.**
- **March 13th- 5:00-7:30 p.m. Lenten Fish Fry, Bloomfield Community Center sponsored by Knights of Columbus.**
- **March 19th- 4:30 p.m. St. William Altar Society meeting**
- **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.**
- **March 29th- 5:00 p.m. Reconciliation at St. Wenceslaus**
- **April 4th- 10:00 a.m. -12 Noon Reconciliation at St. Andrew.**

**St. William Church Cleaners for March 14th:** Shirley Mathis and Chris Minarik.

**Knights of Columbus Bingo at Alpine 6:15 p.m.-Thur. March 12th:** Don Hanzlik and Keith Pavlik.



**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

**Alpha Schedule**

**March:**

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, at 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.**
- **MARCH 29TH RECONCILIATION SERVICE ST WENCESLAUS @ 5:00 P.M.**
- **St. William: Every Thursday after 5:30 p.m. Mass**
- **St. Andrew: After Mass every Sunday from 11:30—12 Noon**
- **APRIL 4TH RECONCILIATION SERVICE ST ANDREW FROM 10:00 TO 12 NOON.**

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

Growing up as a child I had several walks with my dad leading the way. These walks were relatively long, often to the market place, the small family farm at the outskirts of the city or just running errands in the neighborhood. The strangest thing ever was my inability to keep up with my dad, and to keep up, it had to be a run/walk. These experiences were sometimes frustrating and confusing because I couldn't measure up to my personal expectations of thinking I could keep up with my dad for the mere fact that I was younger. I couldn't figure out why dad walked faster than me, even when there was no emergency. Nevertheless, what I recalled, too, was that I needed to stay within distance to feel secure.

Discipleship is sometimes like the walk I described above with my dad, but it is our walk with Jesus. There are days that the walk of faith feels frustrating and confusing, especially when we have doubts and questions about the mystery of God and life. As you can imagine the disciples of Jesus had to do a lot of catching up to understand the person and mission of Jesus. Though Peter and the other disciples had come to an understanding that Jesus is the Messiah and Son of God, they were yet to appreciate the meaning and expressed disappointment when Jesus told them about his impending passion, death and resurrection. This was a problem to Jesus who rebuked Peter sternly, saying "Get behind me satan". Therefore, the "hike" up the mountain was to disabuse their messianic expectations and heal their doubts about the true identity of Jesus and the true meaning of Messiah. Thus, the Transfiguration was a pivotal moment in the life of the disciples and a turning point in the ministry of Jesus in preparing the disciples for His impending passion, death and resurrection. This movement up the mountain was necessary to renew the faith and confidence of the disciples who probably were beginning to question this whole idea of discipleship and if it was even worth the pain and sacrifice. The appearance of the Jewish patriarchs, Elijah and Moses and the voice of the Father admonishing the disciples to "Listen to Him" overwhelmed the hearts of Peter, James and John to the point that they wanted to remain on the mountain, "Lord, it is good that we are here" Discipleship entails a constant movement, hike, migration to a stable place of confidence and peace where faith is renewed and strengthened by the love and friendship of God. This movement is sometimes painful, unfamiliar and uncomfortable but it leads to glory. Yes, the practices and discipline of Lent cuts through our familiar and comfortable routines to move our hearts to deeper conversion and greater openness to the will of God. Lent unsettles and shakes us out of our familiar life of ease and comfort so as to be attentive to the needs of the weak, oppressed, sick, hungry and naked. Again, the invitation and challenge going into the second week of Lent is to listen to Jesus and be attentive to our journey with the Lord. So, if today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts. Therefore, let us be willing to trust God in our walk of faith and discipleship during this season of grace, enduring all the hardships with strength that comes from God.

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.



**Sts. Wenceslaus and William CFF News**



Wednesday, March 11, 6:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross, followed by family meal / CFF classes and Alpha sessions for grades K-6. (Grades 7-12 will not be meeting.) Please note that when there is a family meal scheduled classes will begin at approximately 6:45 p.m.

Wednesday, March 18, 6:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross, followed CFF classes and Youth Group. Adult Alpha will be meeting so there will be a family meal following the Stations of the Cross. Classes will begin at approximately 6:45 p.m.

**St. Andrew CCD**

Sunday, March 15, 2020

CCD 9:00 –10:15 a.m.

Reconciliation 7th, 8th and 9th Grade



**St. Wenceslaus Lenten**

**Fish Fry  
2020 Friday**

March 6, 13, 20, 27 and 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** started March 3<sup>rd</sup>. 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 31<sup>st</sup>. 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](mailto: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 St. Andrew church. Questions or concerns contact Luann 402-373-2418. Reminder to existing members dues are \$5.

**Religious Education Appreciation Supper**

St. Andrew Religious Education Appreciation Supper will be Sunday, March 22nd. If you received an invitation, please RSVP to Lauren Pinkelman by March 13th.

Vocation Cross

March 8, 2020

Name

Dan and Wilma Vakoc

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](http://saintsww.org) St's Wenceslaus, William & Andrew Calendar.

**St. Wenceslaus Knights of Columbus**

**Annual Prime Rib Supper**

Sunday, April 19, 2020



In  
Fr. Oborny  
Auditorium



Drawing:  
Cash Prizes  
\$25-\$50  
\$100

Social - 6:00 P.M. Supper 6:30 P.M.  
Carry-outs 5:00 - 5:30 P.M. Donation \$25  
Tickets available from individual knights  
and at the door Sunday, April 19th.

**Prime Rib Tickets are on sale now.**

**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!

**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 20 (March 12, 2020)

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**“GIVE SOME OF YOUR TIME TO GOD”**

- Prayer: The Transformation of the Person
- Transformation by God
- The Story of Dom Bellorger
- The Challenge of Pride
- The Challenges of a Secularized Culture
- The Spiritual Plan of Life: Grace Builds on Nature
- The Impact of the 7 Steps