



SLOVENIAN CATHOLIC CENTER

"Naš Slovenski Dom" established 1995

July – Sept 2024

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julij, avgust, september, 2024
Glasilo Slovenskega doma in skupnosti v Lemontu!



Our Lemont Slovenian Home and Community Newsletter!

To our valued members,

Congratulations to our new executive board!

President = Tony Vuksinic

Vice-President = Greg Remec

Secretary = Wanda Jozwik

Treasurer = John Zerdin

Recording Secretary = Stephanie Williams

Your donation of time is priceless, thank you!

Greg Remec, Interim President

SCC ANNUAL PICNIC

\$10,000 RAFFLE!

Please join us... Sunday, August 11th, 2024

SCC office hours – Sundays from 1 – 3 p.m. or by appointment



Renew
your
membership
today!





SLOVENSKO VERSKO SREDIŠČE SLOVENIAN CATHOLIC MISSION

June 29 – 30 – Slovenian Sport's Club Weekend On Sunday, June 30th, 11:00 AM; Mass will be held at the Lourdes grotto.

Rev Martin Nyberg will celebrate his First Slovenian Mass at St. Mary's on Sunday, July 21, at 11:00 AM in the church of Marija Pomagaj. Gospod Martin was ordained at Holy Name Cathedral in Chicago on Saturday, May 18. Come and welcome him as a newly ordained priest!

August 11 – Slovenian Catholic Center pilgrimage and picnic – Mass will be held at the Lourdes grotto at 11:00 AM following with the singing of litanies to Mary and the blessing of the Sacrament. Detailed information about the picnic can be found in this newsletter on page 4

August 25 - Honey Picnic – fundraising pilgrimage and picnic for the Franciscan Monastery and for the upkeep of the grounds. All support is [greatly appreciated including the donations of homemade pastries!](#) Holy Mass will be held at the grotto with devotions to Mary following immediately. Dinner will be served at the picnic area. Bakery and honey will be sold. In the past a water slide was donated by generous donors. If you want it again for the children, you are welcome to provide it.

Slomsek Sunday – September 22nd; Blessed Anton Martin Slomsek is the patron saint of the Slovenian Catholic Mission and of Slomsek Slovenian School. We will celebrate Blessed Slomsek at Sunday Mass.



FRIENDS OF
ST. MARY'S

FOSM dates weather permitting. 8am-noonish

Meet at Rosary Valley

4/13

5/11

6/8

7/13

* Bring your rakes, pruners, gloves etc.

We love our volunteers but welcome more.

Anyone interested in joining FOSM alerts, please send info to be added to the distribution list.

Name, email, cell phone to Joe Vidmar. volunteer@friendsofstmarys.org

PUT YOUR SKILLS TO WORK, VOLUNTEER WITH US

Friends of St. Mary's

P.O. Box 634

14252 Main Street

Lemont, IL 60439

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.





Consular's Corner

We wish Alenka Jerak well on her new assignment and thank her for all of her good work for us. Alenka's replacement is **Suzana Češarek** and she is arriving to Cleveland in September.

Retreat House

Bookings are at a record high for the last ten years. We are looking to hire some help for cleaning. We have services for garbage, catering, laundry, and making beds. There is a need for a cleaning service. The requirements are the ability to mop and to use a floor scrubber.

Deacon Janez P. Vidmar
Director Baraga St. Mary's Retreat House

Bishop Baraga Association

The celebration will be on Saturday, September 14th in Gaylord, MI. We are leaving on Friday and returning on Sunday. We are still trying to recruit a bus. Call Dcn. John P. Vidmar if you are interested. We are translating Slovenian articles to English written about Bishop Baraga and other Slovenian missionaries.

We are using a professional translator. We are asking for donations to cover this cost. Please send donations to Franciscan Fathers, PO Box 608, Lemont, IL 60439 and put translation donation in the memo line if you send a check. We are on the third book translated into English, not counting the children's book the adult class of Slovenian School completed last year. The adult class is going to start translating another children's book into English on Baraga that was recently published by Družina.

Adult Slovenian Class on Zoom

This class successfully moved to Zoom this past year. It is at 7pm on Monday evenings. This year we concentrated on translating the Sunday readings into English. We are going to add another hour which will start with basic Slovenian grammar instruction. NO knowledge of Slovenian is assumed for this introductory class. This will also be done on Zoom. The Gobec book will be used for instruction.

Contact Dcn. John P. Vidmar if you are interested. 708-204-4390

Slovenian Genealogical Society

Slovenian Genealogical Society: Mike Vidmar and Dcn. John P. Vidmar [have](#) started a branch of the SGSI here at the center. This organization has the most extensive database of Slovenian Genealogy. They also have a research library on American Slovenians and Slovenian sources.

Currently they are running a data input project to input all the information that exists on the card file of Post WWII Slovenian Refugees to the USA kept by the Slovenian American Catholic League. We reviewed the card file and found many names of people who were members of Slovenian parishes in Chicago, Joliet, Milwaukee, Duluth, Pueblo, Canon City, Cleveland, Pittsburgh, and NY. They are looking for more volunteers to help input the data. This is done remotely. You need a computer and access to the internet.

