

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

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

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



## BAPTISM OF THE LORD - JANUARY 10, 2021

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](mailto:okhuoyak@gpcom.net)  
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Office Manager: Rita Pavlik— [stwencooffice@gpcom.net](mailto:stwencooffice@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: Kevin Barta.....857-3699  
Parish Trustee: Alan Kemp .....857-3597  
Parish Trustee: Mary Scheinost .....857-3763  
Altar Society Pres: Kathy Foner .....857-3455

#### 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: Marlene Meyer.....358-3881  
DRE: Zoe Vakoc.....668-2260  
Omaha Province Director: Theresa Pavlik .....358-0608

#### 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  
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: Tanya DeWald .....605-660-8944

**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 Intention for Deceased (Int.) Special Intention Mass

## MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

The Archdiocese of Omaha encourages the faithful to consider an offering of \$10 for Mass stipends. Please make checks payable to St. Wenceslaus Church. (All three parishes Mass stipends are paid from St. Wenceslaus Mass Stipend account.)

**Monday, January 11, 2021 No Mass**

**Tuesday, January 12, 2021**

**No Mass @ St. Wenceslaus, Verdigre**

**Wednesday, January 13, 2021**

**No Mass @ St. Wenceslaus, Verdigre**

**Thursday, January 14, 2021**

**No Mass @ St. William, Niobrara**

**No Mass @ St. Andrew, Bloomfield**

**Friday, January 15, 2021**

**8:30 a.m. Communion Service @ St. Wenceslaus, Verdigre**  
Adoration following service until 3:00 p.m.

**Saturday, January 16, 2021**

**5:00 p.m. Mass @ St. Wenceslaus, Verdigre**

**Int: † Leo and Elsie Mlady**

**Sunday, January 17, 2021**

**10:30 a.m. Mass @ St. William, Niobrara**

**Int: Richard Zimmerer Family**

**8:30 a.m. Mass @ St. Andrew, Bloomfield**

**Int: † Herbert Boecker**



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



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

## Stewardship Report

|                         | St. Andrew       | Env's  | St. Wenceslaus   | Env's  | St. William      | Env's |
|-------------------------|------------------|--------|------------------|--------|------------------|-------|
| Weekly Cash Needs 20-21 | \$1,307.87       |        | \$1,475.00       |        | \$700.52         |       |
| Sunday Env              | \$511.00         | 19/130 | \$1671.00        | 36/125 | \$960.00         | 24/55 |
| Sunday Plate            |                  |        | \$30.00          |        | \$2.00           |       |
| Children's              | \$13.00          | 11     |                  |        |                  |       |
| Special Fund            | \$20.00          | 1      | \$100.00         | 1      |                  |       |
| Christmas               | \$845.00         | 5      | \$185.00         | 6      | \$35.00          | 1     |
| Holy Days               | \$240.00         | 8      | \$376.00         | 17     | \$205.00         | 10    |
| Special Coll            | \$150.00         | 2      | \$151.00         | 21     | \$125.00         | 13    |
| <b>Total Deposit</b>    | <b>\$1779.00</b> |        | <b>\$2513.00</b> |        | <b>\$1327.00</b> |       |

| Liturgy Assignment | St. Wenceslaus<br>Sat. Jan 16th<br>5:00 p.m.          | St. William<br>Sun. Jan 17th<br>8:30 a.m. | St. Andrew<br>Sun. Jan 17th<br>10:30 a.m.                    |
|--------------------|---|---|--|
| Altar Ministers    |   |   | Mason Mackeprang<br>Carly Kleinschmit                        |
| Lector             | Greg Johnson  | Mary Scheinost                            | Denise Koertje   |
| Ushers             | Steve Jacot<br>Betty Jacot<br>Ask two to help please! |   | Ken Kuhlman<br>Family  |
| Greeters           |   |   |  |
| Offertory          | <b>No offertory until further notice.</b>             |   |  |
| EMHC               | Kim Johnson   |   | Delores Strom  |
| Cantor             | Betty Marshall  |   | Deb VanMetre   |
| Accompanist        | Katie Hollmann  |   | Laurie Larsen  |
| Money Processors   | Linda Frederick<br>Fran Kucera                        | Mary Scheinost<br>Rozann Graves           | *Tom/Terri Olander<br>*Duane/Diana Mlady<br>*Rick/Peg Kuchar |
| Alpine EMHC        | Alpine Closed   |   |  |
| Vocation Cross     | Larry and Kathy Masat                                 |   |  |

### St. William Church Cleaning

St. William Church Cleaners for January 17th: Carol Kalkowski and Cassie Stark.

NOTE THE COLOR CODE USED FOR ANNOUNCEMENTS

St. Andrew

St. Wenceslaus

St. William

#### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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

- Thank you to Fr. Michael Eckley for filling in for Fr. Kizito while he is gone. Fr. James Kramper will be the visiting priests the next four weekends.
- January 14, 2021 will be the next TMIY meeting in the Fr. Oborny Auditorium.
- Nebraska Walk for Life will be January 16th. The Walk begins at 10 a.m. on the north steps of the Nebraska State Capitol.
- FYI— Father Kizito called the office and has arrived safely in Nigeria.

