



September 29,  
2024  
26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in  
Ordinary Time

# St. Mary St. Patrick

## Sept. 29, 2024 – A Saint of Rapid City? – Nicholas Black Elk

I wrote last week about going to Rapid City, South Dakota for the Bishop Ordination of Fr. Scott Bullock.

But another story of the Diocese of Rapid City is the story of Nicholas Black Elk, a Lakota Sioux Native American who converted to Catholicism in his 40s, and became an active catechist and missionary to his people. Rapid City has opened the “cause for his canonization,” the formal process of formally declaring him a Saint of the Catholic Church. (If you want to learn more about the process of *how* one becomes a Saint, come to my talk on Tues. Oct. 15 at 6pm at the Rustic Brew, where I will talk “All About Saints!”) Anyways, I wanted to tell you a little bit about Servant of God Nicholas Black Elk.

Some of you may have heard of Black Elk through a book titled, “Black Elk Speaks,” by John Neihardt. It is a book where Black Elk speaks about the Lakota Sioux Indian traditions, customs, and way of life, and became very popular at Universities for Native American Studies and Religious Studies.

But while that book was wildly popular, some people who knew Black Elk, including some of his children, lamented that the book neglected to tell another very important part of Black Elk’s life: his Catholic Faith.

Black Elk’s wife, Katie, converted to Catholicism, and they had their three children baptized and raised in the Catholic faith. In 1903 Katie, unfortunately, died. In 1904, in his 40s, Black Elk decided to himself convert to the Catholic Faith, taking the name “Nicholas.” But Nicholas Black Elk did not see his conversion to the Catholic faith as a break from Lakota tradition. He saw it as the deepening and fulfillment of what he already believed. When Black Elk was young, he had experiences of strange mystical visions. He later saw these Mystical Visions as preparing him to receive the Gospel, that they were prophetic visions that were fulfilled in Christianity. Thus he saw himself as being a good Lakota by becoming a Catholic. He saw the bridge, the harmony between them. He later dedicated himself to the life of a catechist. Back then, Catechists were not merely those who taught class once a week, but served more like deacons or missionaries. He would travel and visit different homes, teaching them about the Catholic faith. He would visit the sick and homebound and pray with them. He was said to often have a rosary in one hand and his smoking pipe in the other.

When we think about the story of the American West, we often think about the clash of Europeans and Native Americans, between Cowboys and Indians. The story of Nicholas Black Elk is one of how Christ is “breaking into” this story, to draw “all people to Himself.” To pave the way for the Lakota to come to know Christ and His Saving Gospel, and to pave the way for different warring peoples to be able to come together in peace in Jesus Christ.

Peace,  
-Fr. Kevin

## 29 de Septiembre – ¿Un santo de Rapid City? – Nicholas Alce Negro

La semana pasada escribí sobre mi viaje a Rapid City, Dakota del Sur, para la ordenación episcopal del padre Scott Bullock. Pero otra historia de la Diócesis de Rapid City es la de Nicholas Alce Negro, un nativo americano lakota sioux que se convirtió al catolicismo a los 40 años y se convirtió en un activo catequista y misionero para su pueblo. Rapid City ha abierto la “causa para su canonización”, el proceso formal para declararlo oficialmente santo de la Iglesia Católica. (Si quieres aprender más sobre el proceso de *cómo* alguien se convierte en santo, ven a mi charla el martes 15 de octubre a las 6 p.m. en Rustic Brew, donde hablaré sobre “¡Todo sobre los santos!”) De todos modos, quería contarles un poco sobre el Beato Nicholas Black Elk. Algunos de ustedes pueden haber oído hablar de Alce Negro a través de un libro titulado “Black Elk Speaks”, de John Neihardt. Es un libro en el que Alce Negro habla sobre las tradiciones, costumbres y estilo de vida de los indios Lakota Sioux, y se volvió muy popular en las universidades de estudios nativos americanos y estudios religiosos. Pero, aunque ese libro fue tremendamente popular, algunas personas que conocieron a Alce Negro, incluidos algunos de sus hijos, lamentaron que el libro no contara otra parte muy importante de la vida de Black Elk: su fe católica. La esposa de Alce Negro, Katie, se convirtió al catolicismo, bautizaron a sus tres hijos y fueron criados en la fe católica. En 1903, Katie, por desgracia, falleció. En 1904, cuando tenía 40 años, Alce Negro decidió convertirse a la fe católica y adoptó el nombre de “Nicholas”. Pero Nicholas Alce Negro no vio su conversión a la fe católica como una ruptura con la tradición lakota, sino como una profundización y cumplimiento de lo que ya creía. Cuando Alce Negro era joven, tuvo experiencias de extrañas visiones místicas. Más tarde, consideró que estas visiones místicas lo preparaban para recibir el Evangelio y que eran visiones proféticas que se cumplían en el cristianismo.

