



SLOVENIAN CATHOLIC CENTER

“Naš Slovenski Dom” established 1995

SLOVENIAN CATHOLIC CENTER IS CELEBRATING ITS 22ND ANNIVERSARY ON NOVEMBER 12, 2017

The Slovenian Catholic Center is celebrating its 22nd Anniversary on Sunday, November 12th, 2017. The celebration will begin with 11:00 a.m. Mass in the large hall of our Dom. A delicious lunch will be served at 1:00 p.m. and a short program will follow. This year, **Emelia Szarek** will make her entrance as *Gospodična* 2017 at the anniversary celebration. Please come and join us as we honor this year's *Gospodična* for her dedication to her Slovenian culture. Tickets for this special occasion will be \$20 for adults, \$10 for children ages 7-14, 6 and under are free. Reservations are necessary and no tickets will be sold at the door so please reserve your tickets by November 6th. All bakery donations will be greatly appreciated!

*12. novembra letos praznujemo 22. obletnico odprtja Slovenskega Doma. Praznovanje se bo pričelo ob 11. uri s slovesno mašo v veliki dvorani našega Doma. S kosilom bomo postregli ob 1. uri popoldne. Sledil bo program, predstavljena bo Gospodična Leta 2017 ljubka **Emelia Szarek**. Vstopnice za to slovesno praznovanje so 20 dolarjev za odrasle, 10 dolarjev za mlade od 7-14 let, za mlajše od 6 let pa je vstop prost. Rezervacije so obvezne ker pri vzatih vstopnic ne bomo prodajali. Kot vedno, bomo tudi ob tej priložnosti veseli, če boste prinesli pecivo.*

REMEMBER TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP FOR 2018!!

SCC office hours – Sundays from 1 – 3 p.m. or by appointment
Center hours on regular Sundays – open until 5:00 p.m.

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Consider remembering us in your will or trust.

Email secretary@slovenian-center.org.

Thank you!



S U S SLOVENSKO VERSKO SREDIŠČE SLOVENIAN CATHOLIC MISSION

Holy Rosary in October – October is devoted to Mary and to the praying of the Holy Rosary. Join us every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. to join in praying the rosary.

Mission Sunday is Sunday, October 8th. The day will start with 11:00 a.m. Mass followed by the SCC monthly dinner dedicated to the needs of the Slovenian missionaries. Everyone is kindly invited to bring items for the dollar raffle and a bakery sale.

All Saints Day, Wednesday, November 1st – Slovenian Mass will be held in the church at 11:00 a.m.

Advent starts December 3rd, non-perishable food will be collected in the church and in the Center for Christmas baskets for the needy in the area.

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is Friday, December 8th. It is a Holy Day of Obligation. On this day we celebrate the feast day of America's patron saint, our mother Mary, in the Immaculate Conception. Slovenian Mass will be held in the church at 11:00 a.m.

Family Mass – On the 2nd Sunday of every month, all families with school children are encouraged to attend the Family Mass and actively participate with readings, petitions, and singing. After Mass, our monthly dinners are held at the Center. In December, Family Mass will take place on 'Miklavž' Sunday, December 3rd.

Christmas – Masses will be said at midnight on Christmas Eve and at 11:00 a.m. Christmas Day. The church choir will sing Christmas carols starting at 11:30 p.m. before Midnight Mass.

Holy Family Sunday, December 31st – at the 11:00 a.m. Mass there will be a blessing of the children & families.

New Year – In thanksgiving for the past and to pray for blessings in the new year, Holy Mass will be offered on New Year's Eve at 6:00 p.m. and on New Year's Day at 11:00 a.m.

