

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

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

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



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT - DECEMBER 6, 2020

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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Holy Day of Obligation
Immaculate Conception
December 8th
Check Mass
schedule on page 2

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 Hanzlik 857-3636
4th Degree K of C: Ken Meyer..... 358-3881
CDA Regent: Marlene Meyer..... 358-3881
DRE: Zoe Vakoc..... 668-2260
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 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, December 7, 2020 Immaculate Conception Vigil
 5:30 p.m. Mass @ St. Andrew, Bloomfield
 Int: † Lorrie (Leader) Kliment

Tuesday, December 8, 2020 Immaculate Conception Holy Day
 8:30 a.m. Mass @ St. Wenceslaus, Verdigre
 Int: † Frank and Alma Bartos
 5:30 p.m. Mass @ St. William, Niobrara
 Int: † Ann Sternberg

Wednesday, December 9, 2020 *Alpine Closed
 8:30 a.m. Mass @ St. Wenceslaus, Verdigre
 Int: All Souls

Thursday, December 10, 2020
 8:30 a.m. Mass @ St. Andrew, Bloomfield
 Adoration following Mass until 3:00 p.m.
 Int: † Lawney Hoppe
 5:30 p.m. Mass @ St. William, Niobrara
 Adoration 3:00-5:00 p.m.
 Int: † Alvin and Dorothy Zila

Friday, December 11, 2020
 8:30 a.m. Mass @ St. Wenceslaus, Verdigre
 Adoration following Mass until 3:00 p.m.
 Int: † Mary Alice Wardian

Saturday, December 12, 2020
 5:00 p.m. Mass @ St. Wenceslaus, Verdigre
 Int: Souls of Louhoff Family

Sunday, December 13, 2020
 8:30 a.m. Mass @ St. William, Niobrara
 Int: † Living and Deceased Parishioners
 10:30 a.m. Mass @ St. Andrew, Bloomfield
 Int: † John and Lena Gilsdorf

Advent Reconciliation Times up to December 22nd

St. Wenceslaus, Verdigre– Tues. before Mass 5:45– 6:15 p.m.

St. Andrew, Bloomfield– Sat. 10:00—11:00 a.m.

St. William, Niobrara– Thurs. after Mass 6:00-6:30 p.m.

Stewardship Report

	St. Andrew	Env's	St. Wenceslaus	Env's	St. William	Env's
Weekly Cash Needs 20-21	\$1307.87		\$1475.00		\$700.52	
Sunday Env	\$1199.00	31/130	\$896.00	21/125	\$661.00	11/55
Sunday Plate	\$28.00		\$30.00		\$60.00	
Children's	\$13.00	9				
God's Acre	\$125.00	7				
Fall Fund						
Holy Days	\$25.00	1				
Special Coll	\$65.00	3	\$89.00	5	\$81.00	4
Total Deposit	\$1455.00		\$1015.00		\$802.00	

Liturgy Assignment	St. Wenceslaus Sat. Dec 12th 5:00 p.m.	St. William Sun. Dec 13th 8:30 a.m.	St. Andrew Sun. Dec 13th 10:30 a.m.
Altar Ministers			Keaten & Keegan Gilsdorf (13th)
Lector	Jean Pavelka	Mary Scheinost (8th) Kathy Foner (13th)	Denise Koertje (8th) Christy Mackeprang (13th)
Ushers	Ken Sukup Pam Sukup	SAY YES TO KATHY FONER WHEN SHE CALLS	Tom & Terri Olander Steve & Cynthia Kumm
Greeters	Please ask one other person to help you usher.		
Offertory	No offertory until further notice.		
EMHC	Greg Johnson		Keith Koertje (8th) Tabitha Gilsdorf (13th)
Cantor	Janet Frank		Deb VanMetre
Accompanist	Pete Pavlik		Laurie Larsen
Money Processors	Theresa Pavlik Frank Kucera	Delynn and Chris Minarik	Duane/Luann Schumacher Mike Nissen Rich/Carolyn Kaiser
Alpine EMHC	Alpine Closed		
Vocation Cross	Roy & Camille Gerkins		

St. William Church Cleaning

St. William Church Cleaners for December 12th: Jill Stark and Marla Reynolds.



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

NOTE THE COLOR CODE USED FOR ANNOUNCEMENTS

St. Andrew

St. Wenceslaus

St. William

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Office Hours - Tues- Fri 8:00– 4:00

- December 10th– 6:00 a.m. TMIY meeting in the Fr. Oborny Auditorium.
- December 10th– **NO MEETING ST. WENCESLAUS ALTAR SOCIETY! NO LITURGY MEETING!**
- December 12th & 13th– Religious Retirement Collection.
- December 12th & 13th– Blest Art at all three parishes after Mass.
- Toys for Tots at St. Andrew Sunday Mass.

St. Andrew CCD



December:

- Dec. 6th– Class 9:00 –10:15 a.m.**
- Dec. 13th Class 9:00 –10:15 a.m. Pancake Breakfast/Santa**
- Dec. 20th Class 9:00 –10:15 a.m.**
- Dec. 25th– Merry Christmas!**
- Dec. 27th—No CCD**

St. Wenceslaus/ St. William CFF



December:

- **9th – Class / Virtual Christmas Program Practice**
- **16th – Production of our CFF/YD Virtual Christmas Program**
- **23rd - NO Class ~Christmas Break ~Merry Christmas**
- **30th – No Class ~Christmas Break**

Toys for Tots Sunday at St. Andrew



Toys for Tots Sunday will be Sunday December 13, 2020 at St. Andrews Catholic Church in Bloomfield. Children are asked to bring a gift for a less fortunate child of any age. Gifts should be brought directly to the altar when you enter church. They will not be brought up at offertory.

