



# SLOVENIAN CATHOLIC CENTER

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## GLASILO SLOVENSKEGA DOMA IN SKUPNOSTI V LEMONTU!

### MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I hope you were able to attend one of our events this past Quarter. Our team of volunteers worked hard on many events but featured was our Koline Dinner, at which over 250 people attended raising over \$9,000 for the Center. Thank you all for coming and enjoying a wonderful feast that was orchestrated by Karl Zorjan, Liliana Cepon, and Ljuba Novak in the kitchen and by our Slovenian School Program (Mojca Anaya & Sola) along with 100 volunteers! What an effort put forth by our community! As an aside, try explaining the sausage play to non-Slovenians; I would love to see their faces! Truly a Slovenian rite of passage to participate in this play!

2025 is the Center's 30th Anniversary which we will be celebrating on November 9th of this year. Please put this event on your calendar (and add the other events that are listed in the Calendar on the last page of this Newsletter) as we are planning for a big event to recognize our builders who worked tirelessly to build our Dom. We have a lot to be proud of as a Slovenian community as we look back on 30 years and forward to the next 30 years!

We are planning a Town Hall Meeting for all our members to get input on our Center direction, gather ideas, and discuss our next 30 years. Please come and share your thoughts to shape our Dom's future. Rumor has it since we provided free drinks at the Young Adult Session, we need to have free shots for this group! We are currently scheduling this after lunch on Palm Sunday, April 13th, so it may only be free desert & coffee but we will see!

Also, please remember that our Annual Membership Meeting & Member Appreciation dinner be on April 27th. This dinner is free for all paid members of the SCC and at the meeting, we will be holding board nominations and approvals. Please consider joining the board or nominating someone to join the board at this meeting.

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SCC OFFICE HOURS - SUNDAYS FROM 1 - 3 P.M. OR BY APPOINTMENT  
CENTER HOURS ON REGULAR SUNDAYS - OPEN UNTIL 3:00 P.M.



The Board has also been working on a number initiatives & recognitions that focus on the future.

These include:

- Center Redesign Project – Includes the Big Hall, Bar Transformation to a Costilna, Kitchen & Small Hall / Multi-purpose area
- Digital Marketing & Communication – Hired “The Marketers Group” consulting firm to help redesign our Website, Communications, social media and marketing, and SCC Brand Refresh
- Martin Hozjan Award of Distinction Honorees
  - Recognizing Slavko & Slavica Sovan / Fanika & Eddie Fritz at our Appreciation Dinner / Annual Meeting on Sunday, April 27th. Come out for a wonderful celebration!
- New Events and Activities for our younger generation:
  - Slovenian Day Camp – August 5th – 8th – Focused on culture, history, sports and Slovenian traditions. This camp is focused on grades 3 – 9.
  - SCC Internship Program (Focused on College aged kids)
    - Emma (Burjek) McGlynn is our first intern, and this newsletter is her first project as she takes over as editor from Tony Krusic & Wanda Jozwik. Thank you both for your help over the past 6 years to support the Newsletter and welcome Emma to the Team!
    - Looking for assistance with social media & web design, event planning, marketing, & architectural design. Let me know if you are interested.
- Slovenian Dance Classes – Our goal is for everyone to know how to dance a Slovenian Polka / Waltz – Thanks to Nada Petrovic and Marela dancers for leading this effort!

These and many other events are being discussed, but to get these events and activities going, we continue to need help. Many of these activities not only come from our Board Members, but also from our community. If you have a passion for an event, spiritual gifts or a serving spirit, please join us and let's have some fun!

I love the tag line that Joe Vidmar has in his email footer.

Deuteronomy 15:10. Give generously to them and do so without a grudging heart; then because of this the LORD your God will bless you in all your work and in everything you put your hand to.

### **PUT YOUR SKILLS TO WORK, VOLUNTEER WITH US**

Thanks again for your continued support and to all our volunteers! The Center only runs because of the volunteer effort by our Community. If you are not active, please join us!

Tony Vuksinic

SCC President

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Great turn out for the Koline dinner - was so nice to see some familiar faces come together!





