



SLOVENIAN CATHOLIC CENTER

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Thanks for being a Member of the SCC! I wanted to add a "Message from the President" page to the newsletter to go out to our membership, so that we can share updates on key items that we are working on, items that we need to call your attention to, or request help or guidance.

There is a lot of hard work that goes into these Newsletters, so hopefully you get as much enjoyment in reading them as I do! Thanks to Tony Krusic and the team for pulling this together!

As the new SCC president, I wanted to thank everyone for their encouraging comments and for those who spent time over the past couple of months (1-on-1) to share your thoughts for the Center and how to grow our Slovenian Community in the Chicagoland area.

I also wanted to thank Greg Remec and our Board for covering for me, as I really could not get active as the President, until this September as we added a new son-in-law to the family and had to break him into our Slovenian family properly!



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My wife, Tracey, and I had a chance to celebrate our daughter, Madisyn's, wedding this past August, and I did a lot of reflection about being a husband and a father, raising our three kids, and what our Slovenian Community means to our family.

Madisyn brought it home for me when she insisted that the DJ played the Ramone's, "I Want to be Slovenian!" (Note: The Ramones covered the song as, "I Want to be Sedated", but we really know that they meant Slovenian!). In addition, many notes of wishes were written on the back of their wrapped wedding car and many statements of Slovenian fact! See the picture below as I cannot make this stuff up!



The "Center" has now been around for 30 years and I am excited about how we can continue to grow for the current and future generations to support our community for the next 20 - 30 years. The "Center" is not just about a building, but about our Slovenian community, which was built by our immigrant parents on a strong appreciation for our Slovenian roots, traditions, and faith, and we will now need to build on this cornerstone to transform the "Center" to support the next generations of Slovenians in the Chicagoland area.

To define this plan for the future, I would like to invite you to participate in a SCC Vision Session (we need a better name for this Session) to help build a Vision for the "Center" and the Plan to get there. I am especially interested in having high school, college, and young adults (we all fall into this category) participate as we will need this group to help identify how we can better serve these groups in the future. This first session is targeted for Thanksgiving weekend to allow kids who are at school to participate. More information will follow. Please email me directly with any thoughts, comments, or if you are willing to participate in this session.

We will include a survey in advance to collect input from anyone that may not be able to attend (I would ask that you please forward this to your family members as well when you receive it) but this session will be reliant upon participation, so we really need all of you to attend.

Some initial goals include increasing participation in our community, align ourselves with the needs of the community, enjoy fellowship and have fun together, and to identify and prioritize events, activities, and projects, that we need to increase enjoyment at the "Center". My personal goal is to complete these sessions and to start on initial projects in the 4th Quarter of this year.

As a personal ask, I am looking for some folks to help facilitate breakout sessions, so if you have any experience in facilitating sessions and are willing to dedicate some time, please let me know as well.

Thanks again for this opportunity to serve you and I am looking forward to defining a path for the next 20 – 30 years!

Tony Vuksinic
SCC President
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SLOVENSKO VERSKO SREDIŠČE **SLOVENIAN CATHOLIC MISSION**

- **Holy Rosary in October** – The month of October is devoted to Mary and to the prayer of the Holy Rosary. Prayer will be taking place at St. Mary's every Sunday at 10:30 AM, before the start of Sunday Mass. You are invited to pray the Rosary in the church and at home.
- **Mission Sunday** – will be celebrated on October 13, at the 11:00 AM Sunday Mass. The proceeds of the monthly dinner in the Center will go towards the needs of the Slovenian missionaries. Everybody is kindly invited to bring pastry for the bake sale.
- **Advent starts December 1st** and non-perishable food items will be collected during Advent in the church for Christmas baskets in the local Food Pantry. Welcome are also personal care items, like shampoo and toilet tissue, and cleaning products like laundry detergent.
- **Christmas, December 25th** - On Tuesday, December 24, Christmas Eve, Church Choir will sing Christmas carols at 6:00 PM and Mass will be at 6:30 PM. On Christmas Day, Mass will be held at 11:00 AM. An English Mass will be celebrated at 7:00 AM.
- **Holy Family** Sunday, December 29th – at 11:00 AM Mass there will be a blessing for the children and their families.
- **New Year's Day** – Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. The 11:00 AM Mass will be held in thanksgiving for the past year and in praying for blessings in the New Year.