Así, se vio a sí mismo como un buen lakota al convertirse al catolicismo. Vio el puente, la armonía entre ambos. Más tarde se dedicó a la vida de catequista. En aquel entonces, los catequistas no eran simplemente aquellos que daban clase una vez por semana, sino que servían más como diáconos o misioneros. Viajaba y visitaba distintos hogares, enseñándoles la fe católica. Visitaba a los enfermos y a los que no podían salir de sus casas y rezaba con ellos. Se decía que a menudo llevaba un rosario en una mano y su pipa en la otra.

Cuando pensamos en la historia del Oeste americano, a menudo pensamos en el enfrentamiento entre europeos y nativos americanos, entre vaqueros e indios. La historia de Nicholas Alce Negro es una de cómo Cristo “irrumpe” en esta historia para atraer “a todas las personas hacia Sí”. Allanar el camino para que los Lakota lleguen a conocer a Cristo y Su Evangelio salvador, y allanar el camino para que diferentes pueblos en guerra puedan unirse en paz en Jesucristo.

Paz,  
-Fr. Kevin

# St. Mary

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## Book Club

October 7 – 6:30 p.m.

### *A Calamity of Souls*

By David Baldacci

November 4 – 6:30 p.m.

### **“First Lie Wins”** by Ashley Elston

Everyone is welcome to join!  
Great discussion and fellowship!

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**Mass at Grand Jivante  
will be held October 7  
(not October 14) at 9:30 a.m.**

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### **Green Belt Bank & Trust Open House**

Thursday, October 10 – 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Goodies by Chairish Life Coffee Shop

Door prizes and a tour of the newly remodeled building

**For each adult registering at the Open House, Green Belt Bank will contribute \$1.00 to the church of their choice.**

This Open House is only for the Ackley Branch.

## **Stewardship - Treasure**

Sunday, September 22, 2024

Adult Envelopes	\$842
Offertory	\$162
Roof Donation	\$5,000

Give Online [www.FranklinHardinCatholic.org/online-giving](http://www.FranklinHardinCatholic.org/online-giving)

## *Liturgical Ministers*

**October 6 – 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Lectors: Cindy Richtsmeier, Kay King

Ushers: Richard Bloom, Gary Bonewitz, Jim

Wessels, Duane Sudtelgte

Eucharistic Ministers: Janet DeBerg,

Jessica Schipper

Money Counters: Judy Geiken, Mary Schumacher

Altar Server: Sergio Rogel

Sacristan: Linda Sudtelgte

*If you are unable to fulfill your duties please find your own replacement.*

Eucharistic Adoration and Prayers in  
Spanish on Saturdays at 5:30 p.m.

*Everyone is welcome!*

There will no longer be Spanish Mass on Saturday

**Evening Faith Formation  
classes to begin October 2**

for grades 7-12

7:00 – 8:15 p.m.

Mark your calendars

**TURKEY DINNER**

scheduled for October 20



**NO Coffee and Rolls October 6  
Due to the Fireman's Breakfast**

Living a Christian life provides for the growth of faith. There have been many saints who have gone before to guide us, but I like the ones who are simple, like St. Therese of Lisieux. I chose her as my namesake because she did ordinary things with extraordinary love.

*“Do Something Beautiful for God”*

*The Essential Teachings of Mother Teresa*

# St. Patrick

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9:00 AM-1:00 PM, excluding holidays.  
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## Liturgical Ministries

October 6th, 2024 – Octubre 6th, 2024

### Mass—October 6th, 2024 10:30 a.m.

Lector: Denielle Conon  
Ushers: Sue Basye, Trace Brocka  
Eucharistic Ministers; Dwight & Sherry Peterson  
Money Counters: Steve Pearson, Brenda Johansen  
Altar Servers: Milly Aguilar, Bella & Alondra Duran  
Sacristan: Millicent Fielding  
Linens: Donna Devereux

### Spanish Mass—Octubre 6th, 2024 5:30 p.m.

Lector: Jacqueline Garza, Esther Garcia  
Ministros de Eucarísticos: Estenia Madrid, Jose Franco  
Contador es de Dinero: Rafael Garcia, Sheyla Soto  
Monaguillos: Gabriel Diosdado, Justin Guillen, Geovany Marquez  
Sacristan: Brenda Diosdado

**You are responsible to find your own replacement.  
Usted es responsable de encontrar su propio reemplazo.**



### ROLL BREAKFAST & SOCIAL SUNDAY OCTOBER 6<sup>th</sup> /PANECILLO DE DESAYUNO & DOMINGO SOCIAL 6 DE OCTUBRE

Please join us after the 10:30 AM Mass for Coffee, Rolls and Fellowship and after the 5:30 PM Mass for social time.

Únase a nosotros después de las 10:30 a.m. Misa de café, magdalenas y compañerismo y después de las 5:30 p.m. Misa para el tiempo social.



### DISHES

**There are lots of dishes left over from several events!  
They are on the table in the kitchen hallway to be picked up! Please check to see if they are yours!**

### STEWARDSHIP TREASURY SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 22, 2024

REGULAR	\$ 858.00
OFFERTORY	\$ 463.00

Give On-Line at [www.franklinhardincatholic.org](http://www.franklinhardincatholic.org) online-giving.  
Dona en línea para [www.franklinhardincatholic.org](http://www.franklinhardincatholic.org) donaciones en línea.

