

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



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



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



EPIPHANY OF THE LORD - JANUARY 3, 2021

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

Make Disciples and Lead others into Relationship with Jesus

PARISH CONTACTS



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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 Kemp857-3597
Parish Trustee: Mary Scheinost857-3763
Altar Society Pres: Kathy Foner857-3455

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 Hanzlik857-3636
4th Degree K of C: Ken Meyer.....358-3881
CDA Regent: Marlene Meyer.....358-3881
DRE: Zoe Vakoc.....668-2260
Omaha Province Director: Theresa Pavlik358-0608

St. Andrew Parish Organizations

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

Parish Council Pres: Troy Pinkelman402-617-0815
Parish Trustee: Troy Pinkelman402-617-0815
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 DeWald605-660-8944

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

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 4, 2021 No Mass

Tuesday, January 5, 2021

No Mass @ St. Wenceslaus, Verdigre

Wednesday, January 6, 2021

No Mass @ St. Wenceslaus, Verdigre

Thursday, January 7, 2021

No Mass @ St. William, Niobrara

No Mass @ St. Andrew, Bloomfield

Friday, January 8, 2021

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

Saturday, January 9, 2021

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

Int: † Bob and Mary Conley

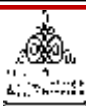
Sunday, January 10, 2021

8:30 a.m. Mass @ St. William, Niobrara

Int: † Janet L. Watts

10:30 a.m. Mass @ St. Andrew, Bloomfield

Int: † Milton Johnson



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	\$794.00	20/130	\$3056.00	43/125	\$270.00	7/55
Sunday Plate	\$58.00		\$45.00		\$287.00	
Children's	\$76.00	12				
Fall Fund			\$25.00	1		
Christmas	\$2225.00	32	\$1819.00	34	\$959.00	16
Holy Days	\$5.00	1	\$35.00	4	\$10.00	1
Special Coll			\$90.00	5	\$20.00	1
Total Deposit	\$3158.00		\$5070.00		\$1546.00	

Liturgy Assignment	St. Wenceslaus Sat. Jan 9th 5:00 p.m.	St. William Sun. Jan 10th 8:30 a.m.	St. Andrew Sun. Jan 10th 10:30 a.m.
Altar Ministers			Tenly Gilsdorf Madison Abbenhaus
Lector	Lynette Mlady	Terry Hanzlik	Steve Kumm
Ushers	Ken Sukup Pam Sukup Ask two to help please!		Wendell / Delores Strom Jeff / Kelli Fehringer
Greeters			
Offertory	No offertory until further notice.		
EMHC	Kathy Masat		Julie Trenhaile
Cantor	Betty Jacot		Deb VanMetre
Accompanist	Pete Pavlik		Laurie Larsen
Money Processors	Theresa Pavlik Ruth Frank	Don and Terry Hanzlik	*Tom/Terri Olander *Duane/Diana Mlady *Rick/Peg Kuchar
Alpine EMHC	Alpine Closed		
Vocation Cross	Dr. Ken & Norene Pavlik		

St. William Church Cleaning

St. William Church Cleaners for January 17th: Dee Teadtke, Diane Teadtke, Ellie Fuchtman, Jenny Bauer.

NOTE THE COLOR CODE USED FOR ANNOUNCEMENTS

St. Andrew

St. Wenceslaus

St. William

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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

- The parish office will be closed Friday, January 1st (New Years Day) The office will be open limited time next week. Please email the office or leave a message on the office phone, if you need to get ahold of me or call my cell phone at 402-668-2834.
- Wednesday, January 6th— 7:00 p.m. St. Andrew Altar Society Meeting.
- January 7, 2021 will be the next TMIY meeting in the Fr. Oborny Auditorium.

St. Andrew CCD



January:

Jan. 1st- New Year's Day

Jan. 3rd- No Class

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:

6th - Class and parents Catechesis.

13th - Confirmation Class (7 & 8) and 3rd Grade Sacramental Prep only, NO Pre-K thru 2, 4, 5 & 6 CLASS (Parents & Teachers at home)

20th - Class

27th - 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.



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 7, 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

December 26, 2020

Dr. Ken and Norene Pavlik

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.

From the Pastor's desk...

This weekend the Church celebrates the Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord. Thus, the Church joins the pilgrims of the world in the worship of the infant new born King. This event is symbolized by the visit of the magi who traveled from the East, led by a star, in search of the infant King.