Consulate:

There is a new general consul for the Midwest in place, gospa Suzana Češarek. We hope to have her out here soon for consular hours. The Slovenian Ambassador, Iztok Mirošič has also expressed an interest in visiting us in the next year.



Retreat House:

The retreat weekend schedule is full from the middle of September into the first week of December. We are now opening for midweek retreats and meetings. The Retreat House will again host trains and refreshments for the **Festival of Lights** in December.

Please contact Joe Vidmar and Marko Magajne if you would like to help with the setup of the lights. The donations from the Festival of Lights, which is hosted by **Friends of St. Marys (FOSM)**, go towards grounds maintenance.



Slovenian Beekeepers:

All of this year's honey was sold at the Honey Picnic by 1:30PM which permitted us to make a \$1500 donation to the Monastery grounds maintenance and cover our operating expenses for 2024. We are considering adding a few more hives for 2025. Anyone interested in helping with the bees can talk to either Tone Sever or Dcn John P Vidmar.



Hopes on the Way:

Over summer we have filled almost 700 buckets of cleaning supplies, which will be shipped to disaster victims. Our goal is to fill another 300 by the end of the year. Anyone who wants to donate, you can write checks to Hopes on the Way.



THANK YOU TO OUR 2024 SCC PICNIC SPONSORS!

Dear Friends of the Slovenian Catholic Center,

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU to everyone that supported the SCC by purchasing a raffle ticket for our \$10,000 raffle. The raffle was held at our annual picnic on Sunday, August 14th, and the winners are listed on the following page.



Milan's Machine Shop
 EDE Tivadar Family
 Stane & Ivanka Markun
 Sisters of St. Francis of Christ the King
 La Dolce Vita
 Piasans Pizzeria Oak Lawn
 Stanley & Branka Poplonski
 Crystal Grand Banquets
 Humberta Gallardo
 Branka & Stuart Nyberg
 Thomas Smolic
 Martin Versanec
 Herman & Suzy Simrayh
 Martin and Ljuba Novak
 Lilliana Cepon
 Slavica and Slavko Sovan
 Mimi and Frank Stariha
 Miriam Stariha
 Margie Cepon
 Kathy Cufar
 Max and Nada Petrovic
 Sonia and Jerry Skiba
 Reza Rozman
 Stephanie Williams
 Olga Kastelic
 Mark and Kristina Cepon
 Lynda and Greg Remec
 MAH Machine
 Bulletproof Plumbing
 KSKJ Life
 Tony Vuksinic
 Zadnja Kapla Band





PICNIC



AMOUNT	TICKET#	WINNER
\$10,000	871	LILLY CAPOYIANES
\$1,000	1321	MARGIE CEPON
\$500	1287	DOLORES NOVOTNY
\$500	834	ST. STEPHEN LODGE #1
\$500	71	AXEL TKALEC
\$500	22	KRISTIN LOUAPRE
\$500	667	JOHN & SHEILA GARZA
\$500	748	DAVID PEREZ
\$500	550	THOMAS BOLAND
\$500	705	MARGIE LESNIAK
\$500	123	MARIE BAJC
\$500	1203	CHRISTOPHER HOZJAN
\$500	554	FR. TIMOTHY ANDRES
\$500	542	JULIO DAVILA HADLEY
\$500	1340	SUZIE BURICK
\$500	1231	DAVID MARKUN
\$500	137	ANTHONY VUKSINIC
\$500	677	JERRY WATSON SULLIVAN
\$100	753	KATHY LOVATI
\$100	645	WILLIE GOODWIN
\$100	522	STEPHANIE HAEHNEL
\$100	1219	JULIA KALUZA
\$100	1251	PETER CEBULAR
\$100	759	COLLEEN ZALOKAR
\$100	702	CARMELLO SCARPALE
\$100	434	GERI MATIASSEK
\$100	568	JAMES METESH
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SMS MARELA (SLOVENSKA MLADINSKA SKUPINA MARELA)