RETREAT HOUSE NEWS

Thanks goes out to the men who showed up to install 79 new



windows in the retreat house over three weekends; which were donated by Richards Building Supply. Thanks also goes out to Slavica Sovan and Marilyn Erman for making new curtains in the retreat house. The website for St. Mary's Retreat House lists all those who have volunteered so far to clean and renovate the house. Since March, we have put in almost 2,000 hours of volunteer labor to improve the Retreat House. That includes a crew from Brian Ruda's plumbing company who installed new water lines in the old kitchen area. They also tore out old gas and water lines that were no longer being used. We received a donation of 27 new Thera-Peutic mattresses to replace the 32 year old mattresses. We still need to replace 55 more. **Hvala Lepa to all!**





WE ARE PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE OUR GOSPODIČNA FOR 2017 IS EMELIA SZAREK



Emelia Szarek is the oldest daughter of Paula (Rous) and Jeff Szarek, proud members of the Slovenian Catholic Center and Prekmurje Social Club. Emelia is in her 3rd year of nursing at College of Lake County after graduating from Grant Community High School. She hopes to become a registered nurse and work at Condell Medical Center. Emelia has already acquired many accomplishments. Not only was she on the honor roll in high school, she was also a member of the school marching band playing clarinet, in which they won multiple gold medals. Emelia along with her sister Andrea and brother Christopher, was a student of Slomšek Slovenian school for many years. She was a member of the dance group, is currently a member Prekmurje Social club as well as regular volunteer at the Center. She deeply loves her heritage and being Slovenian. She has traveled to Slovenia and hopes to one day take her own family there to show them where she descends from.

On behalf of the Slovenian Catholic Center, we would like to extend our deepest congratulations to Emelia, Paula and Jeff on this wonderful honor. Emelia, naše izkrene čestitke.

CONSUL NEWS The Cleveland Consulate Office has moved. The next consular newsletter will include some new voting procedure information. We hope to have the general consul here again for the annual SCC anniversary dinner. There will be consular hours on that Saturday if General Consul Andrej Rode is able to make it.

NEW ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBERS: Consulate General of the Republic of Slovenia in Cleveland, 1100 Superior Avenue, Suite 720, Cleveland, OH 44114, phone: 216 771 7010 fax: 216 771 7701 Email: sloconsulate.cleveland@gov.si
Web: <http://www.cleveland.konzulat.si>



RESERVE YOUR NEW YEAR'S EVE TICKETS NOW!

Everyone is cordially invited to join us for the Slovenian Catholic Center's Annual New Year's Eve Party!

Slovenian Mass will be at 6:00 p.m.
Cocktail hour at 7:00 p.m.—Dinner at 8:00 p.m.
Entertainment will be provided by **Ansambl Veseljaki!**

Prices are \$50 dollars for adults,
\$20 for students (ages 14-18)
Children under 14 are free!

After dinner tickets are \$25.00
and are sold from 9:30 p.m. - 12:00 a.m.

Free baby-sitting available from 7:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m.
Please bring pillows and sleeping bags for children.
Reservation details & form included.





SLOMŠEK SLOVENIAN SCHOOL NEWS

*“Vračati ljubezen, bit nežen, hvaležen.
Ne obupaj, svet je tvoj.”*

Nothing warms a parent’s heart as much as their child’s joyful laughter. We try to teach our kids gentleness and gratitude. We want our children to live a love-filled life, and to embrace the world without fear.

Slomšek Slovenian School may not have been in session, but you could still find our students embracing the world through play at multiple SCC sponsored events. On August 13th, under the šola tent at the SCC Annual picnic, many of our students and teachers worked to add some color to life by creating window clings. A great deal of gratitude goes out to those who worked to make this happen, especially our šola tent organizer, Mojca Anaya, and the teachers/board members who gave of their time to help: Kristina Cepon, Kristina Ondracek, Suzi Rus and Ursa Magajne.

The Šola Families/Volunteer picnic, held on September 9th, found children and adults competing in hula hoop contests, sack races and 9-square. Many of our šola parents, grandparents and students participated in the palačinke-making contest, where teams had to snuggle up as they made these tasty treats. The evening carried over into the traditional bonfire, and what we hope will be a new tradition – camping out on the grounds of the Franciscan Fathers! Many thanks to all our šola families who worked to make our SCC volunteers and students feel loved:

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|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| Sheena (and Dominic) Litt | Justin Rigler |
| Kristina Ondracek | Christine & Paul Martincic |
| Rob Hozjan | Bob Vucinic |
| Olga & Pat Voss | Urša & Mike Magajne |

A special thank you to Marko & Larissa Magajne, who organized the camp-out and the delicious Sunday morning breakfast.