One of my favorite metaphors for the Christian life is "journey" or "pilgrimage". These metaphors reveal at once the twists and turns that characterize our walk with the Lord. Today when we hear of pilgrimages, we know that they are not just another aimless travel but the intent and motivation is spiritual! Today more and more Christians are saving their money to fulfill the desire of making a pilgrimage to some of the Holy sites in the world, and there are several of those sites! I have had the privilege of making two pilgrimages to the Holy Land, an unforgettable experience and by far my favorite place in the world. There is always a quest associated with pilgrimages, even if in our unconscious! For me it was curiosity and the excitement of walking the path that Jesus and the Apostles walked, but there was the desire to give concrete meaning to the spiritual and historical connection I have with Christ. Sharing this deeply spiritual experience alongside other pilgrims from across the world gave me an appreciation for how I am not alone in my search for meaning, truth and beauty! I came off my pilgrimage in greater awe of the mysteries of Christ, the sacred Scriptures and worship have never been the same!

The Feast of Epiphany marks the culmination of God's desire to be known by the peoples of every nation. The journey of the magi began with a curiosity which culminated in quest for the new born King of the Jews. This evokes the sense of faith as a pilgrimage in search of God. God initiates this journey through grace which we all freely choose to accept or reject. As the magi wondered, wandered and faltered, their experience reminds us all that the journey of faith is not without its difficulties and challenges, but God's grace is capable of guiding and sustaining us through moments of spiritual fatigue, the crossroad of life and confusion. Today, take some time to reflect on your own faith journey and identify certain landmarks in terms of where you have been or where you find yourself right now! You probably have stumbled along the way and there were days when curiosity and certainty gave way to doubt, confusion and what seem to be a dead end. The key is our ability to focus, be attentive and convinced about the object of our desire. We will need these for all we set out to accomplish in life. It is this conviction and strong desire which cause us to seek out Christ until we behold His face and experience the peace and love which flows from the knowledge of Divine mystery. Again, as we can glean from the experience of the magi, Divine knowledge culminates in the worship of the Son of God who reveals the God of love. Today, we offer not gold, silver and frankincense but our entire life as gift to the Infant King (Roman 12:1). So, praise and glory to Jesus our Lord and Savior. Join in the Worship of the New Born King!

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



Bethlehem Revisited is more than a living nativity; it is an interactive experience of what that first Christmas was like. It has all the animals, including three camels. People play parts of the Wise Men, Shepherds, Shopkeepers and the Holy Family. Dollars can be changed into Bethlehem coins, so you can buy things from the market place to take home.

It will be open in Newcastle, NE, in a building one block south of Main Street, from 1:00-7:00 p.m., on the two Sundays after Christmas. In the Spirit of St. Francis, we invite you to experience the true meaning of Christmas.

Blessings in 2020 and beyond, *Fr. Jim Kremper*

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.

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 6 th	TBD	
January 20 th	TBD	
February 3 rd and 24 th	Niobrara Altar Society	
March 3 rd	TBD	
March 24 th	TBD	
April 7 th	TBD	
April 21 st	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.

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!

Poinsettia Donation

Thank you to Ted and Donna Mae Haverkamp and Deacon Keith and Theresa Pavlik for the donation of poinsettia plants for St. Wenceslaus Church.



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!



Thank You to the Following Individuals/Families Who Generously Donated Poinsettias for the Christmas Season at St. Andrew Church

Donor . . .

Willie Boecker

In Memory of

Herbert Boecker, John Feilmeier Family and Frank Boecker Family

Loren & Dee Bratetic lene,

David Leemhuis and Dar- Rick and Kevin Bratetic

Helen Carlson Family

Harold, Roger and Duane Carlson

Gary & Sheila Eckmann

Deceased Family Members

Tabitha Gilsdorf

Tonya Nipp, Donald Gilsdorf, Catherine Nipp and Kenny Ober

Kathy, Karen, Judy & Delores, daughters of John & Lena Gilsdorf

John and Lena Gilsdorf

Chris & Shannon Johnson

Milton, Joy and Evelyn Johnson

Rich & Carolyn Kaiser

Andrew & Florence Kaiser, Frank & Hulda Schneider, Charles Schneider and Louis & Angela Schumacher

Steve & Cynthia Kumm Family

Larry & DelRae McQuay Family

Roger & Merina Leader

Lorrie (Leader) Kliment

David Nagengast

Fr. Donald Kros and D.J. & Norma Nagengast

Caroline Oltjenbruns

Fred and Mary Erker

Jerry Ptacnik

Vernon Ptacnik

Duane & Luann Schumacher

Marvin Lammers and Brad Schumacher

Joe & Mary Skrivan

Shorty & Irma Schmoltd

Perry & Julie Trenhaile

Family and Friends

Archbishop Annual Appeal

	St. Wenceslaus/ Verdigre	St. Andrew/ Bloomfield	St. William/ Niobrara
Goal	\$8,186.00	\$6,913.44	\$3,605.00
To Date	\$6,837.00	\$5410.00	\$2471.00
Participation	39/125 83%/Goal	36/130 78%/Goal	17/55 68%/Goal