

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



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



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



## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT - DECEMBER 20, 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](mailto: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: 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, December 21, 2020 No Mass**

**Tuesday, December 22, 2020**

6:30 p.m. Mass @ St. Wenceslaus, Verdigre  
Int: Dustin and Tiffany Pischel

**Wednesday, December 23, 2020**

8:30 a.m. Mass @ St. Wenceslaus, Verdigre  
Int: † Ron Marshall

10:00 a.m. Father will visit @ Alpine

**Thursday, December 24, 2020 Christmas Eve Vigil**

4:00 p.m. Mass @ St. William, Niobrara  
Int: † Cody Mathis

6:00 p.m. Mass @ St. Andrew, Bloomfield  
5:15 p.m. CCD Program

Int: † John and Lena Gilsdorf  
10:00 p.m. Mass @ St. Wenceslaus, Verdigre  
Int: † Jean Gerkins

**Friday, December 25, 2020 Christmas Day**

8:30 a.m. Mass @ St. Wenceslaus, Verdigre  
Int: † Edward Kuchar Family

10:30 a.m. Mass @ St. Andrew, Bloomfield  
9:45 a.m. CCD Program  
Int: † Helen Carlson Family

**Saturday, December 26, 2020**

5:00 p.m. Mass @ St. Wenceslaus, Verdigre  
Int: † Buddy Pavlik

**Sunday, December 27, 2020**

8:30 a.m. Mass @ St. William, Niobrara  
Int: † Richy Johnson

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



**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	\$1116.00	23/130	\$1,411.00	34/125	\$310.00	10/55
Sunday Plate	\$22.00		\$34.00		\$103.00	
Children's	\$10.00	10				
God's Acre						
Christmas	\$20.00	1	\$150.00	2		
Holy Days	\$70.00	5	\$262.00	13	\$30.00	3
Special Coll	\$410.00	11	\$298.00	14	\$58.00	6
<b>Total Deposit</b>	<b>\$1648.00</b>		<b>\$2,155.00</b>		<b>\$501.00</b>	

Liturgy Assignment	St. Wenceslaus Sat. Dec 26th 5:00 p.m.	St. William Sun. Dec 27th 8:30 a.m.	St. Andrew Sun. Dec 27th 10:30 a.m.
Altar Ministers			* B. Johnson, C. Schumacher 24th * E. & R. Kleinschmit 25th * E. & K. Kuhlman 27th
Lector	Kathy Masat	Terry Hanzlik 24th Mary Scheinost 27th	*J. Fehringer 24th *L. Jenness 25th *C. Oltjenbruns 27th
Ushers	Steve Jacot  Betty Jacot		*N/T Dewald, D/L Schumacher 24th *D/S Schumacher, C. Oltjenbruns, R. Acklie 25th *Keith Koertje Family 27th
Greeters	Please ask one other person to help you usher.		
Offertory	<b>No offertory until further notice.</b>		
EMHC	Dan Vakoc		*K. Fehringer 24th *B. Schumacher 25th *L. Bratetic 27th
Cantor	Terry Pavlik		Deb VanMetre
Accompanist	Pete Pavlik		Laurie Larsen
Money Processors	Theresa Pavlik  Linda Frederick	Don/Terry Hanzlik 24th  M. Scheinost/ R.Graves 27th	Duane/Luann Schumacher Mike Nissen Rich/Carolyn Kaiser
Alpine EMHC	Alpine Closed		
Vocation Cross	Marguerite Pavlik		

### St. William Church Cleaning

St. William Church Cleaners for December 26th:  
Michelle Pischel and Laurie Stout.

### 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!

### 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, December 18th and Friday, December 25th (Christmas Day)
- January 2021 will be the next TMIY meeting in the Fr. Oborny Auditorium. Merry Christmas!



Check the schedules for decorating the each church. Please come help, it will greatly appreciated!

**St. Andrew CCD**



**December:**  
**Dec. 20th Class 9:00 –10:15 a.m.**  
**Dec. 25th– Merry Christmas!**  
**Dec. 27th—No CCD**  
**January:**  
**Jan. 1st– New Year’s Day**  
**Jan. 3rd- No Class**

**St. Wenceslaus/ St. William CFF**



**December:**

- **23<sup>rd</sup> - NO Class ~Christmas Break ~Merry Christmas**
- **30<sup>th</sup> – No Class ~Christmas Break**

**January:**  
 6<sup>th</sup> - Class and parents Catechesis.  
 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 MIGHTY IY

**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***

TMIY returns for the Spring Semester. It's a perfect opportunity to bring a friend.  
 We start by taking a deeper look into the Garden of Gethsemane where we find Peter cutting off the ear of Malchus. A powerful new weapon will be handed to us from Heaven.  
 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.*

Vocation Cross	Name
December 10, 2020	Marguerite Pavlik
December 26, 2020	Dr. Ken and Norene Pavlik
<b>Pick up V. Cross in Sacristy</b>	



**From the Pastor’s desk...**

As we approach Christmas our attention is turned to the promises of God through the ages and how they are fulfilled in the birth of Jesus. The event of Christ’s Birth recalls a decisive historical moment for humanity. The Messiah comes to bring us freedom, peace and joy. For the birth of Jesus is the gift of God’s love and mercy. As Isaiah proclaims, **“A child is born to us, a Son is given to us.”**

We all have felt the disappointments of broken promises at some point in our lives. These experiences can have a devastating long term effect across the human life span. Behavioral scientists tell us about the importance of keeping promises because of the role it plays in building trust in human relationship. It is true that healthy adult relationships are sometimes shaped by healthy childhood experiences of the trust of a parent, teacher of a person of influence. These experiences no doubt can have positive or negative impact on our relationship with God. Hence, it is of significance that the scriptures point out over and again how God’s promises are fulfilled on account of His faithfulness and mercy.