Slovenska Mladinska Skupina Marela

SMS Marela has had a busy Summer!!! We traveled to SNPJ Slovenefest festivities July 13-14, 2024, in Enon Valley, Pennsylvania. The group was excited to visit downtown Pittsburgh, then performed 3 shows with our friends from Toronto, Mladi Glas Planika Folklore Group. After a very hot weekend, we were honored to have been invited back next year! It was a wonderful experience for the group.

On August 11th, we performed for the annual Big Picnic for the Slovenian Catholic Center. It was a perfect day, and we unveiled some of our newest dances for the audience. We always enjoy performing for our family and friends.

We have been holding a t-shirt fundraising event and are pleased to say we are down to very few shirts left. This activity has helped us to build our funds and ease our travel expenses. If you are interested in supporting the group, please contact any Marela member.

And finally, we are now preparing to travel to Toronto, Ontario on October 11th to support, perform and celebrate the 50th anniversary of our friends, Mladi Glas Planika Folklore Group on October 12th. They will have a special guest from Slovenia, Ansambel Sasa Avsenik, performing for the evening. We are extremely excited to be presented with this opportunity. There will be 7 folklore groups in total performing for the event!

Sadly, we said good luck to our away college members! We wish them a great school year and cannot wait to see them for our trip in October!

We hope to host our annual bake sale in December and please look for additional events hosted by SMS Marela!

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!





Slomškova Slovenska šola

Slomšek Slovenian School participated at the SCC annual picnic this summer. Children of all ages stopped at our tent and painted wooden ornaments designing the Slovenian flag. What a nice memory to add to a Christmas tree this coming winter.

Slomšek Slovenian School enrollment is open for the 2024-2025 school year. Classes will begin Sunday, October 6th. Classes meet Sunday morning, Oct – May, at St. Mary's Monastery on the 2nd floor. Srčki class is scheduled from 9:15 – 10:15 AM (ages 2-6). School age classes are from 9:00 – 10:45 AM. All children/students are welcome, whether they are able to join once a month or every week!

To kick off the school year, the SLOVENIAN OBSTACLE COURSE will be held on Sunday, September 29th, after the regular fellowship luncheon in the SCC large hall. Children, ages 1 ½ – 5th grade, are welcome to explore Slovenia and many of its beautiful places and traditions. It is a fun 1-1 ½ hour event where kids get to climb, slide, slither, and more. This event is free and open to all children (whether joining the school or not)! Come join us with family and friends!

Come watch us perform our mid-year show before Sveti Miklavž makes his appearance on Sunday, December 8th. Our performance and the Sv. Miklavž presentation will take place after Sunday luncheon.

Are you interested in working with children or do you know of someone who might be? Would you like to learn more about our Slovenian language and/or culture while helping others? No experience required... just the willingness to work with others!

For more information regarding volunteering or with any other Slomšek Slovenian School questions, please contact Mojca Anaya, 847-207-0963 or email slovenianschool@gmail.com.



SVETI MIKLAVŽ (ST. NICHOLAS) IS ON HIS WAY!

Sveti Miklavž (St. Nicholas) is on his way!

All families, kids, grandkids, and friends are invited to our time-honored Slovenian tradition after the fellowship luncheon and short Slomšek Slovenian School performance on December 8th. For those who come prepared- Sveti Miklavž may call your name to present you a gift. The angels will be there to protect those deserving children, while the devils may gently taunt the naughty. Still time to be sure you are not on the naughty list!

If interested in participating as an angel or devil, or for questions regarding gift giving, reach out to Mojca Anaya, 847-207-0963 or email slovenianschool@gmail.com.