## S U S **SLOVENSKO VERSKO SREDIŠČE** **SLOVENIAN CATHOLIC MISSION**

**Palm Sunday** – April 13 – 11:00 am – Blessing of the 'butarice' and other greenery will be in front of the Center. The procession to the church will follow. During the mass the solemn reading of Jesus' passion according to Evangelist Luke. There will be a gathering for Easter brunch in the Center afterwards.

- On Saturday morning, before Palm Sunday you are invited to **make "butarice" in the Center.**
- At noon on Saturday there will be **Living stations of the Cross** (a volunteer in Lemont, Larry Baron is organizing – if you are prepared to have a role in it invited to call Larry at 708-662-0478)

**Holy Thursday** – April 17 – Liturgy in memory of Jesus' last supper with the Apostles. Holy Mass will be at 7:00 pm, followed by a holy hour with Jesus in the 'jail'.

**Good Friday** – April 18 – At 7:00 pm will be Celebration of the Passion of the Lord.

**Holy Saturday-Vigil of Easter** – April 19 – We are invited to remember and visit Jesus who was buried on Good Friday. At 2:00 pm blessing of the food (which traditionally entails bread-meat as a symbol of Jesus' body; coloured eggs – symbol of Jesus' blood and also of resurrection, horse radish – Jesus' nails and 'potica' – Jesus' crown). At 7:00 pm will be a special liturgy of the day, concluding with Easter procession, also blessing of the Easter food, followed by a gathering in the Center.

**Easter** – April 20 – 11:00 am solemn mass of Easter Sunday – Jesus' resurrection.

**Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick**, will be held during the mass on second Sunday of Easter, April 27, called also Devine Mercy Sunday. Same Sunday as appreciation dinner in the Center.

'**Šmarnice**'- Slovenian devotion to Mary will take place on Sundays in May during the mass (as the last two years) and after the mass singing litanies to Mary with responses will be held.

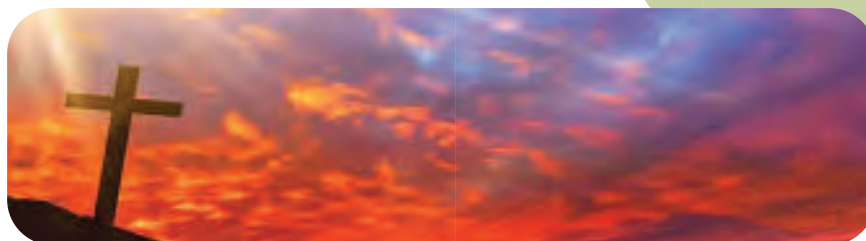
**100 years - Marija Pomagaj picture** – June 1 – Rector from Brezje, Fr. Robert Bahcic, will celebrate with us 100 years since Marija Pomagaj picture was installed into the chapel of the first Franciscan monastery along Main Street. We remember also the 80th anniversary of the end of the second world war. People from all over the USA and Canada were gathering at Marija Pomagaj for decades to meet, pray, and gain strength to continue on. These Slovenians were supporting Lemont - with Ave Maria magazine being their connection to Ameriške Brezje. We will remember and celebrate together!

**Acceptance** of the children who received their First Holy Communion this year will take place on June 8th at 11 a.m. mass. Since the same day is also Pentecost, all those who received Confirmation this, or previous years, are invited as well.

**Corpus Christi procession** will be held **on Sunday, June 15nd** -- starting with the solemn mass at 11:00 am at the Lourdes Grotto (weather permitting). After the mass there will be procession with the Blessed Sacrament around 'Lake Bled'. Children are especially invited to participate by bringing flower petals to the procession and laying them before the altars during prayers. All the Slovenian organizations are invited to participate with their banners.

**June 15** – Prekmurje Social Club – Father's Day pilgrimage and picnic– Mass will be held at the grotto and followed by Corpus Christi procession – please see above.

**June 28 – 29.** – Slovenian Sport's Club weekend. The Sunday Mass will be held at the Lourdes grotto.





### Consular News

John Vidmar have resigned but have been asked to stay on until a new person is appointed. The Cleveland General Consul Office has agreed to take on more of a role in responding to requests from Illinois. Their telephone number is: 216-771-7010.



### Retreat House

It is booked all the way through June. For the first time, there is a retreat in August. The fall is booked up through November. I am looking for regular help in mopping floors. Please call 708-204-4390 if you know of someone.



