

SLOVENIAN CATHOLIC CENTER

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GLASILO SLOVENSKEGA DOMA IN SKUPNOSTI V LEMONTU!

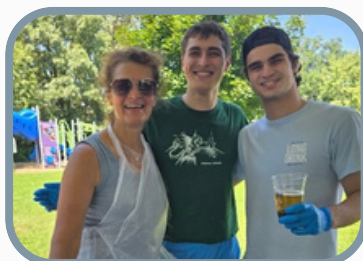
MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear SCC Family,

Greetings from Slovenia, where our family traveled this August for a wedding and some wonderful time with family. If you ever have the opportunity to attend a traditional Slovenian village wedding, take it! What an incredible celebration of family, culture, and tradition. A few fun observations from our trip...

1. Slovenia is truly on the world travel map, with nonstop United Airlines flights from Newark to Ljubljana beginning in May 2027.
2. Although we were in Ljubljana at the same time as the Los Angeles Lakers, we didn't cross paths with them. Still, the entire city was buzzing with excitement over Luka Dončić and the Lakers enjoying Ljubljana!
3. Ljubljana was alive with tourists, and the festivals just kept coming—food, music, sports, and more. Start planning your next adventure to the homeland!
4. As we continue working on the Center redesign, it was exciting to see many of the design elements we're considering reflected throughout Slovenia. We can't wait to bring some of that inspiration home to the Dom!
5. We even had lunch at Marko Magajne's restaurant, Galerija Okusov, a Michelin-recognized restaurant. Marko is related to the Magajne family, is a world-class chef, and had just visited our Dom in early August while vacationing with his family. If you have the chance to visit, please do - it was fantastic!

As usual, it has been a busy summer and an exciting quarter for our Slovenian community! Thank you to every volunteer and Slovenian organization that brought these events to life. Your time, energy, and Slovenian spirit are what make our community so special!



SCC OFFICE HOURS - SUNDAYS FROM 1 - 3 P.M. OR BY APPOINTMENT

CENTER HOURS ON REGULAR SUNDAYS - OPEN UNTIL 3:00 P.M.



Looking Ahead

On Sunday, November 8, we will celebrate the 31st Anniversary of the Slovenian Catholic Center at the Dom with Mass, followed by a special program and dinner. The celebration will feature our 2027 Gospod & Gospodina, **Maja Magajne & Tinč Lockwood**; performances by Sola & Marela; and the presentation of the Martin Hozian Award of Distinction to **Lilianna Čepon & Janez Vidmar**.

It will be a very special celebration of the people, traditions, and community that make the Dom so meaningful to all of us. Please see the reservation forms in the newsletter. We expect a full house at the Dom for this wonderful celebration, so please reserve early! Let's celebrate our proud history and look forward to an exciting future together!

Volunteer With Us!

Have a skill to share or just a few hours to spare? We'd love to have you on the team! We currently need help with the following remote volunteer roles:

- **SCC Website Manager:** This remote volunteer role requires only 2-3 hours per month. No website management experience is required; an interest in technology, websites, marketing, or communications is all you need to get started.
- **SCC Volunteer Communications Coordinator:** Help us respond to emails, questions, and reservation requests from our SCC community. It's a simple but important way to help keep everyone connected.
- **Slovenian American Times – SCC Correspondent:** We're looking for a few volunteers to write articles for the SAT about what's happening at the Dom. We'll provide plenty of content and ideas - this is a great opportunity for anyone who enjoys writing and sharing the story of our community.

Closing Thoughts

As we enter the fourth quarter of the year and tax-planning season, please consider the Slovenian Catholic Center as part of your charitable giving. Giving options may include cash donations, appreciated stocks or securities, Donor-Advised Funds (DAFs), or Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCDs). Depending on your individual circumstances, these options may offer tax advantages while helping the Dom move important projects forward. Please consult your tax or financial advisor regarding the option that is best for you. For more information about charitable and planned-giving opportunities supporting the Dom, please contact:

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Thank you again for your continued support—and an extra-special thank you to the volunteers who make the Dom possible. If you're not involved yet, consider this your invitation to jump in, have some fun, and be part of what makes our SCC family so special!