Government Council for Slovenians Abroad

The Government Council for Slovenians Abroad is a permanent consultative body of the Government of the Republic of Slovenia. Its members discuss and advise the Slovenian Government on policies and strategies concerning the care for Slovenians living outside of Slovenia.

The Council is composed of 21 members. 6 members are representatives of the Slovenian Government whose roles and responsibilities are connected to the activities of Slovenians abroad: the Slovenian Prime Minister, the Minister for Slovenians Abroad, the Minister of Foreign and European Affairs, the Minister of Education, the Minister of Higher Education, Science and Innovation, and the Minister of the Economy, Tourism, and Sport. Additionally, the Council includes 2 representatives of the civil society organizations from Slovenia and 13 representatives of Slovenians living in other countries. These 15 members receive honorary appointments for a 5-year term. Slovenians living in the USA are represented by Stanford professor Jure Leskovec, Ph.D., and Chicago-based attorney, Urška Prepeluh Magajne, Ph.D.

The Government Council meets periodically on video conferences and once a year in person in Slovenia's capital, Ljubljana. At this year's in-person meeting on July 2, 2024, the Council discussed the realities and challenges of the Slovenian communities around the world, stressing the need to preserve the Slovenian language, culture, and identity. The representatives from other countries where Slovenians live presented the lives and challenges that Slovenian societies, associations, and organizations around the world are currently facing. They presented their efforts of each community to preserve the Slovenian language and culture and their desire to expand their cooperation with Slovenia in the areas of education, science and business.

The Slovenian Prime Minister and the Minister for Slovenians Abroad presented a new initiative to help those Slovenians who want to return to their homeland. The Government is preparing an action plan to encourage the return of Slovenians and is planning on releasing more information on its websites shortly. In the meantime, information about interesting events and news can be found at the website of the Government Office for Slovenians Abroad: <https://www.gov.si/en/state-authorities/government-offices/government-office-for-slovenians-abroad/>.





What an awesome weekend we had at our annual golf, softball, and music festival that was held June 28th-30th!

Thanks to everyone that came out and all that helped to make 2024 another fantastic year! Congrats to our winning teams! Team Joe Nasti beat out Team Charlie Buh for the Softball Tournament Championship. The winners of the golf event were Kris Horwath, Jim Kennedy, Luke Chikerotis & Jimmy Hopperrath. A big thank you to Peter Buh & The Otter Limits for a fantastic Live Band Party on Saturday night! We also appreciate all who helped out in the concession stand and those who donated salad or dessert for our lunch "up on the hill" on Sunday. A Special Thanks to all the folks that did the heavy lifting to make this event a success! Tony & Jeanie Gregorich, Wanda & Ed Jozwik, Miriam Zajicek, Frank Puc, Marko Puc, Stan Kastelic, Tony Vuksinic, Jake Gregorich, & Father Metod! Thanks for all your help and leadership! Check out more photos from the weekend on our Facebook page. (Chicago Slovenian Sports Klub)

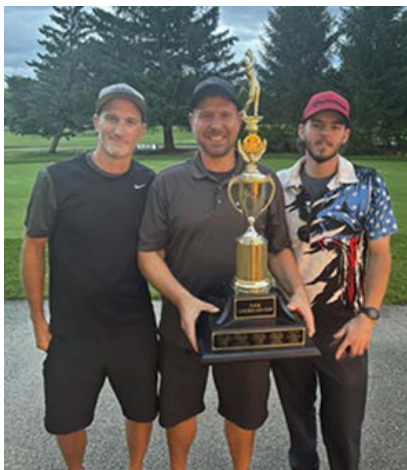
Make sure to mark your calendars for next year's softball weekend and music festival, which will be held June 27th-29th, 2025.