### Slovenian Genealogy Society International, Inc

A few years ago, a card index file was found that contained the names of all family members who were sponsored from DP camps in Austria, German and Italy after WWII to the United States. The Slovenian Catholic League headquartered in Joliet and NYC, coordinated between the United Nations Relief Agencies and sponsors in the USA. The SGSI last year organized volunteers to enter this data into a database. They are almost 75% done. Many names of SCC families who were refugees from WWII can be found in this database. If anyone wishes to volunteer to help get us to the end, please call me.



### Slovenian Adult Class

This class meets on Monday evenings on Zoom at 7pm for one hour. There are people from four states on the call. If you wish to join, text me (708-204-4390) your email address and I will send you a link. There is no charge. The Slovenian Language Manual Volume 1 is being used. Milena Gobec provided me with some extra copies.



### Hopes on the Way

Most of the bucket loading operation has been moved to a building next to the rectory of St. Alphonsus in Lemont. It outgrew the Retreat House. The new building makes loading tractor trailers easier. We have a Lenten drive going on. Checks can be written to: Hope's On The Way. We will also make buckets available for those who want to go to stores themselves to pick up cleaning supplies for disaster victims.



### Bishop Baraga Days

Houghton Michigan is the site for Baraga Days this year on August 29th and 30th at St. Ignatius Church. The church served Germans but almost half the congregation was Slovenian and its pastor for over 40 years was Monsignor Anton Režek who visited Lemont often in his lifetime. He was here 100 years ago when the painting of Marija Pomagaj was installed. He was also here for the All Slovenian Pilgrimage/Romanje that drew 12,000 people in 1930. There will be a pilgrimage to the old St. Joseph Church in Calumet, the former Slovenian parish, which many believe is the most beautiful church in the UP. If you have interest, please call me immediately. Bishop Jamnik is coming to represent the Slovenian Bishops conference.



**Congratulations to our inaugural recipients of the SCC Service Award Gospodična Moira Claridge and Gospod Adam Petrovic!! We look forward to seeing you both in our Slovenian community for years to come.**

We are now accepting applicants for the 2025 SCC Service Award. Eligibility requirements are as follows: Applicants must be between the ages of 18 and 30 by July 1 of the current year, must be high school graduates, must be active in the Slovenian community, specifically the Slovenian Catholic Center community, and must be a member of the Slovenian Catholic Center.

Duties and participation expectations of the Gospodična / Gospod / Gospa include:  
Attend the SCC Anniversary mass and luncheon in the year of recognition and the year following recognition.  
Be an active member in the Slovenian Catholic Center Community.  
Attend and participate in events that include Slovenian dignitaries. Advance notice will be provided.

In your application please provide the following information:

- Name, birthday, and male/female
- List any education with current status and name of institution (high school, college with majors and minors, trade school, certifications, etc.)
- List any other significant things about your education (scholarships, achievements, conferences, etc.)
- List any organizations (sports, clubs, religious, service, and professional) that you participated in with dates and any noteworthy competitions, leadership roles, and other achievements
- List all volunteer and service work at the Slovenian Catholic Center, Bargara St. Mary's Retreat House, and/or Blessed Anton Martin Slomsek Slovenian Catholic Mission
- List all Slovenian associations and include dates of active participation and volunteer work (KSKJ, SNPJ, Slovenian Union of America, etc.)
- List any family members involved in the Slovenian community and any of their contributions
- What does it mean to be part of the Slovenian community to you and how does it impact your life?
- Goals for the next 10 years
- Any hobbies and interests you enjoy doing regularly
- Would you be willing to attend SCC events (such as Koline, Annual Membership luncheon, SCC Picnic, SCC Anniversary, etc.) in the current and following year

Applications are due by June 15 to [secretary@slovenian-center.org](mailto:secretary@slovenian-center.org) with the subject line SCC Service Award or dropped off at the SCC.

