



SLOVENIAN CATHOLIC CENTER

"Naš Slovenski Dom" established 1995

THE SLOVENIAN CATHOLIC CENTER'S ONGOING RESPONSE TO COVID 19

To our valued members,

As the COVID-19 pandemic continues to be a part of our daily lives, our main priority at the Slovenian Catholic Center continues to be the health and safety of our community.

In an effort to continue to keep our community safe from the transmission of COVID-19, we will continue to follow the directions from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) as well as the State of Illinois and will continue to keep the Center closed at this time. We are hoping to be able to do a "trial" opening outdoors sometime at the end of July. We will continue to closely monitor the evolving situation and will continue to keep our community as informed as possible via email blasts and our social media sites.

At this time, all picnics "on the hill" have also been cancelled through July 31st, 2020. Although we don't have definitive direction on what will happen with the SCC annual fundraising picnic at this time, we will proceed with our annual raffle. With the Center being closed for this extended period of time, we have limited opportunities for fundraising and are hoping that our community will continue to support us by purchasing raffle tickets.

In the coming weeks, the Slovenian Catholic Center Board of Directors will be meeting to discuss and review how we could facilitate the Annual Meeting; which was cancelled in April. More information on this will also be communicated via email blasts and our Facebook page.

Once again, I am looking forward to seeing everyone soon to continue to share wonderful times and gather to make new memories as a community in our Dom. .

Martina Hozjan Ruda, President



July – Sept 2020

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Renew
your
membership
today!

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



Social distance, wearing masks, sanitizing hands and ...

WELCOME TO 11:00 a.m. SUNDAY SLOVENIAN MASSES

There are many changes that we have put in place to help keep everyone as safe as possible.

Please register to attend by phone (630-257-2068) or email (metodofm@sbcglobal.net) and also let Fr. Metod know if you would like to come to confession before Mass.

If you have concerns about your safety, Masses will continue on **You Tube/radovednost and over the phone. (1-844-855-4444 Access Code: 185996#).**

Sunday and Holy Day Mass obligations are still suspended at this time.

Pilgrimage days in Lemont for Slovenian organizations will be as follows:

*(**All the info from the previous Newsletter is being adjusted/cancelled through July 31st. according to the virus which is plaguing our community and the whole world. Even now we are not sure what the future holds about the customary events in Lemont. Here are tentative dates and events in the time frame of this Newsletter and there will be additional information sent out through the church bulletin and other means of communication when known.)*

August 9– Slovenian Catholic Center – Mass will be held at the Lourdes grotto** with devotions to Mary immediately following.

August 30 - Honey Picnic – fundraising pilgrimage and picnic of the Franciscan Monastery**. Mass will be held at the grotto with devotions to Mary immediately following. Dinner will be served at the picnic area. Homemade bakery sale. Bakery and other donations are greatly appreciated. The raffle will be drawn at 4:00pm.

September 12 – Picnic for the altar servers and Slomškova šola** and all associated with them (parents, grandparents, future students...).

September 19 and 20- Baraga Days in Lemont and Joliet. **

September 27– **Anton Martin Slomšek** is a patron saint of the Slovenian Catholic Mission and there will be celebration of his Feastday.



Consular's Corner

Note on consular issues: We have no plans for consular hours in the next few months. If you are in need of a passport renewal, please call the Office of the Slovenian Consul in Cleveland asap. The number is 216-771-7010. Please leave a message and someone will get back to you.

Retreat House

The elevator/lift passed inspection and is now usable to the public. P. Metod will bless it when it is safe for us to gather in large numbers. Thanks to all who contributed. It is paid off!!

The retreat house is closed through summer. We are in discussions with facilitators about the fall. Facilitators are finding that many people do not want to commit to a retreat and being that close to other people for an entire weekend.

Our website: Baragasmrh.com has a posting of our most current schedule including cancellation notices.

Deacon John P. Vidmar

Director Baraga St. Mary's Retreat House

Website: <https://www.baragasmrh.com>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/baragaretreat/>

Kolbe House Donation Drive

Thank you to all those who donated to Kolbe House. In addition to meeting food and clothing needs, the SCC was able to donate over \$400 in monetary and gift card donations. Your overwhelming response and generosity to their mission was greatly appreciated especially during these unusual times.

"Blessed are the hungry and blessed are the pure of heart."



SAVE THE DATE!

Mark your calendars now because you don't want to miss our
SCC 25th Anniversary weekend Nov 7th-8th.

More details to follow in the next newsletter!





SLOMŠEK SLOVENIAN SCHOOL UPDATES



Dear Parents,

First, let me thank you for your support and understanding as we, a Slovenian-American community, responded to the unexpected invasion of COVID-19 in March, by closing our school. We know you missed having somewhere to go every Saturday morning, and appreciate the individual sacrifices you have all made to keep our community safe. Like me, I'm sure you have concerns and questions related to how schools plan to reopen this fall. While Slomšek Slovenian School is here to strengthen the faith and Slovenian bonds of our students, our first priority is safety. We take very seriously the safety of our students and teachers, as well as the larger Slovenian community of the Cultural Center/Slovenian Catholic Mission.