2024 SSK SOFTBALL 1ST PLACE CHAMPIONS:
TEAM JOE NASTI



2024 SSK Softball 2nd Place:
Team Charlie Buh



SSK Golf Tournament Champions 2024



Some of our SSK Members (1st row): Tony Vuksinic, Greg Remec, Ed Jozwik, Wanda Jozwik, Tony Buh, Marko Puc;
(2nd row): John Vlahovic, Mike Steinhaus, Tony Gregorich, Jeanie Gregorich



We look forward to seeing you at our 18th annual Pub Crawl on the Friday after Thanksgiving. We will send out an email with details or look for information on our Facebook page as the date gets closer.

SSK's *Texas Hold'em*
STAY TUNED FOR OUR NEXT DATE!
SLOVENIAN CATHOLIC CENTER - LEMONT, IL
REGISTRATION - 5:00PM PLAY - 5:30PM
\$60 BUY-IN ; \$40 REBUY WITHIN 1ST HOUR
PRIZES AWARDED BASED ON # OF PLAYERS
MUST BE AT LEAST 18 YEARS OLD TO PARTICIPATE

**FOR THOSE NOT PLAYING POKER,
THE BAR WILL BE OPEN FOR OTHER
GAMES/SOCIALIZING
(LCR! BRING YOUR SINGLES!)**
NO OUTSIDE DRINKS, PLEASE. DRINKS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

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 or access our Facebook page. Search under Chicago Slovenian Sports Klub.



FOSM P.O. Box 634 14252 Main Street Lemont, IL 60439

FOSM dates weather permitting. 8am-noonish
Meet at Rosary Valley

10/12
11/9
12/14
1/11

* 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

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.



We need your support!! Calling on all young members of our Slovenian community to step up and come in and offer your skills in publishing our quarterly newsletter. If you have a flare and passion for design, we need you! Open placement for page design & layout of newsletter as well as editor.

If interested, please reach out to Tony Vuk at anthony.vuksinic@gmail.com

Gospodična in Gospod 2024

We are pleased to announce this year's Gospodicna is Moira Claridge.

Moira is the daughter of Sonja and John Claridge, sister of Auggie Claridge, and granddaughter of Anton and Ivanka Sever. She currently attends College of DuPage and is deciding between studying philosophy or physics.

Moira learned the value of hard work and volunteering from her family members who continue to be involved in the Slovenian community. Her sister, Augie, would volunteer on her visits home from college in Wisconsin.

Parents, Sonja and John, are always willing to lend a helping hand, support the SCC whenever help is needed, and go out of their way to be there for people. Grandparents, Anton and Ivanka, have been lifelong nurturers of the Slovenian community.

Throughout high school Moira volunteered at the retirement home in her local community of Wheaton, while playing field hockey, being a part of key club and the youth and government club. She tries to volunteer around the Slovenian community whenever she is able to do so. This includes helping set up the Jaslice each Christmas season at St. Mary's, serving events at the SCC, helping out FOSM during their Saturday cleanups, helping set up the hall for events, and anything else she can do around the Slovenian Catholic Center and Slovenian Catholic Mission.



She is an active member in SMS Marela and previously attended Slomsek Slovenska Sola. Over the next few years Moira looks forward to getting a master's degree or higher in her chosen field, exploring the world at every opportunity, and to become fluent in two languages, one of which is Slovenian. In her spare time, she enjoys crocheting and scuba diving with her dad.

Moira is proud and grateful that being Slovenian has brought her closer to so many people. Each individual is hardworking, genuine, and with their own style to life, that she gets to learn from as she spends time in their company. Being Slovenian has opened up opportunities and lessons she would have never found otherwise. She's glad to have gotten to experience these things with those close to her. In her own words being part of the Slovenian community means, "I get to be a part of a community, one where I can grow close to people, I originally wouldn't have known. I've met some of my closest friends through the dance group and the Center. I'm with people that I get to bond with over a shared culture, and a community this involved and as close as this one is very hard to come by. I'm extremely thankful I get to be a part of it."