Selection process for Gospodična / Gospod / Gospa:

- Applications are due by June 15.
- All submitted applications are reviewed to ensure that applicants meet the eligibility requirements.
- The Young Adult Service Recognition committee reviews all eligible applicants and nominates the top applicants for Gospodična / Gospod / Gospa to the SCC General Board.
- The SCC General Board votes and determines the Gospodična / Gospod / Gospa for the coming year. Up to 2 applicants, 1 of each gender, can be selected each year. This is based on the applications received each year.
- The selected candidates will be notified after the SCC General Board vote to have pictures taken and to provide further information about the rest of the process.
- The Gospodična / Gospod / Gospa will be announced at the SCC picnic on the second Sunday in August.
- The Gospodična / Gospod / Gospa will be honored at the SCC Anniversary celebration on the second Sunday in November



## SMS MARELA (SLOVENSKA MLADINSKA SKUPINA MARELA)

Marela took a long-needed break from our regular meeting to allow members to concentrate on school activities. We have been meeting once a month to stay in touch and to continue our mission.

Most recently Marela has hosted "Learn How to Polka/Waltz" classes in collaboration with the Center's new outreach goals opening our Dom to new activities. We hosted 3 different sessions with 20 + attendees at each session. Members of Marela were on hand to personally assist our "students" with footwork, timing and tips for dancing. This was a great new event for the group and for the community allowing some fun in the bleak winter months.



In February, the Center hosted it's annual Koline dinner and we were happy to help with set up and many of our members were on hand to help serve the luncheon.

We are looking forward to assisting with the Palm Sunday celebration as well as getting back in our normal meeting routine. Beginning in April we will once again be meeting every other week.

Our senior members are busy planning some new and unique fund-raising events and looking forward to our summer performance schedule.

As always, we welcome anyone who may be interested in joining our group, to come check us out. Please contact Nada Petrovic at 630-863-5648 or any member of Marela!





## **Slovenian Sports Klub Nation!**

### **Texas Hold'em Recap**

We had 23 players in our Texas Hold'em tournament on February 15th and a good time was had by all! Congrats to everyone, especially the Texas Hold'em winners that won cash prizes. We paid out more than \$1,000 in prize money! (WHAT???!). What a fantastic time!

- 1st place: Kevin Egan (2nd year in a row)
- 2nd place: Zachary Deleshe
- 3rd place: Max Petrovic
- 4th place: Loic Louapre
- 5th place: Collin Pecharich

We had two father/son participants: Steve/Brian Lavrisa, and Tony/Anthony Gregorich. We even had a tri-generational group, Milan/Marko/Collin Pecharich! We know what they do after their family holiday dinners!

Also, for the non-poker players, the Left /Center / Right big winner was Rob Zizek!

### **Trivia Night coming very soon! Saturday, March 22nd**

It's that time again! Come out to show off all that useless information you've been storing in your head! You know who you are!

### **36th Annual Softball, Golf, and Music Festival - June 27th-29 th**

We hope you will be able to attend our upcoming golf and softball tournaments the weekend of June 27th-29th. Details are below.

#### **Annual SSK Golf Outing - Friday, June 27th**

18 holes of golf with a cart at Stoney Creek Golf Course. Format is a 4-man scramble with winners' names going on the Sports Klub trophy. A scramble format means players of all levels are welcome! Handicaps will be assigned. Please contact Stan Kastelic to sign up as a team or as an individual, or for more information: 773-505-5448. Don't forget to wear your patriotic gear for the golf outing!



#### **36th Annual SSK Softball Tournament - June 28th & 29th**

Co-ed Softball Tournament & Music Festival - We're always looking for more players! You can sign up as an individual and we'll put you on a team. Even if you don't play, come out to socialize, play bocce ball, enjoy the playground, play volleyball or pickleball, and take in the beauty of the grounds of St. Mary's. Once again, donations of potato salad, pasta salad, green salad, or finger desserts are appreciated! Simply bring them to the hut anytime Saturday or before noon on Sunday. Thank you in advance! For information on playing, contact Jake Gregorich. (jakobgregorich@gmail.com).

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**Bonfire and live music – Saturday, June 28th:** Join us Saturday night around 8pm for a bonfire and live music!

**Lunch “On the hill” at noon – Sunday, June 29th:**

Immediately following the 11am mass at the outdoor grotto. Softball semi-finals and championship games to follow immediately after lunch.