Warm regards,

Tony Vukšinič

President, Slovenian Catholic Center

president@slovenian-center.org



S U S SLOVENSKO VERSKO SREDIŠČE SLOVENIAN CATHOLIC MISSION



September 27: Slomšek Sunday

Blessed Anton Martin Slomšek is the patron saint of the Slovenian Catholic Mission and Slomšek School. We will celebrate Blessed Slomšek at the Sunday Mass. The 100th anniversary of the crowning of the Marija Pomagaj picture in Lemont will also be commemorated.



October 4: St. Francis of Assisi Solemnity

The Solemnity of St. Francis of Assisi will be celebrated on Sunday, October 4. He died on October 4, 1226, so this year marks the 800th anniversary of his death.

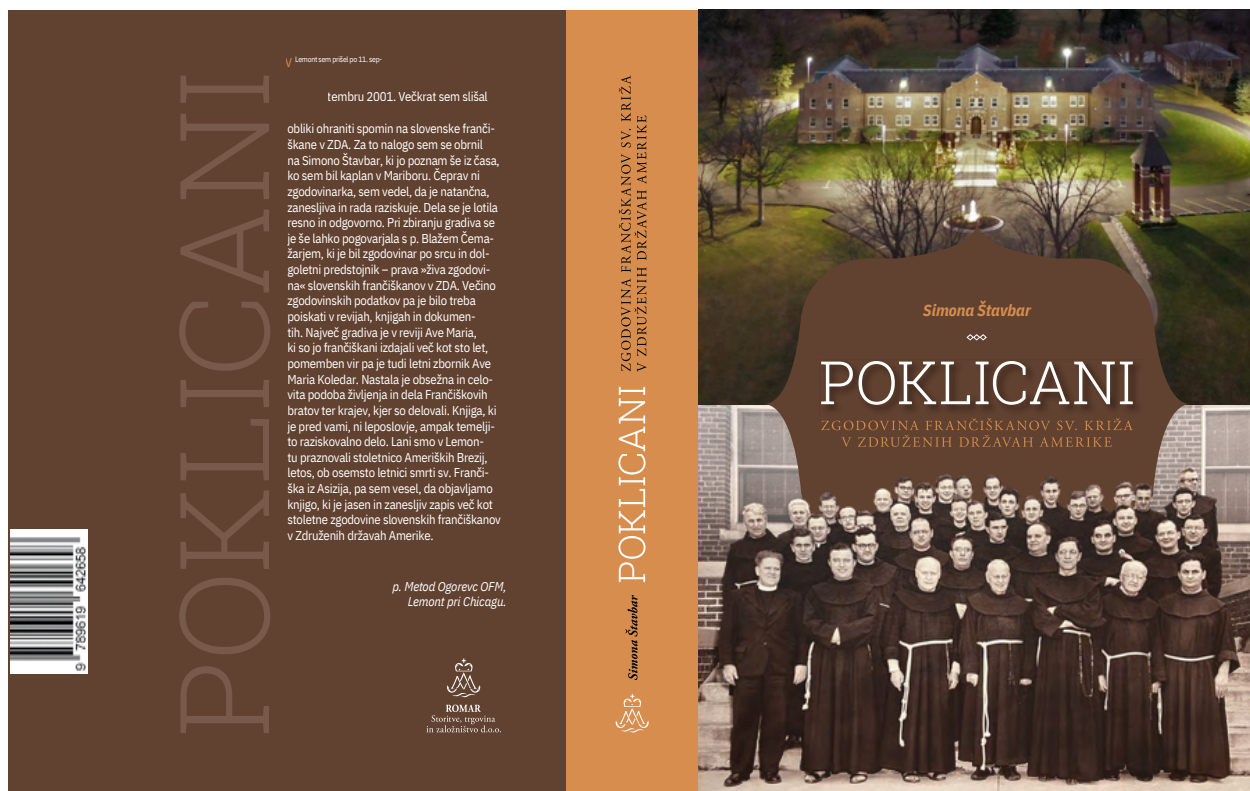


Holy Rosary in October

October is devoted to Mary and to the prayer of the Holy Rosary. The Rosary is prayed at St. Mary's every Sunday at 10:30 a.m., before the start of Sunday Mass. You are especially invited to join in the meditation and prayer of the Rosary in the church and at home throughout the month of October.

History Book of the Slovenian Franciscans in the USA

A book titled "Poklicani" was published in the Slovenian language in Slovenia. It will also be available in Lemont. Orders can be placed at the Mission with Fr. Metod or on Sunday before Mass with Terezija Krampač. The suggested donation for the book is \$40. If anybody is traveling to Slovenia, they are asked to bring a book or two from the Romar store to Lemont for those who would like to have one.