We are equally pleased to announce this year's Gospod is Adam Petrovic. Adam is the son of Max and Nada Petrovic and grandson of Stanley and Mihela Simrayh, and Urban and Emica Petrovic. He currently attends Lewis University and is studying Aviation Flight Technology. He is certified as a Private Pilot with an Instrument Rating and working on his commercial pilot certificate. He has been honored on the Dean's List since freshman year and was awarded the Lewis University Presidential Scholarship. He played hockey for the Sabres Hockey Club from 2012-2019 and was captain of the team in various years. He later went on to play with the Spartan Hockey Club from 2019-2022 and continued to play at Lewis University on their Division 2 hockey team for the 2022 season. He is an active and member of Slovenska Mladinska Skupina Marela, a Slovenska Sola alum, a former Slovenska Sola teachers' aide, and a former altar server for the Slovenian Catholic Mission. He has also worked with John Vidmar in the cleaning and upkeep of the Retreat House and helped volunteer with the upkeep of the property in general over the years.

He has volunteered to help set up halls for events and serve and work various events such as the monthly dinners, the Anniversary dinner, and Koline. He has helped with the food preparation for picnics such as roasting chickens with Rob Hozjan and pigs and lambs with Stan Simrayh. His favorite memories of visiting Slovenia in 2018 were visiting all his family and friends across Slovenia, visiting iconic landmarks and special places to his family, and his absolute favorite was going to various veselicas and having that whole experience. Over the next few years Adam looks forward to finishing school, beginning his career as a successful airline pilot, advancing the Slovenian community here in Lemont, and continuing to celebrate his Slovenian culture.

In Adams own words, "Being Slovenian has been one of the biggest focal points in my life since birth. The Slovenian community has been a second family for me and has provided me with things no one else can. I have lifelong friends, opportunities to promote, celebrate, and enjoy my Slovenian culture and heritage locally, as well as connect with various Slovenians across North America. I celebrate holidays and milestones in life the Slovenian way. My first language was Slovenian. I regularly eat Slovenian cuisine, listen to Slovenian music, and profess my Catholic faith through Slovenian Mass. Being Slovenian isn't just another feather in the hat for me; it's largely responsible for shaping my life unlike anything else and I wouldn't trade it for the world. It is hard to put in writing what it means to be a Slovenian, but all I know is I owe everything to the Slovenian community and culture because of what it has provided me throughout my life, and I will forever be proud and grateful to be a Slovenian."

♦ St. Mary's Christmas ♦ Festival of ♦ Lights 2024

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward
men. Luke 2:14



DEC. 14, 21 & 22, 2024 4:30-8:30pm

COME ENJOY LIGHTS ADORNING OUR ROSARY VALLEY
AND GROTTO, NATIVITY DISPLAY, CHRISTMAS MUSIC,
DONATIONS WELCOME, NO PETS ALLOWED, WARM
BEVERAGES WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

Brought to you by our Friends of St. Mary's,
St. Mary's Retreat House, and Slovenian Catholic Mission
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SCC 29TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION—SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10TH

The Slovenian Catholic Center is celebrating its 29th Anniversary on Sunday, November 10th, 2023. The celebration will begin with 11:00 a.m. Mass in the large hall of our Dom.

The donation for the luncheon is:
\$25 for adults 19 years and older
\$10 for students ages 7 – 18
All children ages 6 and under are free



Reservations are due at the Center by Sunday, November 5th.

Reservations — ANNIVERSARY 2024

Reservation Contact Name: _____

Contact phone #: _____

	ADULT 19 years +	STUDENT(S) Ages 7-18	CHILDREN 6 & under
First/Last Name	\$25	\$10	FREE
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8			
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TOTALS			

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.

We strive to make all of your events enjoyable and kindly ask that when making a reservation for any of our "reservations required" events, all reservations correspondence be made to the Center. This enables our reservationists to more efficiently complete the seating arrangements and communications with our caterers. Please direct all e-mails, texts, or phone calls to the Center. If you have a question or need to change a reservation, we kindly ask you to e-mail us at secretary@slovenian-center.org or call us at 630.243.0670.