As we prepare for the start of a new school year, Slomšek Slovenian School’s theme for the year will be “Svet je tvoj.”

We are so very fortunate to have teachers who exhibit love, tenderness and gratitude every single Saturday morning. The school year begins on October 7th. If you haven’t already, please complete the registration form and join us for another great year! You can find the registration form at: <https://tinyurl.com/sola2017-18>

We have a full calendar this year with many events planned for this fall semester. The highlights are:



- Saturday, October 7th - Classes begin
- Saturday, October 14th – Obstacle Course and Orientation Meeting
- Saturday, October 21st – Rosary Valley Day
- Sunday October 29th – Fall Festival
- Sunday, November 11th – SCC Anniversary Performance
- Sunday, December 3rd – Sveti Miklavž will be visiting our school!
- Saturday, December 16th – School Christmas Party





To help the Chicago-land Slovenian community stay informed about the events and offerings of Slomšek Slovenian School, please "Like" us on our Facebook Page: **Slomšek Slovenian School**.

Najlepša hvala!

ST. ANN'S KSKJ

Members please join us for our Christmas party December 17th.

THANK YOU to everyone who came to our Matching Funds Dinner in August which benefited "All in for Ethan"!

SLOVENIAN SPORTS KLUB NEWS

This year marked the 40th anniversary of the annual **Chicago/Toronto softball tournament** at the Slovensko Letovišče near Bolton, Canada. Many of our SSK members make the annual trip to Canada the first weekend in August every year to continue fostering our friendship, camaraderie, and shared Slovenian heritage. Congratulations go out to Tony Vuksinic's team for taking 1st place this year!



A few of our SSK members presented our Slovenian Canadian friends with a plaque commemorating the 40th anniversary of our tournament.

From left to right: Tony Gregorich, Tony Vuksinic, Millie Ulcar, Mario Ulcar, Frank Krmelj, Marko Puc.

Here is a link to more photos of Chicago Weekend 2017 up in Canada!

<http://www.sloveniansummertcamp.com/index.php/gallery/32-2017/170-chicago-weekend-2017>

Thanks to all who participated in our Bags Tournament at the **Slovenian Cultural Center Picnic** on August 13th. Fun was had by all!

Calling all adults and kids ages 12 and up! Come join the Sports Klub for our **Annual Football Game** – Saturday, Nov. 25th, at noon "up on the hill."



Pub Crawl - TBD – Stay tuned for a possible pub crawl once again this year which will be held either the Friday or Saturday after Thanksgiving. The Sports Klub will send out information at a later date.

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. All are welcome to attend our Sports Klub meetings. Please call to confirm meeting date and time. For information on Sports Klub Meeting dates or other events, please contact Tony Vuksinic at 630-881-6274.

KSKJ NEWS

- KSKJ ILL Federation meeting will be held on **Friday, November 17, 2017** at **7:00 pm** in the SCC small hall.
- Join us for the KSKJ Joliet Lodges Children and Adult Christmas party on **Saturday, December 2, 2017** at Haunted Trails in Joliet on Broadway. Registration 9:30am. This event is not limited to only Joliet members but is open to all KSKJ members.





ANNUAL PICNIC & RAFFLE WINNERS

The Center's annual picnic was held on Sunday, August 13th. Thank you to everyone who attended the picnic and helped support our largest annual fundraising event. Special thanks to everyone who entered into our raffle and thank you to our sellers for all their hard work!

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR WINNERS...