If you are interested in volunteering contact: sgsiwebmaster@gmail.com and mention: DP Card Input.



SCC ANNUAL PICNIC

\$10,000 RAFFLE

Please join us... Sunday, August 11th, 2024

Plus 27 additional prizes

in amounts of

\$1000

\$500

\$100



BBQ Lunch:

Lamb

Pork

Chicken

Čevapčići

Hot Dogs

Bakery Tent

Ice Cream

Beer Tent

Fully Stocked Bar

Dollar Raffle

BIG Raffle

Bocce Ball

Bags & Volleyball

Children's Games

Slovenian School Project Tent

Playground

& more....

Live Music

Open Pavilion Dancing

**Thank you for your past
and continued support!**

11:00 A.M. MASS AT GROTTO

(WEATHER PERMITTING)

12:00 P.M. PICNIC "ON THE HILL"

1:00 P.M. SLOMSEK SLOVENIAN
SCHOOL PROJECT

4:00 P.M. \$1 DOLLAR RAFFLE

5:00 P.M. \$10,000 GRAND PRIZE
RAFFLE DRAWING





ANNUAL RAFFLE

The SCC Annual Raffle will be held at our annual picnic on Sunday, August 11th.

The raffle is our main source of income and we encourage everyone to

purchase a ticket from your seller or by contacting the

Slovenian Catholic Center at 630-243-0670

GRAND PRIZE - \$10,000

PLUS 27 ADDITIONAL PRIZES IN VALUES OF - \$1000 - \$500 - \$100

RAFFLE TICKET DONATION - \$50

ENTRY FORM FOR RAFFLE

AUGUST 11TH, 2024

\$10,000 GRAND PRIZE

PLUS 27 ADDITIONAL PRIZES

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone(_____)_____ **TICKET DONATION = \$50.00**

Remit to: **Slovenian Catholic Center, PO Box 634, Lemont , IL. 60439**

Your official ticket will be mailed to you upon receipt of payment and completed form.

Last mail pickup August 10th!



SMS Marela



Slovenska Mladinska Skupina Marela

SMS Marela has had a busy Spring! We are in full preparation for all our upcoming performances, particularly the SNPJ Slovenefest festivities July 13-14, 2024 in Enon Valley, Pennsylvania. We participated in the Easter Brunch at Slovenian Catholic Center on Palm Sunday, volunteered for the Friends of St. Mary's Spring cleanup day, and helped prepare the hall for Fr. Martin Nyberg's ordination celebration at the Center.

We welcomed back our college students and Robbie Fry who is home on leave from the Navy for 6 weeks! It is so nice to have one of our original members with us for a few weeks!

Later this summer, on August 11th, we will be performing for the annual Big Picnic for the Slovenian Catholic Center. Later in August, Kres Folklore Group will celebrate their 70th Anniversary and we will travel to Cleveland, Ohio to celebrate with them! And finally, we will travel to Toronto, Ontario on October 11th to support, perform and celebrate the 50th anniversary of our friends, Mladi Glas Planika Folklore Group. They have invited all folklore dance groups in North America to join their celebration! They will have a special guest from Slovenia so look for more information on this event! We are very excited!

Once again, we will be hosting our annual backyard barbecue fundraiser on July 28th so come out and see us!

As always, we welcome anyone of Slovenian decent, 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! Nasvidenje!





Scouting America

History has been made! Four young Slovenian American women - **Alenka Rus, Maja Magajne, Sofia Magajne, Teya Magajne** - were recognized and celebrated at their Eagle Scout Court of Honor Ceremony, held at St. Mary's Slovenian Catholic Mission in April 2024.

Scouting America (previously "BSA – Boy Scouts of America") recently welcomed girls into their scouting program in 2019. Proud fathers, brothers and Eagle Scouts themselves, Marko and Miha Magajne (who are also active members of St. Mary's Slovenian Catholic Mission), quickly encouraged their daughters and Goddaughter to join Scouts and become a part of the first generation of girls to earn this prestigious ranking. Earning the Eagle Scout rank is not just about acquiring merit badges or learning outdoor skills; it is about character development, leadership, and making a positive impact on society.

Not only did the Magajne brothers supervise, but fellow Slovenians and proud scouts, Tina Rigler and Eagle Scout Justin Rigler, also hold leadership roles for Troop 33 (based out of La Grange, IL). With all these dedicated adults' guidance and leadership, each girl successfully earned a total of 21 merit badges which demonstrate Scout spirit, service, and leadership. This includes an extensive service project which the scout is responsible to plan, organize, lead, and manage. Coincidentally, each of these Eagle Scout projects contributed to the Slovenian Community in many ways.

Alenka Rus noticed a lack of seating at outdoor picnics and around the church grounds. She decided to add some colorful park benches throughout the Slovenian Catholic Center. Alenka coordinated volunteers to help build and paint these festive wooden benches with Slovenian themed colors and patterns.

Maja Magajne realized that after church or Slovenian school, children could benefit from having a fun outdoor play area. Based on her personal experiences playing gaga ball at school playgrounds, she was inspired to bring the fun game to the Slovenian community. She successfully fundraised and gathered volunteers to help build a gaga ball court for children of all ages to participate and share memories at the Slovenian Catholic Center.