**PICKLEBALL UPDATE**

The Slovenian Sports Klub purchased two portable pickleball nets, paddles, and balls, for use on the grounds of St. Mary's in Lemont last year. Tony and Jeanie Gregorich painstakingly marked two courts last year and will refresh them this year. One is on the south side of the Slovenian Catholic Center, in the parking lot. The other is in the parking lot just east of the Retreat House up on the hill. We plan to purchase some sort of lockbox to store the equipment in so it will be accessible to all who come to the center or up on the hill. We'll send out an update on how to access the lockbox in the next newsletter.

If you're not familiar with pickleball, it's America's fastest growing sport and is a cross between tennis, ping pong and badminton. It's played with a paddle and a perforated plastic ball. It's addictive and fun for all ages!

If you would like more information about these events or would like to be added to our email list, please send an email to [sloveniansportsklub@gmail.com](mailto:sloveniansportsklub@gmail.com) or access our Facebook page. Search under Chicago Slovenian Sports Klub.



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**St. Jospeh's Annual Marija Pomagj Mass in Joliet**

**416 N. CHICAGO STREET**

- Fr Metod to con-celebrate with Fr Roger.
- Thursday May 22 at 6:30 pm.
- Reception follows with food, drink, and music
- Sponsored by:
  - St. Joseph
  - St. Frances de Sales
  - St. John the Baptist
  - KSKG Lodges





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



SLOVENIAN CATHOLIC CENTER

## 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 Ski Jumping Gathered Illinois, Wisconsin and Michigan

A group of Slovenians from Illinois, Wisconsin, and Michigan gathered at Pine Mountain to cheer on a Slovenian ski jumping team competing at the 2025 FIS Continental Cup. Some visitors wore traditional Slovenian outfits (nošas), while others waved Slovenian flags and sang or played Slovenian music. The young Slovenian athletes placed very well, despite the strong winds and cold temperatures. The Slovenian ski jumping team travels to the Upper Peninsula in Michigan every year to compete at this annual FIS tournament. This year, the coaches Jan Družina, David Krapež, and Žiga Mandl supported the young ski jumpers Žak Mogel, Žiga Jelar, Žiga Jančar, Rok Masle, Maksim Bartolj, and Urban Šimnic. On their way back to Slovenia, the team usually spends a day in Chicago before catching a flight. This year, they were welcomed by the Slovenian community in Chicago at a dinner party organized by Marko Magajne and his family. They spent the night with a couple of Slovenian families and enjoyed a day of sightseeing in the city of Chicago before heading home. If anyone is interested in joining next year, please contact **Urša Magajne** at [umagajne@polsinelli.com](mailto:umagajne@polsinelli.com)



## Slomšek Slovenian School Announcements: Exciting Happenings and Upcoming Events

**Welcome Andrea Boltežar!** We are thrilled to introduce our new teacher, Andrea Boltežar. Originally from Argentina, Andrea, along with her husband, Danilo, and their three daughters, Juana, Emilia, and Agustina made the move to Chicagoland this past summer from Argentina. The daughters joined šola in the fall, and Andrea is now teaching our younger grade school class as of the new year. We are grateful for Andrea's enthusiasm, willingness to help, and new ideas, all of which will contribute to the continued success of our students and school. Please join us in welcoming the Volpedo family to our Slovenian community—we are so glad to have you with us!

**Koline Celebration Fun In February** šola had the privilege of participating at the annual Koline event. Our grade school students presented a humorous skit to the song "Jager gre na jago." The story takes a playful twist, revealing who the true "hunted" is, followed by a burial attended by the animals! After the skit, the entire school participated in what has become our traditional Koline dance. The dance began with couples bringing food and drink to the "table" to celebrate the day, but to everyone's surprise, the legendary pig appeared from beneath the table and tried to sneakily devour the food without being caught by the butchers. Of course, the pig lost in the end, and the dance concluded with the arrival of our beloved krvavice/sausages. Fun was had by all—preparing for the presentation and performing for everyone!

**End-of-Year Performance Coming Soon** As we approach the end of the school year, our students have started preparing for their performance on Sunday, May 18th, at 12:45 PM. We extend an invitation to our Slovenian community to join us for the Fellowship Lunch that Sunday, followed by a short šola performance showcasing what our students have learned this year. It will be a wonderful opportunity to come together, celebrate our students' achievements, and enjoy the day of fellowship. We hope to see you there!