### St. Andrew CCD



January:

Jan. 10th- 9:00-10:15 a.m.

Jan. 17th- NO CLASS

Jan. 20th- 6:00-7:30 p.m. Faith Formation with families

Jan. 24th- 9:00-10:15 a.m.

Jan 31st- 9:00-10:15 a.m.

### St. Wenceslaus/ St. William CFF



January:

13<sup>th</sup> – Confirmation Class (7 & 8) and 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

Sacramental Prep only, NO Pre-K thru 2, 4, 5 & 6

CLASS (Parents & Teachers at home)

20<sup>th</sup> – Class

27<sup>th</sup> – NO CLASS ~ Catechist only Formation (No Students)

### 2021 Contribution Envelopes



Contribution envelopes will be coming in the mail for 2021 and will come every other month. They will be postmarked from Our Sunday Visitor. Thank you for continuing to support your parish. This should make it easier if you are mailing your contributions. Please include your envelope along with contributions when mailing, it helps in record keeping. Please note that the envelopes have changed and will be color coded.



TMIY  
THAT MAN IS YOU

### **THE FIGHT OF FAITH**

**All men are encouraged to come and see.**

Thursdays at 6:00 a.m. @ St. Wenceslaus auditorium.

*Our next meeting will be January 14, 2021*

Week 14 - Put your Sword into its Sheath

**Speaker: Mark Hartfiel**

- Word Became Flesh
- Battle Returns To The Garden
- The Cross Is The Rule
- Intimate Friendship and Calvary
- Mission And Our Interior Life
- Weapon of the Rosary

**This opening session will set the tone for the semester so you won't want to miss it. See you there!**

*Let this excellent program be part of your weekly spiritual exercise.  
(BREAKFAST AT 6:00 A.M.)*

**Vocation Cross**

**Name**

**January 10, 2021**

**Larry and Kathy Masat**

**Pick up V. Cross in Sacristy**



**The Knights of Columbus Council 5218 of St Wenceslaus**

**St. Andrew Knights of Columbus #10592**

Become a member of this national brotherhood of Catholic men in your own community. Talk to a Knight about joining our council.

### **Reflections on our Readings**

Jesus Christ, the Son of God, was baptized in the Jordan River by John the Baptist. Really?! The Creator of the world, the Creator of all things including you and me. He has chosen to live among us and as he begins his life's mission he is baptized.

John the Baptist strongly emphasized the fact that in no way can he be compared to Jesus. He states that his baptism, a Jewish rite of cleansing with water was intended to instill repentance for sin, but that Jesus would baptize with the Holy Spirit. Yet we see that Jesus came to John to be baptized. He goes down into the Jordan waters humbly taking on all of our sins upon Himself. Following His baptism the heavens opened up and He is Confirmed by God the Father. The Spirit of God which is the love between the Father and Son is evident to the Baptist:

On coming up out of the water he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit, like a dove, descending upon him.

And a voice came from the heavens, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

In the opening prayer for today's Mass our celebrant prays to the "Almighty and ever-living God,... grant that your children by adoption, reborn of water and the Holy Spirit, may always be pleasing to you." God's desire is that we, created in His image, are to become a part of Him by being baptized into the body of Christ. We receive the baptism of repentance and are given an entry into the death and resurrection of Jesus. We are baptized in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit and are anointed priest, prophet and king. Can we not see here evidence of God's plan for our redemption?

St. Peter, described in the Acts of the Apostles, tells the "rest of the story." After struggling with traditional Jewish law and impressed by visions from the Lord, he was asked to go to the home of a gentile, Cornelius, a Roman Centurion. A reading of Chapter 10 of Acts speaks more of God's intervention, but today's reading has a different focus. After baptizing Cornelius and the gentiles present and realizing the Holy Spirit is received by them he is assured that God "shows no partiality" and redemption is for all nations. Peter goes on to say that Jesus "went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil." Truly, Jesus spent the next several years doing just that. He spent Himself caring for the needy, the weak and the homeless. He boldly spoke about life pleasing to God, forgiving sinners and leading them to holiness. He epitomized God's extraordinary love for us in His passion and death.

By becoming one of us, Jesus enabled us to become children of God. And as children of God we, too, are given to the actions of Jesus. It is for us to go "about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil." We must see ourselves caring for the needy, the weak and the homeless in our homeland and beyond. It is for us to be forgiving and striving for holiness in ourselves and leading others toward holiness. Holiness, according to the saints, is achieved in a multitude of manners, but all relate directly to words and actions of our friend and brother, Jesus Christ. By our words and our actions toward others we share the extraordinary love of the Father for His Son, Jesus and for us, His adopted children. By our baptism we are commissioned as priest, prophet and king to share the Holy Spirit with others who do not know His love, as was done for Cornelius and those who gathered in his house.