Sofia Magajne was informed of the need to renovate and restore several rooms in St. Mary's Monastery into proper classrooms for Slomšek Slovenian School. Sofia managed volunteers who scraped and painted walls, dismantled old shelving, etc. She also fundraised and purchased new furniture and school supplies for three classrooms, where students gather to learn about our Slovenian language, culture, dance, religion, and traditions.

Teya Magajne's strong faith and love for children became very evident when she decided to build a "Memorial for the Unborn" – a peaceful sanctuary memorializing the unborn and providing a place of spiritual healing. Teya successfully managed volunteers and fundraised for the engraved prayer stones, concrete benches, engraved bricks and a beautiful angel statue that stands prominently in the Rosary Valley of St. Mary's church grounds.

These Slovenian families and community members are beyond proud of these young women's accomplishments, leadership and positive contribution to society and the Slovenian community.

Čestitke, skavtinje!





Adding Life & Beauty **ADOPT** **A PLOT**

Through Gardening!



**FRIENDS OF
ST. MARY'S**



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 – May 15 – Sept 15.
 - 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



Nature is the art of God



We ❤️ our
Volunteers!





Annual Pilgrimage and Picnic for the Support of the Monastery & Franciscans

Sunday, August 25, 2024

This is the last picnic of the summer season. Come to enjoy the day and remember the easy, lazy days of summer with one more day of fun!!

The day starts at 11:00 am with the celebration of the Eucharist (Mass) and singing Litanies to Mary with responses and hymns at the Lourdes grotto.

- There will be **monastery honey** available for sale (The best in the area!!) **Homemade bakery** for sale
- **Slovenska Mladinska Skupina Marela** will dance for your enjoyment at about 1:30 pm in the pavilion.
- The **playground** still needs to be given a workout by the kids!
- **Plenty of Food and Drink**
- Cold beer and plenty of drink options
- **Music and dancing** in the pavilion
- **Raffle tickets** -- \$2 ea for a top prize of \$500 *"With our raffle, people won't get poor if they buy tickets and won't get rich if they win ...but the Franciscans wish them luck and they thank everybody for the support!"*

SSK T-Shirts FOR SALE!

For pickup at St. Mary's in Lemont (no deliveries)
Contact the Slovenian Sports Klub to place your order
sloveniansportsklub@gmail.com

Prices:

1 shirt: \$25
2 shirts: \$45
3 shirts: \$60

Sizes available, while they last!

Unisex sizes: S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL, 4XL
Women's cut sizes (fitted, scoop neck): S, M, L, XL
Kids' sizes: S, M, L

Front



Back





Pork and Sauerkraut Goulash (Segedin)

Lets get cooking!

3 tbsp lard or canola oil
3 onions
2 bay leaves
1 kg (2 pounds) pork shoulder
3 garlic cloves
1 1/2 tbsp paprika powder
1/2 tsp caraway powder
1 tsp tomato paste (optional)
1 kg (2 pounds) sauerkraut
1200ml (5 cups) water or stock
100 g (1/2 cup) sour cream, to serve



Tools: large pot with a lid

METHOD

prepare the meat and spices

Place a large pot (with a lid) over medium heat. Add lard or oil and diced onion. Pan fry for 6 - 8 minutes. Cut the meat into small pieces (approx. 1 cm or 1/2 inch). Add the bay leaves and meat to the onion and pan-fry on high heat for about 5 minutes or until golden brown. Add diced garlic, paprika powder, caraway powder, salt, and pepper. Optionally add the tomato paste and cook for a minute.

cook

Add sauerkraut to the meat. Add the water or stock and bring it to a boil. Cover with a lid, reduce the heat to medium-low, and simmer for 1 hour.

serve

Remove the bay leaves before serving. Divide the Segedin between six plates. Add the sour cream on top, and serve with your favorite side dish.

[@jernejkitchen](https://www.instagram.com/jernejkitchen) on Instagram



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UPCOMING EVENTS FOR THE YEAR:

Thursday July 4, 2024	Independence Day
Sunday, July 7, 2024	Family Mass
Sunday, August 11, 2024	Family Mass, SCC Annual Picnic & Raffle
Thursday August 15, 2024	Assumption of Mary
Sunday, August 25, 2024	Honey Picnic
Monday, September 2, 2024	Labor Day
Sunday, September 8, 2024	Family Mass, Monthly Dinner
Sunday, September 22, 2024	Slomsek Sunday
Sunday, October 6, 2024	Family Mass, Monthly Dinner-Missions Dinner
Friday, November 1, 2024	All Saints' Day
Sunday, November 10, 2024	SCC 27th Anniversary Celebration & Dinner
Thursday, November 28, 2024	Thanksgiving
Sunday December 8, 2024	Immaculate Conception
Sunday, December 8, 2024	Family Mass & Monthly Dinner
Tuesday December 24, 2024	Christmas Eve Vigil Mass
Wednesday December 25, 2024	Christmas Day
Tuesday, December 31, 2024	New Year's Eve at the SCC