October 11: Mission Sunday

Mission Sunday will be celebrated on October 11. The proceeds from the dinner at the Center will benefit the needs of the Slovenian missionaries. Everyone is kindly invited to bring a baked good for the bake sale.



November 29: Advent

Advent begins on November 29. Non-perishable food items will be collected during Advent in the church for Christmas baskets at the local food pantry. Personal care items, such as shampoo and toilet paper, as well as cleaning products, such as laundry detergent, are also welcome.



December 25: Christmas

On Christmas Eve, Thursday, the Church Choir will sing Christmas carols at 6:00 p.m., followed by Mass at 6:30 p.m. On Christmas Day, Mass will be held at 11:00 a.m. An English Mass will be celebrated at 7:00 a.m.



December 27: Holy Family Sunday

At the 11:00 a.m. Mass, there will be a blessing of children and families.



New Year: Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

At the 11:00 a.m. Mass, we will also give thanks for the past year and pray for blessings in the New Year.



Consular News

The Minister for Slovenians Abroad, Suzana Iep Šimenko will be visiting Lemont on Sunday September 13, 2026, There will be a meet and greet in the Slovenian Catholic Center after Mass. On Monday she will visit Joliet to see the St. Joseph Church, The Slovenian Union of America museum, the headquarters of KSKJ and local civil officials. She will be accompanied by the Slovenian Consul for the Midwest, Suzana Češarek.



Retreat House

This year will have a record number of bookings. Thanks to all who have helped with the outdoor flowers and lawn maintenance. We continue to improve the infrastructure. Over summer the last 18 toilets were replaced with commercial 17 inch units. We also had the top roof painted which radically reduced the heat.



Slovenian Genealogical Society

Google has a wiki devoted to genealogy. I discovered relatives located in Slovenia using that app. Try using ChatGPT to discover your ancestors.



Hope's on the Way

We exceeded 3,000 buckets shipped to disaster sites last year. We are on a pace to beat that record this year. Thanks to all who have helped in any way.

2026 Annual "Big Picnic" Donation List

**Huge thanks to everyone that was able to contribute to such an amazing event,
could not have done it without you all!**

All About You Dental Care
 Brian & Tina Ruda
 Buctel Metal Finishing
 Bulletproof Plumbing Corp
 Enzo's Pizza, Nick Fortino
 Ignotz, Roger and Joan Wroblewski
 Joliet Mike Vidmar
 KSKJ Joliet
 La Dolce Vita
 Laura Remec Atherton
 Lillian Cepon
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 Marko & Kristina Cepon
 Marko Cepon Funeral Director
 Martin Novak
 Max & Nada Petrovic
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 Slovenian Sports Klub (SSK)
 Sonja Lavrisa
 St Stephen's KSKJ Lodge
 Stan and Ivanka Markun
 Stephen Lavrisa DDS
 Tina Hozjan
 Tony & Tracey Vuksinic
 Wanda & Ed Jozwik

A new school year is here, and there is so much to look forward to at Slomšek Slovenian School!

Our first day is Sunday, October 4th, and all children aged 18 months through 8th grade are invited to join us. Whether your family can attend every Sunday or only occasionally, there is always a place for you. Slomšek Slovenian School gives children a wonderful opportunity to make new friends, feel part of a community, and learn about their Slovenian heritage through language, music, crafts, traditions, performances, and special activities throughout the year.

Fall will be busy! On Sunday, October 25th, join us for our Trunk or Treat at the Slovenian Catholic Center. The day begins with 11 a.m. Mass and a blessing of children in costume, followed by the fellowship luncheon. At 1 p.m., families can enjoy Trunk or Treat, a costume contest and parade, outdoor games, and plenty of Halloween fun. Everyone is invited to decorate a trunk and share treats!

Our students will also be decorating a Slovenian Christmas tree at Brookfield Zoo, another special opportunity to share our culture with the community.

Earlier this year, our school was honored to receive grant funding from the Government Office of the Republic of Slovenia for Slovenians Abroad. We look forward to using this generous support to help meet various needs of our school, including planning a special trip for our school families in the coming year.

And the biggest celebration of all: this year marks 30 years of Slomšek Slovenian School at the Slovenian Catholic Center! We are planning a special celebration in May and hope to reconnect with former students and families who have been part of our school over the years.