## Happenings Week of September 29, 2024

### Monday/ Lunes September 30th/ Septiembre 30th

1:00 PM "Say Their Name" Grief Group

### Tuesday/ Martes October 1<sup>st</sup> / Octubre 1st

8:30 AM Mass  
7:00 PM AA/Al-Anon (RE Center)

### Wednesday/ Miercoles –October 2nd / Octubre 2nd

10:00 AM-12:00 PM Food Pantry/Despensa de Alimentos (Social Hall)  
9:30-11:30 AM Crafts/Artesanía (Religious Ed Center)  
7:00 PM - Confirmation

### Thursday/ Jueves October 3rd / Octubre 3rd

8:30 AM - Mass  
6:00-8:00 PM Adoration/Adoración

### Sunday/ Domingo October 6th / Octubre 6th

10:30 AM – Mass  
5:30 PM - Mass

### SCRIP UPDATE:

Year to date through the month of August our Scrip purchasers have bought \$32,340.00 in Scrip cards. This has resulted in \$1,397.12 donations to the church through this program.  
Please continue to support this program!

*Christianity & Culture Presents*  
**All About Angels  
& All About Saints**  
TUESDAY SEPT. 24 - 6:00 PM  
**ALL ABOUT ANGELS!**   
EVERYTHING YOU EVER WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT ANGELS  
(AND MAYBE SOME THINGS YOU DIDN'T.)  
WHAT ARE ANGELS? WHAT DOES THE BIBLE TELL US ABOUT THEM? CAN I ASK ANGELS FOR HELP? WHAT CAN WE LEARN ABOUT CHRIST BY REFLECTING ON ANGELS?  
TUESDAY OCT. 15 - 6:00 PM  
**ALL ABOUT SAINTS!**   
EVERYTHING YOU WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT SAINTS  
(AND MAYBE SOME THINGS YOU DIDN'T.)  
WHAT ARE SAINTS? WHAT MAKES SOMEONE A SAINT? WHAT IS THE PROCESS OF BEING DECLARED A SAINT? WHAT ABOUT PRAYING TO SAINTS, IS THAT A THING?

Fr. Kevin

### SAVE THE DATE

FALL DINNER NOVEMBER November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Contact Liz Carr if you want a new assignment or if you have any questions, 641-425-0266, [terryliz86@gmail.com](mailto:terryliz86@gmail.com)



# All Faith Formation classes will meet October 2



## Items needed

St. Patrick will be starting a Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Level II Atrium for the 1<sup>st</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students in Faith Formation. We are in need of some items. If you are able to help please leave at the parish office.

- Shelving: bookcases and cube shelving
- Bibles in other languages other than English and Spanish

The items do not need to be new!  
Thanks in advance for your generosity!

*Pray for...*



Cathy Kuper, Darwin Wikert,  
Megan (Keninger) Hesnard,  
Jacob Sudtelgte

Please make use of your parish's prayer chain:

St. Mary, Ackley:

Jolene Harms at [stmarystpatrick@gmail.com](mailto:stmarystpatrick@gmail.com)

St. Patrick, Hampton:

Mary Ann Patton at [thepattons4@gmail.com](mailto:thepattons4@gmail.com)



*May God Bless her with  
the waters of baptism*

Finley Jo Johnstone

Granddaughter of Nola Bonewitz and Gary Bonewitz. She was baptized and made her First Communion at St. Mary September 22.

## Suicide Prevention Awareness Parish Resources

September is Suicide Prevention Awareness Month — a time to raise awareness of this serious public health issue. According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), suicide was responsible for 49,000 deaths in 2022, which is about one death every 11 minutes. To learn more about mental health ministries across the country and how you can make a difference, visit our resource page at [CatholicCharitiesDubuque.org/suicide-prevention-awareness](https://CatholicCharitiesDubuque.org/suicide-prevention-awareness). If you or someone you know is struggling or in crisis, help is available. **Call or text 988** or **chat [988lifeline.org](https://988lifeline.org)** to reach the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline. Mobile crisis units are also available through Your Life Iowa by calling [855-581-8111](https://855-581-8111).

## MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, September 30

8:30 a.m. Robert Teske St. Mary

Tuesday, October 1

8:30 a.m. Duane Kelch St. Patrick

Wednesday, October 2

8:30 a.m. JaimeThompson-Keninger St. Mary

Thursday, October 3

8:30 a.m. For the people St. Patrick

Sunday, October 6

8 a.m. Arlene Thuente St. Mary

10:30 a.m. Duane Kelch St. Patrick

5:30 p.m. For the people St. Patrick  
Spanish

Live stream of Mass

[www.franklinhardincatholic.org/livestream](https://www.franklinhardincatholic.org/livestream)

YouTube Channel: Franklin Hardin CatholicNO

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