Our desire is to have the S.C.C.'s doors open so our youngsters can return to school as normal, with enhanced cleaning procedures. We hope to continue school with enhanced safety precautions such as increased hand sanitizer availability, increased frequency of cleaning of high touch areas, etc. We hope to continue face-to-face classroom instruction with increased safety and disinfecting measures, while maintaining appropriate social distancing protocols. For the safety of our vulnerable S.C.C. community, we will need to strictly follow state and local public health guidelines. This will be new to us all, and we ask for your cooperation and patience. We are all responsible for not only ourselves, but for each other.

We can only do this with your continued support. Over the summer, we will keep school families up-to-date as our plans develop. We are only as strong as the partnership we have with the families who enroll and bring their students to šola every week. We ask parents to confirm their attendance this fall by emailing us at Slovenianschool@gmail.com.

Slomšek Slovenian School has been a proud tradition for Slovenian families in the greater Chicagoland area for generations. Please do not allow this challenge to undermine or diminish that tradition. Notify us of your intent to return this fall, today.

We're looking forward to seeing our students return this fall....healthy, and ready to have fun learning Slovenian!

Lepo vas pozdravljam,

Mary Ann Vucinic

Slomsek Slovenian School



Dear Members & Friends of the SCC,

I hope you are staying healthy in these unprecedented times. As you know, the coronavirus pandemic has altered our way of life but like all past crises we are confident that in working together, we will overcome and prevail.

This is typically the time of year that the Board of the Slovenian Catholic Center begins planning for our annual picnic and raffle, our largest fundraising event of the year. The date for our 2020 picnic and raffle is Sunday, August 9th. Although we are hopeful that we will still be able to hold the annual event, the health and safety of our guests, members and volunteers is our highest priority. We are currently following the guidelines of the State of Illinois as well as the CDC with regards to the length of government-mandated shelter-in-place orders, closures and bans on mass gatherings.

During the upcoming weeks and months, we will continue to monitor the challenges surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic and will make our decision on holding or postponing the picnic as the date approaches. We remain excited to host everyone later this year and will communicate decisions regarding future events at the Center on our webpage at www.slovenian-center.org as well as via email blasts and on our Facebook page.

In the meantime, we are proceeding with the sales of our annual raffle tickets. Enclosed on the following page please find information regarding the raffle along with a return form for purchasing tickets. As always, we greatly appreciate the continued support of our community. In the event the picnic is postponed or cancelled, we will continue with the raffle drawing on Sunday, August 9th by doing the drawing virtually.

Our hearts and prayers go out to people who are infected around the world, and the many families impacted in so many ways. May God continue to watch over us as we work through these difficult times.

Thank you again for your continued support and stay well!

Sincerely,

SLOVENIAN CATHOLIC CENTER

Martina Hozjan Ruda

Martina Hozjan Ruda, President





ANNUAL RAFFLE

The SCC Annual Raffle will be held at our annual picnic on Sunday, August 9th.

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 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 9TH, 2020

\$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 9th!



Slovenian SportsKlub

Slovenian Sports Klub News

Due to the continued lockdown order, the 32nd annual Chicago SSK sports weekend has been postponed until further notice. Also, our annual August Toronto visit has been postponed.

In April, the SSK drove an online fundraiser, supporting the Slovenian Catholic Mission (St. Mary's of Lemont). The SSK matched the first \$1,000 of online donations.

In total this drive delivered MORE THAN **\$6,500** for the Slovenian Catholic Mission.

A special thank you to Tony & Jeanie Gregorich, Tony & Tracey Vuksinic, Marko & Larissa Magajne, John & Dawn Vidmar and Pat & Olga Voss for their matching pledges.

Thank you to everyone who donated and please continue to support the Slovenian Catholic Mission (St. Mary's of Lemont).

Keep the donations coming!

In an effort to support the Slovenian Catholic Mission (St. Mary's of Lemont) we have decided to lead an online fundraising effort.

Go to the Slovenian Catholic Mission website:

[Slovenian Catholic Mission - Slovensko versko sredisce](#) ([Slovenian Catholic Mission - Slovensko versko sredisce](#))

- ◆ Click the Donate button in the middle of the left hand side and follow the instructions.
- ◆ In the Write a note (Optional) section of the donation, add a personal intention if you wish: praying for someone that is sick, in memory of, for all the members of the Slovenian Catholic Mission, etc.

These intentions will be included with the petitions during the online Sunday masses at 11:00 am

Please consider a gift.

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Event dates TBC dependent on Covid-19 Status

Saturday July 4, 2020Independence Day
Sunday, July 12,2020Family Mass
Sunday, August 9, 2020Family Mass, SCC Annual Picnic
Saturday, August 15, 2020Assumption of Mary
Sunday, August 30, 2020Honey Picnic
Monday, September 7, 2020.....Labor Day
Sunday, September 13, 2020Family Mass, Monthly Dinner
September 19th and 20th.....Baraga Days
Sunday, October 11, 2020Family Mass, Monthly Dinner
Sunday, November 1, 2020All Saints' Day
Sunday, November 8, 2020SCC 25th Anniversary
Thursday, November 26, 2020....Thanksgiving
Tuesday, December 8, 2020Immaculate Conception
Sunday, December 13, 2020.....Family Mass, Sv. Miklavž
Thursday December 24, 2020Christmas Eve Vigil Mass
Friday, December 25, 2020...Christmas Day
Thursday December 31, 2020.....New Year's Eve at the SCC