Were you once a Slomšek Slovenian School student in Lemont? Please reach out to Martin Puc, mpuc@gmail.com, 630-209-9448, or Mojca Anaya, slovenianschool@gmail.com 847-207-0963. We would love to hear from you and include our alumni in this special milestone.



At the heart of it all is our goal of giving children a place to belong, friendships to grow with and a connection to their Slovenian roots and faith.

Skupaj ohranjajmo slovenske korenine!

Slomšek Slovenian School presents...



Trunk or Treat



Sunday, October 25 at 1 pm

Slovenian Catholic Center
14252 Main St., Lemont, IL

Everyone invited to decorate a trunk & share treats

11 am mass
Blessing of children
in costumes

Fellowship
Luncheon
following mass

1 pm
Trunk or Treat
SCC south parking lot
(Indoors if bad weather)

Costume
contest & parade

Outdoor Games
gaga ball • mummy wrap
9 squares • chess • and more...



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**Costume
contest &
parade**

**Pumpkin
Decorating**

**Outdoor
Games
Gaga ball
mummy wrap
9 squares
pickle ball
and more...**



SLOVENSKA MLADINSKA SKUPINA MARELA



SMS Marela: A Summer Full of Music, Dance & Slovenian Pride!

Summer may be winding down, but SMS Marela has been keeping busy! It has been a fun-filled season of performances, new dances, wonderful memories, and plenty of opportunities to share our Slovenian culture with friends near and far.

We kicked off the summer with a fantastic trip to Enon Valley, Pennsylvania, for the annual Slovenefest Picnic during the July 9th weekend. We were thrilled to perform three times throughout the weekend! The SNPJ committee made us feel incredibly welcome and has already extended an invitation for us to return next year. We are truly grateful for the opportunity to share our talents, traditions, and love of Slovenian culture with fellow Slovenians from near and far.

On August 9th, we were excited to entertain the crowd at the Annual SC Big Picnic, where we also debuted several of our new dances! There is nothing quite like performing for our local Slovenian community, and we are always grateful for the warm support and encouragement we receive. We could not do what we do without the incredible support of our families, friends, and the entire SCC community!

On August 30th, we were once again honored to perform at the Franciscan Fathers Honey Picnic. We greatly appreciate Father Metod's unwavering support of SMS Marela and are always happy to return that support by participating in and contributing to his wonderful events and endeavors.

And we're not done yet! We still have a few exciting performances on the calendar, including the Grape Harvest Festival in Joliet, IL, on October 4th, followed by our Annual Anniversary Dinner in November. We hope to see many familiar faces in the audience!

Save the Date – Stuffed Pepper Fundraiser!

Mark your calendars for September 20th, when SMS Marela will host a Filane Paprike (Stuffed Pepper) Fundraising Luncheon at the SCC!

Lunch will be served after the 11:00 a.m. Mass, so bring your appetite and join us for some delicious homemade Slovenian food while supporting our dancers! It's a great way to enjoy a favorite Slovenian tradition and help SMS Marela continue sharing our culture with the community.

We look forward to seeing everyone at our upcoming events and sincerely appreciate all the love and support you continue to show SMS Marela throughout the year. Your encouragement means so much to our dancers and helps keep Slovenian traditions alive for the next generation.

Do you have a young person of Slovenian descent who loves music, dancing, or simply wants to be part of a fun group and connect with their heritage? We would love to meet them! Please contact Nada Petrovic at (630) 863-5648 or reach out to any member of SMS Marela.

Hvala lepa for your continued support – and we'll see you on the dance floor!

SLOVENSKA MLADINSKA SKUPINA MARELA



We are pleased to announce that this year's Gospodična and Gospod are Maja Magajne and are Tinč Lockwood. Both of these individuals have been active in our SCC community their entire lives alongside their family.

Maja Magajne's involvement began with attending Slomškova Slovenska Šola and continued through becoming an altar server at St. Mary's Church, serving at SCC events, teaching preschool Srčki class for 5 years at the Slovenska Šola and volunteering with the Friend's of St. Mary's. She can be seen doing many of these activities alongside her parents, Miha and Urša Magajne, and her brother, Mihec Magajne. Her stari ata, Branko Magajne, can often be seen helping maintain the grounds of St. Mary's Church, while her aunts, uncles and cousins help at the St. Mary's Church and the SCC in many different ways.