### RNCCC Meeting

The winter meeting of Rural North Central Deanery Council of Catholic Women will be at St. Jane Frances, Randolph on Tuesday, January 12, 2021. Registration opens at 1 p.m. and the meeting begins at 1:30 p.m. In case of inclement weather, please be aware that the meeting is cancelled if Cedar Catholic schools are cancelled that day. Covid-19 Directed Health Measures will be observed. Please have someone present from your parish.

### John Rudloff 100th Birthday



John Rudloff is going to celebrate his 100th Birthday on January 24th. The family is planning a drive-by Parade @ 10am Sun, Jan 24th at Alpine Village since they are not able to have an open house. Please help the family spread the word and join in the parade. Happy Birthday John!

### St. Wenceslaus/St. William CFF

The CFF program will be serving hot meals to our CFF participants from 6 to 6:45 p.m. Volunteers are needed to help prepare, serve, and clean up.

|   | Names                  | Menu |
|---|------------------------|------|
| January 20 <sup>th</sup>                      | TBD                    |      |
| February 3 <sup>rd</sup> and 24 <sup>th</sup> | Niobrara Altar Society |      |
| March 3 <sup>rd</sup>                         | TBD                    |      |
| March 24 <sup>th</sup>                        | TBD                    |      |
| April 7 <sup>th</sup>                         | TBD                    |      |
| April 21 <sup>st</sup>                        | TBD                    |      |

### Seminary Collection

The seminary Collection will be held the weekend of January 10, 2021. The Archdiocese of Omaha is currently blessed with twenty-two men studying for the Priesthood. We humbly ask for your continued prayers, sacrifices and generous financial support.



### Christmas Undecorating at three parishes!

Please consider giving an hour or two to make the load easier. Thank you!

St. Wenceslaus Parish will take down Christmas decorations after Mass on Saturday, January 9th.

St. Andrew Parish will take down Christmas decorations after Mass on Sunday, January 10th. All help is appreciated!

St. William Altar Society will take down Christmas decorations Tuesday, January 12th at 4:00 p.m. All help is appreciated.

### Vocation Cross

Please consider taking the Vocation Cross for 2 weeks & pray for vocations. If we want more priests, sisters, & brothers we all need to ask. Thank-You!

### St. William Soup Luncheon "Drive Thru" January 17th after 10:30 a.m. Mass at Niobrara



Free Will Donation  
Delivery in Niobrara

**Menu: Chili or Potato Soup; Ham/Cheese or Egg Salad Sandwich and a dessert bar.**



DRIVE-THRU



**Free Will Donation:**  
**Please be generous as this is St. William's only fundraiser.**

**Thank you!**

### ENGAGE ENLIGHTEN EMPOWER EMBRACE

Nebraskans Embracing Life is hosting a Virtual Lifestreaming event on January 15th at 7:00 p.m., with Archbishop Joseph Naumann as Keynote speaker, introduced by His Excellency Archbishop George Lucas. Other speakers include Governor Pete Rickett, Sr. Renee Mirkes, Mary Buckley, and Pastor Chris Hruska. We are also Honoring Claire and Denny Hartford with our lifetime achievement award.

Everyone can participate! We are offering free advance registration at [Nebraskanembracinglife.org](http://Nebraskanembracinglife.org)



### St. Rose of Lima, Crofton Drive-thru Dinner UNITY SUPPER & GRAND AUCTION -- "COVID-Style" -- St. Rose of Lima / Crofton! Feb. 12, 13, & 14: "VIRTUAL" GRAND AUCTION -- Sat., Feb. 13

beginning at 7 p.m. Items this year available for bidding via [www.proxibid.com](http://www.proxibid.com) only! No "in person" bidding this year; all online! Instructions to sign-in and place bids are available on the parish website: [www.ourcatholicfamily.org](http://www.ourcatholicfamily.org).

**SILENT AUCTION:** Feb. 12, 13, & 14 will be held at the St. Rose Parish Hall. **UNITY SUPPER "Sweetheart" WINDSOR LOIN MEAL** available Sun., Feb. 14, from 5 to 7 pm for "drive-thru" pick-up! Meal tickets are \$25 and MUST be purchased in advance! Absolutely no "day of" purchase. Dinner tickets are available at Crofton businesses: Uptown Style, Town & Country Insurance, Main Street Treasures, St. Rose School/Parish Office or by calling 402 388-4393. *"With God, all things are possible!"*

### Archbishop Annual Appeal

|                      | St. Wenceslaus/<br>Verdigre | St. Andrew/<br>Bloomfield | St. William/<br>Niobrara |
|----------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>Goal</b>          | \$8,186.00                  | \$6,913.44                | \$3,605.00               |
| <b>To Date</b>       | \$7407.00                   | \$5660.00                 | \$3471.00                |
| <b>Participation</b> | 42/125 91%/Goal             | 37/130 82%/Goal           | 18/55 96%/Goal           |