The scripture, 2 Sam 7:1-16 recalls God’s commitment to David and the Israelites, chosen by God to be His people. God’s promise to perpetuate the kingdom of David through his offspring is fulfilled in the Birth of Jesus, the promised Messiah. Therefore, Advent recalls and celebrates God's faithfulness. Thus, we are invited to BELIEVE that God’s promise holds TRUE for our generation, even in a world of broken promises and fractured relationships. In order for God’s promise to continue to be fulfilled in our time, we each must submit our will to God like Mary and Joseph. We may not always understand how God’s promises are going to be fulfilled but we must give our assent to God’s plan as we discern His call and presence in our life and vocation. If God's faithfulness reveals to the world God’s enduring love and presence, our commitment to faithfully living our vocation is a witness to God's ongoing fidelity to creation. What we must strive NOT to do is to get in the way of God’s plan. May the love of God be renewed in your heart and home as you share the joy of Christ’s HOLY BIRTH with family and friends.

Please, keep me in your prayers as I prepare to go visit my family in Nigeria beginning January 5th-28th. I plan to return in good time to quarantine for safety concerns before the Ash Wednesday, February 17, 2021. I have made arrangements for Frs. Mike Eckley and James Kramper to supply for the weekend that I will be gone. Deacon Keith has my permission to conduct Communion Service without a priest. I look forward to returning and finding each of you in good health.

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 Merry Christmas!!!

### Las Posadas 2020

The Sts. Wenceslaus/William CFF/YD came together on December 16 and live streamed their own rendition of Las Posadas (*The Inns*). This is a beloved Hispanic tradition reenacting Joseph and Mary seeking shelter in Bethlehem. Will an Inn open to them? Will our hearts open to them?

The St. Wenceslaus Plaza was Bethlehem. Each classroom was an Inn. Joseph and Mary travelled from inn to inn, asking if there was room for them. But everybody was too busy with confirmation class work, making cookies, decorating trees, making ornaments, making Christmas cards, and celebrating. The lesson of the night was truly clear, make time this Advent and Christmas Season to let Jesus into your hearts!

Please take time to view this very heartwarming recording on either the St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church/St. William Catholic Church facebook page or our YouTube channel under Verdigre St. Wenceslaus <https://youtu.be/3HuhWS2YrkQ> or find the link on [www.saintsww.org](http://www.saintsww.org) website.



### 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 <sup>th</sup>	TBD	
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	

### Advent Crib

Every year the St. Wenceslaus Altar Society has an Advent Crib in the vestibule of church so people can donate baby items to Little Miracle's (Knox County Right to Life). The crib will be up until the first week of January. Please be generous to the infants in need during the Holiday.



### Christmas and New Years Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve:	
St. William, Niobrara	4:00 p.m.
St. Andrew, Bloomfield (5:15 CCD Music)	6:00 p.m.
St. Wenceslaus, Verdigre	10:00 p.m.
Christmas Day:	
St. Wenceslaus, Verdigre	8:30 a.m.
St. Andrew, Bloomfield (9:45 CCD Music)	10:30 a.m.
Solemnity of Mary Vigil/Dec. 31:	
St. William, Niobrara	4:00 p.m.
St. Andrew, Bloomfield	6:00 p.m.
Solemnity of Mary/ Jan. 1:	
St. Wenceslaus, Verdigre	8:30 a.m.
January 17th– St. William Soup Luncheon	
St. Andrew, Bloomfield	8:30 a.m.
St. William, Niobrara	10:30 a.m.

### 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!**

### CHRISTMAS DECORATING

**St. Wenceslaus Christmas decorating will be done in shifts this year, due to COVID-19. To keep with social distancing, we ask if you have done a specific job in the past that you call Betty Marshall at 402-668-7284 and offer to do it this year sometime between Saturday, December 19th after 5:00 p.m. Mass and Wednesday, December 23rd. New decorators are welcome, please call Betty and she will find a spot for you!**

**St. Andrew Christmas decorating will be done after the December 20th Sunday Mass. Group 2 is asked to help.**

**The St. William Altar Society will be decorating for Christmas on Tuesday, December 22nd from 4:00 to 5:30 pm. Pizza will be provided. Please make time to make our church warm and welcoming for the Christmas season.**

### Archbishop Annual Appeal

	St. Wenceslaus/ Verdigre	St. Andrew/ Bloomfield	St. William/ Niobrara
<b>Goal</b>	\$8,186.00	\$6,913.44	\$3,605.00
<b>To Date</b>	\$6,837.00	\$5360.00	\$2371.00
<b>Participation</b>	39/125 83%/Goal	35/130 77%/Goal	16/55 65%Goal



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



### St. Andrew CCD and High School Christmas Concert

The recorded 2020 Saint Andrews CCD and High School Christmas Music concert will be aired in church before Mass, Christmas Eve at 5:15 p.m. and Christmas Day at 9:45 a.m.

Also if you would like a DVD copy of this beautiful performance please contact Laurie Larsen at 402-640-2147 or [lklarsen\\_72@gpcom.net](mailto:lklarsen_72@gpcom.net) A \$15 dollar donation for the DVD is appreciated. The money will go towards the music needs in church – such as a larger sound System with more outs for instruments, lights for music stands, small Electronic Drum set. Anyone wishing to donate for these items please contact Father or Laurie.