Alongside her volunteer work at the SCC and St. Mary's Church, Maja has been involved in many clubs and teams through her Lyons Township High School, including Cross Country, Track and Field, Business Networking Club, Sobramesa Club (Spanish Club), Girls in Math, Engineering and Science Club, and Boy Scouts of America. With the Boy Scouts of America, Maja has achieved the highest rank available, Eagle Scout. Her Eagle Scout project, the GaGa Ball Pit, right on the side of the SCC, was built to benefit anyone visiting the SCC. In her own words she "built this for the children who come to Lemont to be able to play together and have fun." During her time at Lyons Township High School, she received many awards, including the AP Scholar with Honor Award, Sate Scholar Award, College Board Recognition Award, and the National School Recognition Award. Maja is attending the University of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign this fall with a double major in Finance & Data Science and Marketing.

In the future, Maja has plans to attend a summer internship in Slovenia, graduate college, find a job in her field of study, stay involved in the Slovenian community, teach for Slovenska Šola, and possibly get a graduate degree. In her spare time, she enjoys skiing, traveling, and spending time with family and friends. When asked what it means to be part of the Slovenian community, Maja answered that she loves "being a part of the Slovenian community because of all the people that make it up. Growing up around so many other Slovenian families and friends has made the Slovenian Center feel like a second home. I have also learned more about the language and culture, while also making amazing memories. Furthermore, being a part of this community has given me a chance to teach Slovenian school, which I love to do." On her visits to Slovenia, she enjoys seeing her Slovenian family and the beautiful nature. This year, she "went to Lake Bled, Lake Bohinj, and climbed the highest Slovenian mountain, Mount Triglav, which was definitely challenging but very much worth it and such an amazing experience. A few years ago, I also attended a summer camp in Slovenia called Slovenska Mladinska Poletna šola, where I studied the Slovenian language to be able to speak it more fluently. I also met a lot of young Slovenians from around the world and explored many different places."

Anton "Tinč" Lockwood's involvement began with attending Slovenska Šola and continued through spending several years altar serving, working in the kitchen as a server/dishwasher, and assisted in the deep clean of the retreat house and other general clean up on the property over COVID summer (with the assistance of Robbie, Adam, and Janez). He spent a year as a Slomšek Šola teacher's assistant to Mojca. He continues to be an active and founding member of SMS Marela.

For a few years before joining the Marine Corps, with assistance from SMS Marela at times and my family, he coordinated and set up the "jaslice" in church for 3 years before handing it off to my mother, family, and friends. He has been a continuous member (when able and in town) of our church choir. His involvement with the SCC community began with the example of his Stariata spending years assisting Lilliana in the kitchen and working on the lawn mower team. His mother, Theresa Rozman, spent numerous years as the online coordinator, managing the email blasts, website, and social media for the SCC. His brothers, Janez Lockwood and Gregory Rozman, can be seen volunteering around the SCC frequently as well. You can find them serving events or doing the dishes.

Anton is a graduate of Joliet Central High School. He spent some time at Vandercook College of Music majoring in Music Ed, minoring in Cello Pedagogy before joining the Marine Corps Communications Electronics School (MCCES) getting college credits and certifications in basic electronics and further in digital wideband systems maintenance. While in the Marine Corps, he held student and small unit leadership roles and billets and left 29 Palms and both schoolhouses with the Paul Stokes Academic Award and an individual commendation for my consistent performance in leadership positions.

In the future, Anton plans to finish an undergraduate degree in Electrical Engineering. achieve a warrant as a Warrant Officer and then a commission as a Chief Warrant Officer in his field of ground electronics maintenance. He also wants to see as many of our national parks as feasibly possible and continue building a happy life which includes playing lots of pool with the hope of returning to the Pro-Am stage as he did before his enlistment. Otherwise, he enjoys trail running and is hoping to run his first marathon next year.

Anton has been to Slovenia once to attend Poletna Sola in Ljubljana at the university. "I loved the experience and time I spent over there, not only learning but also visiting with friends and extended family. My favorite memory was visiting my friends in Ansambel Trio and playing a set with them at the "veselice" they were gigging on. I would love to go again to the adult program at the university and spend more time with family still in Bohinj and Kranj."