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!



TMIY
THAT MAN IS FOLK

THE FIGHT OF FAITH

All men are encouraged to come and see. Thursdays at 6:00 a.m. @ St. Wenceslaus auditorium. Our last meeting until January is Week 13 December 10, 2020

Insurmountable Battle Wounds

Deacon Harold is back this week and shares some of the most vulnerable and painful aspects of his personal life. You simply won't believe the AWESOME redeeming power of God in this roller-coaster testimonial. The goodness of God can shine its light to overcome the darkest of dark.

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

Vocation Cross	Name
November 28, 2020	Roy and Camille Gerkins
	Pick up V. Cross in Sacristy

St. Andrew Poinsettia Donation



There will be a sign-up sheet in back of church on Sunday, December 6th. Poinsettias may be donated in memory of a loved one, if so desired. Please designate the names of the those for whom you wish to donate your poinsettia. Any questions may be directed to Carolyn Kaiser.

From the Pastor's desk...

Longing is part of the human spirit! We long for everything ranging from the ordinary to the mundane and from the extraordinary to the deeply spiritual. Often times, human longing flows from a sense of dissatisfaction, the desire for more or the search for fulfillment. The range of emotions associated with the longing and dissatisfaction of the soul are various ways that God speaks to us. We can either ignore these emotions or take the time to reflect in them to decipher God's invitation to a place of greater intimacy and peace.

The passage from Isaiah (40:1-5, 9-11) reveals the longing of the Israelites as a result of the years of being in exile. They had fallen into despair and were discouraged and depressed. But God speaks words of comfort and hope through the prophets to a people needing reassurance. This reawakened new dreams. God says to the people to make a way in the wilderness. You see when God is about to do something amazing, He prepares our hearts through faith to trust in what He is about to do! God is about to fill our emptiness, level up our pride and smoothen the rough edges. God intends to take away our fears and uplift us through a newfound freedom. He will do this with the intensity of his might but with gentleness and compassion. John the Baptist further demonstrates the intensity and urgency of God's commitment to free us; "John was clothed with camel's hair and had a leather belt around his waist and ate locust and wild honey." John draws attention to the one who comes to give freedom through the gifts of repentance or forgiveness. This is an ongoing invitation to experience daily in our lives the liberating act of God. Therefore, we must pay attention to the warning of Peter in the second reading, "The Lord is not slow about his promise as some count slowness, but is forbearing towards you, not wishing that anyone should perish but that all should reach repentance." May the Lord help us to welcome the gift of freedom which comes from repentance as we await the coming of the Lord. Amen.

Since the invitation this week is to repentance and making the path straight for a deeper encounter with the Lord and being in right relationship with others, allow me to draw your attention to the opportunities for the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation in our three churches. Please, check the bulletin for days and times for Advent Reconciliation. Also, I will be available for private confession outside the published confession times. Let us take advantage of God's mercy, to be healed, forgiven, renewed in heart.

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.



“ANGELS AMONG US”

The Hunhoff family is excited to host the 2nd Annual “*Angels Among Us*” gift shopping event in memory of and in the giving spirit of our loved one Phyllis Hunhoff. We want to thank Bloomfield and the surrounding communities for your heartwarming generosity in giving last year, we are so grateful! We were able to witness excited children carefully picking out gifts & wrapping them for their loved ones.

We are gathering “stocking-stuffer” sized gifts for both women and men. Popular gift choices last year for women were lotions, shampoos & bath bombs. For the men chocolates, shampoo, cologne, gloves, stocking hats & small tools topped the list. We are requesting that all gifts are new this year.

Collections will be accepted anytime **now through December 13th**. If you are able, we are in need of monetary donations for the purchase of gifts. The event for this year will be held at the school so that all 160 kids can conveniently & safely shop for gifts. Cash or checks can be mailed to St. Mark’s Lutheran Church or delivered to **Joe Hunhoff CPA** or Kersten Auto. If you write a check, please make it payable to *St. Mark’s Lutheran Church* and be sure to put “*Angels Among Us*” in the check memo.

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
December 9 th	CFF Helper Crew	Taverns and Hotdogs
December 16 th	Kathy Masat, Wilma Vakoc & Carolyn Kment	Chili
January 6 th	TBD	
January 20 th	TBD	
February 3rd and 24 th	Niobrara Altar Society	
March 3 rd	TBD	
March 24 th	TBD	
April 7 th	TBD	
April 21 st	TBD	

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.
New Years Eve:
St. William, Niobrara 4:00 p.m.
St. Andrew, Bloomfield 6:00 p.m.
New Years Day:
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!

Archbishop Annual Appeal

	St. Wenceslaus/ Verdigre	St. Andrew/ Bloomfield	St. William/ Niobrara
Goal	\$8,186.00	\$6,913.44	\$3,605.00
To Date	\$6,091.00	\$5070.00	\$2180.00
Participation	35/125 74%/Goal	32/130 73%/Goal	12/55 60%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 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.