## Palm Sunday Preparation



Families, children, and adults are invited to color eggs for our Palm Sunday/Cvetna nedelja luncheon and hall decorating for Easter! These fun and meaningful activities will take place **Friday, April 11th, starting at 6 pm**. Pizza/salad will be provided to keep everyone fueled and happy. Looking forward to an evening of fun and community!



**Butarice-making will begin at 9:00am Saturday, April 12th. A light lunch will be served for all in thanks for your time and effort.**

“Butarice” - Butarice/butare are bundles of greenery, flowers & painted wood curls. While some people also add oranges and apples, we modify our Butarice with ribbons instead of painted wood curls. In tradition with our Slovenian heritage, people come to church on Palm Sunday/Cvetna nedelja with these butarice where they are then blessed.

## Slovenian Celebration

The Government Office for Slovenians Abroad is honoring Slovenian Independence day with a beautiful video featuring Slovenian communities from around the world. The video will showcase individuals and groups singing/dancing to the beloved Slovenian Avsenik song, “Slovenija, od kod lepote tvoje”. SVS choir, Zbor Marija Pomagaj, and Slovenian Catholic Center invite you to be part of this celebration! On **Sunday, May 4th, 2025, at 1:00 pm** we will record our community singing this treasured Slovenian song. Your participation will be featured in this heartwarming video, showcasing the global spirit of Slovenia. No experience required.

Lyrics will be provided.

For details, reach out to **Mojca Anaya, [mmagajne@firstam.com](mailto:mmagajne@firstam.com), 847-207-0963**.



# Make Your Own Potica!



## DOUGH INGREDIENTS

500 g all-purpose flour (4 cups or 17.7 ounces)  
 5 g active dry yeast (1 1/2 tsp) or 10g (1 tbsp) fresh yeast  
 2 tbsp sugar  
 270 ml milk (9.5 ounces)  
 2 egg yolks (40g or 1.4 ounces)  
 65 g melted butter (2.3 ounces)  
 1/2 tsp salt

## WALNUT FILLING INGREDIENTS

300 g shelled walnuts (10.5 ounces)  
 60 g floral honey (2.1 ounces)  
 3 tbsp sugar  
 75 g heavy cream (2.7 ounces)  
 1 tbsp butter  
 1 tbsp rum (optional)  
 1/4 tsp ground cinnamon  
 1/2 tsp bio lemon zest  
 2 egg whites (medium)  
 2 tbsp sugar (for egg whites)

## TOOLS/EQUIPMENT

Bundt cake pan (24cm/9in) or 2 loaf pans 10x25 cm (4inx10in)  
 Small bowl  
 Large bowl  
 Stand mixer (optional)  
 Food processor  
 Electric Mixer  
 Rolling Pin  
 Brush



## METHOD

### 1) PREPARE THE PANS

- We traditionally bake potica in a cake pan called "Poticnik". It's similar to a bundt cake pan, so you can use that or use a loaf pan. Grease with butter or lard and set aside.

### 2) KNEAD

- In a small bowl knead together yeast, sugar, and lukewarm milk. Set aside for 10 minutes for the yeast to grow. In a large bowl combine all-purpose flour, yeast mixture, and egg yolks. Knead for a minute, then add melted butter and salt. Knead for about 10 minutes by hand or use an electric mixer and knead until the dough is nice, soft and elastic, for about 5 minutes (using a mixer). Cover with cling film and set aside for about 50 - 60 minutes or until doubled in size.
- \*TIP: If the dough appears to be stiff and not elastic at all, add up to 2 tbsp of milk into the mixture. You can also substitute 1/3 of the butter with lard.

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### 3) WALNUT FILLING

- Put the walnuts in a bowl of a food processor and pulse for a few seconds at a time until the walnuts are fine. Transfer to a large bowl. In a saucepan combine heavy cream, floral honey, sugar, butter, rum (optionally), lemon zest and ground cinnamon. Place over medium-high heat, bring to a boil, then pour over the walnuts in a bowl. Stir to combine to get a nice walnut filling. Set aside for the mixture to cool to room temperature. In a separate bowl beat the egg whites with sugar to get stiff peaks. Fold the egg whites into the walnut mixture and stir to combine. The walnut filling mixture should be light, yet stirred well.
- \*TIP: If the walnut filling seems too liquidy, add a tsp of breadcrumbs. If the filling seems too dry, add 1 tsp of heavy cream.