When asked what it means to be a part of the Slovenian community, he stated that "being a part of the Slovenian community is not only a part of my identity and pride, but it is also continuous living proof that my family has survived the toughest of times. It impacts my life in both big and small ways. My continuous learning and understanding of our language has opened doors personally and professionally and sharing and keeping up old family traditions have given me a strong sense of who I am and where I belong."

We would like to thank our outgoing Gospod and Gospodična Janez Lockwood and Sophie Martinčič for their hard work and continued service in our Slovenian community.



SCC 31st ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION RESERVATION

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH, 2026

We are pleased to announce that we will be holding our annual 31st Anniversary on
Sunday, NOVEMBER 8th.



The donation for the luncheon is:
\$40 for adult members 19 years and older
\$15 for students ages 11 – 18
Children ages 10 and under are free

Reservations are due at the Center by Sunday, November 1st. A \$5.00 charge will be added per person for late reservations.

Reservations — SCC Anniversary 2026

Reservation Contact Name:

Contact phone #:

	<u>First/Last Name</u>	<u>ADULT 19 years +</u> \$40	<u>STUDENT(S) Ages 11-18</u> \$15	<u>CHILDREN Under 10</u> FREE
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**METHOD
OF PAYMENT:**

CASH: \$ _____

CHECK: # _____ Amount: \$ _____

CREDIT CARD: _____ Exp. Date: _____

Credit Card 3 Digit Code: _____

Billing Zip Code: _____

Signature: _____

Please indicate with whom you would like to be seated. We will do our best to accommodate the request provided all parties have a paid reservation by the due date.

We are unable to guarantee seating preferences for reservations made after the due date.

Invitation: Slovenian Professionals Networking Event

Monday, September 14, 2026 | 6:00–8:00 PM

Polsinelli Office | 150 N. Riverside Plaza, Chicago, IL 60606

Slovenian professionals who are working and/or studying in Chicagoland and Midwest are warmly invited to an evening of networking and conversation with the Slovenian Minister for Slovenians Abroad, Ms. Suzana Lep Šimenko, and the Consul General, Ms. Suzana Češarek, on Monday, September 14th, 2026 at 6 pm at the Polsinelli Chicago office.

We hope to bring together as many young Slovenian professionals and students as possible for an informal evening to connect, exchange experiences, and build a stronger professional community among Slovenian professionals in the United States and Slovenia.

This will be a unique opportunity to meet our distinguished guests, expand your professional network, and connect with other Slovenian professionals from across the Midwest. Guests will have the opportunity to briefly introduce themselves and share their professional experiences.

Together, we will discuss ideas and opportunities for future collaboration among Slovenian professionals in the United States and with colleagues and organizations in Slovenia.

We would be delighted to have you join us – and please feel free to extend this invitation to other Slovenian professionals or students who may be interested.

RSVP by Friday, September 11, 2026

to Urša Magajne at umagajne@polsinelli.com or (630) 220-3252.



5th Annual Grape Harvest:

Slovenian Polka Festival

Sunday, October 4th

Croatian Cultural Club
1503 Clement St.
Joliet, IL 60435

1 PM - 8 PM

Live Performances by:

Ray Koncar & the Boys

1:00 PM - 3:30 PM

Marela Slovenian Dancers

4:00 PM - 4:30 PM

Jeff Winard's Polka
Party Band

Visiting from Milwaukee
Cleveland-Style Polka Hall of Fame Inductee

5:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Planinsek Grocery &
Meat Market Museum

Open for guests to visit by trolley
from 1PM - 7PM



ST STEPHEN REUNION

*Generations united,
memories
rekindled.*

*Memory Lane.
Music. Cash Bar.
Food will be
available for
purchase.*

ALL ARE WELCOME

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14TH | 4 - 10- PM

Slovenian Catholic Center

14252 Main St. Lemont IL

\$15

Per Person
at the door.

\$10 Per Person - RSVP
and pay by November 1st.
708.341.3905

Charitable Giving Options for the Slovenian Catholic Center

Supporting The Dom at the Slovenian Catholic Center helps sustain our facilities, traditions, and programs so that future generations can continue to gather, celebrate, and build community together. Please consider the following Charitable Giving Options to help support our Dom:

Cash Gifts

Cash donations are the most straightforward way to support the Center. If you itemize deductions, cash gifts may generally be deducted up to 60% of adjusted gross income (AGI). They are simple, flexible, and allow the Center to immediately put your generosity to work.