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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:

☐ 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 **

I would like to receive the quarterly newsletter ☐ Mail ☐ Email



Slovenian Plum Dumplings (Cmoki)

Cmoki

Prep time: 45 minutes

Cook time: 10 minutes

Makes 4-6 Servings

Ingredients:

1 lb plums, pitted

1lb potatoes, peeled

Also try strawberries or apple chunks!

1-2 eggs

Pinch of salt

All purpose flour - enough until the dough isn't sticky

1 tsp sugar per plum

1 stick butter

1-2 cups plain breadcrumbs

Cinnamon & sugar to taste



Directions:

Peel and dice your potatoes, then boil until completely soft.

Cut plums down the middle, but don't completely cut in half. Remove pit.

Add a little salt to drained potatoes and mash until no lumps remain.

Turn out onto the table and spread out to let cool until you can touch it.

Add 2 eggs and knead until combined.

Add as much flour as you need until the dough is no longer unbearably sticky, but also not too crumbly to stay together.

Take small balls of potato dough and flatten into a pancake, then put one plum in the center.

Fill plum with tsp of sugar then wrap the potato dough around it.

Boil dumplings until they float.

Melt butter and add breadcrumbs, frying until golden.

Top dumplings with breadcrumbs, cinnamon, and sugar.

They're really quite a unique dish from the desserts we typically try in America, but they're nonetheless so warm and comforting, and perfect for an aching heart. Try them out, and as always, dober tek!

favorite
RECIPES

Want your favorite Slovenian recipe published in our next newsletter coming out for January/Feb/Mar 2025? Email secretary@slovenian-center.org and we will pick a lucky winner to publish and share your recipe!



St. Joseph Parish Wins Appeal In Rome, Will Remain Standalone Parish

In a historic event, the 133-year-old St. Joseph's parish has overturned the decision by Diocese of Joliet Bishop Ron Hicks to merge them.

John Ferak, Patch Staff

Posted Wed, Sep 11, 2024 at 8:45 am CT|Updated Wed, Sep 11, 2024 at 11:47 am CT



Maureen Harton, who answers to the bishop as the director of implementation, issued a two-page letter imploring members of St. Joseph's parish to be obedient to Bishop Hicks and the Diocese of Joliet. (John Ferak/Joliet Patch Editor)

JOLIET — In a giant setback for Diocese of Joliet Bishop Ronald Hicks, Roman Catholic Church leaders in Vatican City have rejected Bishop Hicks' wildly unpopular and controversial plan to tear apart downtown Joliet's historic and thriving St. Joseph Parish by making the parish to merge into the less viable St. Mary Magdalene Parish and two other dying parishes that recently folded.

Leaders of St. Joseph Parish began notifying fellow parishioners on Wednesday morning that "We received the decision from the Dicastery for the Clergy in Rome today and WE WON our appeal! St. Joseph Parish will remain on its own as a Slovenian personal parish.

"We wanted to let you know as soon as we received the information and we know you will have many questions. We will provide more information in a bit. We did it together! Congratulations to everyone for your hard work! Thank you, thank you, thank you to all!"

To read the full story got to: <https://patch.com/illinois/joliet/st-joseph-parish-wins-appeal-rome-will-remain-standalone-parish>





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UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sunday, September 29, 2024Children's Slovenian Obstacle Course
Sunday, October 6, 2024 Slomsek Slovenska Sola Begins
Sunday, October 13, 2024Family Mass, Monthly Dinner-Missions Dinner
Sunday, October 27, 2024Trunk or Treat
Friday, November 1, 2024All Saints' Day
Sunday, November 10, 2024SCC 29th Anniversary Celebration & Dinner
Thursday, November 28, 2024Thanksgiving
saturday, december 7, 2024KSKJ Christmas party
Sunday, December 8, 2024Sv. miklavz/St. Nicholas Event
December 14,20,21 2024.....Festival of Lights 4:30pm - 8:30pm
Tuesday December 24, 2024.....Christmas Eve Vigil Mass
Wednesday December 25, 2024Christmas Day
Tuesday, December 31, 2024.....New Year's Eve at the SCC