\$10,000.00— Ed Kovack, Downers Grove, IL

\$ 1,000.00— Liz Stoll, Frankfort, IL

\$ 500.00— Bill Zerial
Commodore Burly Post 256, Berwn, IL
Sue Simpson, Joliet, IL
3 Generations of Rebrica Women, Lemont, IL
William Vlastic Family, Roselle, IL
Joan Steinman, Tiburon, CA
Sally Tivadar, Darien, IL
Kevin & Eddie Kovack, North Riverside, IL
Antonija Bucik, Norridge, IL
Karen L. Lee, San Diego, CA

\$ 100.00— William Goodian, Crown Point, IN
Franciscan Fathers, Johnstown, PA
Jason Cox
Marko Puc, Westchester, IL
Susan Erickson, Joliet, IL
Nick Jachimieo, Chicago, IL
Stanley Markun, Joliet, IL
Helena & Jim Fellows, Hinsdale, IL
Charlie Buh, Riverside, IL
Jim S. Toll, Frankfort, IL
Ann Marie Zajac, Chicago, IL
Robert Krampac, Tinley Park, IL
Bill & Paula Hintz, Darien, IL
SNPJ Lodge #559, Countryside IL
John Urh, Waukegan, IL
John Lesnik, Lockport, IL

Seller Prizes Tina Ruda

- Dana Blase
- Charles Walker
- Lillijana Cepen
- Stan Markun

Top Sellers #1 Stan Simrayh
#2 Ed Kovack



THANK YOU TO ALL OUR HARD-WORKING SELLERS!

Martina Ruda, Ed Kovack, Mary Glavac, Lilliana Cepen, Stan Markun, Joe Sobocan, Robert Zizek, Andrej Remec, Bill Zerial, Andy Zorjan, Stan Simrayh, Nandi Puc, Charlie Walker, Dana Blase, Max & Nada Petrovic, Ray Haehnel, Jennie Kovacic, Kristina Tkalec, John Eck, Kathy Cufar



SLOVENIAN CATHOLIC CENTER MEMBERSHIP FORM 2018

We extend our sincere thanks to everyone that has supported the Slovenian Catholic Center by being a member. Membership is our main source of income and helps maintain our facilities and support our activities.

Name: _____

Spouse's Name: _____ # of Dependent Children: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Please send me a membership card.

Please remit this form to:
Slovenian Catholic Center
PO Box 634
Lemont, IL 60439

- Individual Membership _____ \$ 50.00
- Family Membership _____ \$100.00
- Senior (65 & over) Membership _____ \$ 35.00

Method of payment:

Cash _____

Check # _____

Credit Card # _____

Exp. Date: _____

Credit Card Verification 3-Digit Code (on the back of your card): _____

Billing Zip Code: _____

Signature: _____





VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT — STANE ANZELJC

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to Stane Anzeljc. Stane is a staple in our community! He can be found every day on our grounds, volunteering for the Center, the Mission, the Retreat House and anywhere else that is needed. Stane is always willing to help at the Center whenever he is called upon, he attends and handles many of our inspections and deliveries and can always be counted on during the week and on the weekends. He is one of our main bartenders as well and can typically be found serving us drinks on Sunday afternoons.



Naj ti Bog povrne! Najlepša hvala!

BRATOV AVSENIK KULTURNA URA

On **Sunday, October 22** there will be a cultural half hour on the world famous Avsenik brothers in the big hall.



SVETI MIKLAVŽ



Slomšek Slovenian School will host the Sveti Miklavž Program on **Sunday, December 3, 2017**. The program will begin at 1:00 pm in the large hall of the SCC followed by the arrival of Sveti Miklavž. We hope that you and your family will join us for a true Slovenian tradition. Lunch will be available for purchase from the kitchen window in the large hall following the 11:00 am Mass at the Slovenian Catholic Mission.



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29TH 1 - 6 PM ANNUAL FALL FEST!