Appreciated Stock or Securities

Donating appreciated stocks, mutual funds, or ETFs may provide significant tax advantages. You may be able to deduct the full market value of the investment while avoiding capital gains tax that would normally be due if the asset were sold.

Donor-Advised Funds (DAFs)

A Donor-Advised Fund allows you to contribute cash or securities, receive an immediate tax deduction, and recommend grants to charities like the Slovenian Catholic Center over time. Many donors use DAFs as a flexible way to plan long-term charitable giving.

Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCDs)

For individuals age 70½ or older, funds can be transferred directly from an IRA to a qualified charity. The distribution counts toward required minimum distributions while not being included in taxable income, which may help reduce overall taxable income.

Summary of Tax Benefits

Giving Method	Key Tax Benefit	Ideal For
Cash Gifts	Deduction up to 60% of AGI	Simple & Flexible Giving
Appreciated Stock	Deduct Value + Avoid Capital Gains Tax	Highly appreciated Investments
Donor-Advised Fund	Immediate Deduction; Tax-Free Growth	Strategic Long-Term Giving
QCD (IRA Giving)	Excluded from Income, Counts Toward RMD	IRA Owners Age 70 ½ +

For more information about planned giving opportunities supporting The Dom, please contact:

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Your generosity helps ensure that The Dom remains a vibrant home for Slovenian culture, community, and tradition for generations to come.

Adding Life & Beauty **ADOPT** **A PLOT** Through Gardening!



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S E R V I N G O P P O R T U N I T Y

If you have a servant's heart and a willing spirit – please join our team to build and care for our community through God's creation.

- * Adopt a specific plot for maintenance – you choose the time weekly.
- * Share a plot with a sibling, friend, or your kids/grandkids, etc.
 - Slovenian Catholic Center, Retreat House, Grotto, Rosary Valley
 - Plots will be designated around the Slovenian Lemont property for volunteers to “take on” ownership of maintenance with weeding, trimming, watering, and clean-up as needed, about 1 hour a week per area.
- * **WATER BRIGADE** – Memorial Day to Labor Day
Come **ONCE** a week to water new plantings and potted plants.

Join our team – contact Olga Kastelic Voss for more info
630-660-8086 o_voss@msn.com

SLOVENIAN CATHOLIC CENTER~PO Box 634 ~ Lemont, IL 60439

Membership

Thank you for supporting our Slovenian Catholic Center! We very much appreciate your contributions in prior years, and hope you will renew your membership. Please return the completed form and payment, or apply online at www.slovenian-center.org. If you are not a member but would like to keep receiving our newsletter, please return the form confirming your contact information.

Membership Year: _____

Name: _____

Spouse's Name: _____

Dependent Children: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Membership Type:

☐ Individual Membership - \$50

☐ Senior Membership - \$35

☐ Family Membership - \$100

Total donation: \$ _____

Method of payment:

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Signature: _____

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

September 20, Sunday.....	SMS Marela Filane Paprike Luncheon
October 4, Sunday	Slomšek Slovenian School begins
October 11, Sunday.....	Postponed - Oktoberfest Festival
October 11, Sunday.....	Mission Dinner
October 25, Sunday.....	Fall Festival / Šola Trunk & Treat
November 7, Saturday.....	KSKJ & SCC Blood Drive
November 7, Saturday.....	Brookfield Zoo Tree Decoration
November 7, Saturday.....	Decorating/Cooking/Hall Prep for Anniversary
November 8, Sunday.....	Dom's 31 st Anniversary Celebration
November 14, Saturday.....	St. Stephens Reunion Celebration at the SCC
November 27, Friday.....	2026 Center Young Adult Feedback Session
November 27, Friday.....	Sports Klub Pub Crawl – Downtown Lemont
December 6, Sunday.....	Sveti Miklavž & SMS Marela Annual Bake Sale
December 18 – 20, Friday - Sunday.....	2026 Festival of Lights
December 24, Thursday.....	Christmas Eve Mass (Center open after Mass)
January 10, Sunday.....	Winter Olympics
January 24, Sunday.....	Slomšek Slovenian School resumes

Note:

- Brookfield Zoo - Slomšek Slovenian School Christmas Tree (On display 11/21/2026 through 1/3/2027)
- Griffin Museum of Science & Industry - Christmas Around the World (On display 11/7/2026 through 1/3/2027)