### 4) PREPARATION AND ROLLING (THE CLASSIC WAY)

- Preheat your oven to 190 °C / 375 °F. Generously dust your working area with flour. Roll the dough into a 40 cm x 35 cm / 16-inches x 13.5-inches rectangle, thickness 0.5 cm or 0.2-inch. Using an offset spatula, spread the walnut filling in an even layer over the dough. Starting at the shorter edge nearest you, tightly roll up into a tight log. Brush off any excess flour. Transfer the potica roll to the prepared pan so that the seam is looking upward. Make sure that the ends of the log are tightly pressed together or the potica won't be as pretty and the filling will spread out while baking.
- \*TIP: if you decided to cut off the excess dough on the edges, you can bake it separately on a baking sheet. The length of the log must be double the length of the round bundt cake pan

### 5) PROOFING (CLASSIC WAY)

- Cover the potica with a towel or cling film and let stand at room temperature until doubled in size, about 45 - 55 minutes.

### 6) OVERNIGHT PROOFING

- If you want to proof the potica overnight, you first need to leave out the first bulk proofing. Once you knead the dough, leave it to rest at your working surface for about 15 minutes, then roll the dough into a rectangle and spread the walnut filling over the dough. Roll, transfer to your prepared pan. Cover with cling film or towel and place in the fridge to proof for about 8 - 12 hours. Then, place the cold potica into your preheated oven to bake.

### 7) BAKE AND SERVE

- Using a brush, gently brush the potica with lukewarm milk. Use a skewer to poke holes all over the top of the potica all the way through to prevent air bubbles from forming and separating the filling from the dough. Transfer the potica to the preheated oven. Bake for 45 minutes at 180 °C / 355 °F. Then lower the heat to 160 °C / 320 °F and continue to bake for 20 - 25 minutes or until the nut roll is puffed and golden brown. Let cool slightly, for about 5 minutes, then invert onto a wire rack and remove the pan. Leave the potica to cool, then sprinkle with icing sugar and serve.
- \*TIP: If you are baking Potica in a convection oven the baking time is slightly different. First, bake for 45 minutes at 165 °C / 330 °F, then reduce the heat to 140 °C / 285 °F and continue to bake for 20 - 25 minutes.



**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](http://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

Total donation: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Family Membership - \$100

**Method of payment:**

☐ Cash

☐ Check #: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Credit Card #: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

3-digit verification code: \_\_\_\_\_ Billing zip code: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**I would like to receive a membership card**

☐ Yes ☐ No

\*\*\* Membership cards will be distributed at the Member Appreciation Dinner. If you are unable to attend, it will be mailed to you \*\*\*

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

Fri, Mar 14.....Fish Fry

Sat, Mar 22.....Trivia Night at 5:30pm sponsored by Slovenian Sports Club

Friday, April 11, 2025.....Egg Coloring/Hall Decorating

Sat, April 12.....Butarice Making

Sun, April 13.....Palm Sunday Brunch

Sun, April 20.....Easter Sunday – CENTER CLOSED

Sun, April 27.....SCC Appreciation Celebration on / Annual Meeting

Sunday, May 18, 2025.....Slomšek Slovenian School Year-End Performance

Sun, June 1.....Commemoration of the “Marija Pomagaj” portrait during 11 a.m. Mass

Sun, June 15.....Father’s Day Picnic (hosted by PSK)

Fri - Sun, June 27th - 29th.....Sports Klub Weekend (Golf & Soccerball)

Sun, Aug 10.....SCC BIG Picnic & Raffle

Sun, Aug 24.....Honey Picnic & Blessing of the new Rosary Valley walkways

Sun, Oct 5.....Slomšek Slovenian School 2025-26 school year begins

Sun, Oct 19.....100 Year “Ameriske Brezje” Anniversary Celebration Mass & Dinner

Sun, Oct 26.....Trunk or Treat

Sun, Nov 9.....SCC 30th Anniversary & Dinner

Sun, Dec 7.....Sveviti Miklavž

Sat & Sun, Dec 20th & 21st 2025.....Festival of Lights

Thurs, Dec 25.....Christmas – CENTER CLOSED

Wed, Dec 31.....New Year’s Eve