It doesn't get any better than the SCC Annual Fall Fest! \$10 door donation for adults, children are free! Entertainment by Ansambel Veseljaki! (aka the Super Oberkrainer Band), and to wash down your favorite brew will be German sausage, sauerkraut, bograč, lamb and BBQ ribs! Please have your children and grandchildren wear their Halloween costumes as Slovenska šola will host a Trunk or Treat! (What is Trunk or Treat? Where trick-or-treating is done from parked car to parked car in our local parking lot! Feel free to decorate your trunk!) There will also be hay rides, pumpkin decorating and more! Always a great time for everyone! **Mark your calendars and come out for the fun!**

On behalf of all of the Board Members of the Slovenian Catholic Center, we would like to wish you a very happy, blessed and joyous Christmas Season!

Vesele Božične Praznike in Srečno Novo Leto!



SLOVENIAN CATHOLIC CENTER — 22ND ANNIVERSARY

The donation for the luncheon is \$20.00 for adults, \$10.00 for students ages 7 – 14 and children ages 6 and under are free. Paid reservations are due at the Center by Sunday, November 5th.

SCC ANNIVERSARY—November 12, 2017

Reservation Contact Name: _____

Contact phone #: _____

PAID RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED AT THE CENTER BY SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2017

PAID RESERVATIONS RECEIVED AFTER THE CUTOFF DATE - PLEASE ADD \$5.00/ADULT TICKET

	<u>ADULT</u>		Adult when paid after 11/5, add late fee	<u>STUDENT(S)</u>	<u>CHILDREN</u>
	<u>Member</u>	<u>Non Member</u>		<u>Ages 7-17</u>	<u>Ages 6 & under</u>
<u>First/Last Name</u>	\$20	\$25	\$5	\$10	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.

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, visit our website at www.slovenian-center.org, or call us at 630.243.0670.



P. METOD'S SILVER JUBILEE OF PRIESTHOOD



On Sunday, September 24th, 2017 we celebrated Slomšek Sunday at the SCC. We also celebrated Fr. Metod Ogorevc's 25th jubilee.



On behalf of the Slovenian Cultural Center and the Slovenian community in Lemont, we thank Fr. Metod for his continual spiritual guidance and friendship.



Fr. Metod spends many weekends with the children at our Slomšek Slovenian School; leading them in their religious studies. He also spends countless hours providing spiritual guidance and support to all his parishioners. And, if that is not enough, he still finds the time to help us come and set up the hall for our events! Thank you, Fr. Metod, for your dedication to our community and to our Ameriške Brezje in Lemont.



Congratulations on your years of faithful service and may God continue to bless you and guide you for many years to come.





NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATION—DECEMBER 31, 2017

Reservation Contact Name: _____

Contact phone #: _____

PAID RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED AT THE CENTER BY SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2017

PAID RESERVATIONS RECEIVED AFTER THE CUTOFF DATE - PLEASE ADD \$5.00/ADULT TICKET

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	<u>Member</u>	<u>Non Member</u>		<u>Ages 14-18</u>	<u>Ages 13 & under</u>
<u>First/Last Name</u>	\$50	\$55	\$5	\$20	FREE
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UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sat, **OCT** 7, 2017..... First Day of Slovenian School
Sun, Oct 8, 2017 Family Mass, Monthly Dinner - Missions
Sun, Oct 29, 2017 Fall Fest

Wed, **NOV** 1, 2017..... All Saints' Day
Sun, Nov 5, 2017..... Daylight Savings Time Ends
Sun, Nov 12, 2017..... Family Mass SCC 22nd Anniversary
Fri, Nov 17, 2017 KSKJ IL Federation Meeting, 7pm
Thu, Nov 23, 2017 Thanksgiving Day

Sun, **DEC** 3, 2017 Sv. Miklavz Program
Wed, Dec 6, 2017 Feast of St. Nicholas
Fri, Dec 8, 2017 Feast of the Immaculate Conception
Sun, Dec 10, 2017 Family Mass
Sat, Dec 16, 2017 Last Day of Slovenian School
Sun, Dec 24, 2017 Vigil Mass, Christmas Eve
Mon, Dec 25, 2017 Christmas Day
Sun, Dec 31, 2017 New Year's Eve

*Remember to renew
your membership for
2018!
(see page 7 for membership form)*