



SLOVENIAN CATHOLIC CENTER

"Naš Slovenski Dom" established 1995

The **ANNUAL MEETING** of the Slovenian Cultural Center will be held on Sunday, April 29, 2018 after the Membership Appreciation Dinner. Members of the Board of Directors and their committees will be providing reports summarizing the past year at the Center. During the meeting we will also be electing the Board for the upcoming year. Everyone is invited and encouraged to join us for the meeting. We are always looking for new faces and new ideas on our SCC board. Anyone that is interested in joining the board should contact the Center or an existing Board member.

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V nedeljo, 13. maja 2018, učenci Slomškove slovenske šole prirejajo praznovanje Materinskega dneva s sveto mašo in programom, ki zaključujeta šolsko leto 2017-2018. Vsi ste vljudno vabljeni, da se udeležite svete maše ob 11.00 uri v cerkvi. Šolski program v Slovenskem katoliškem centru se prične ob 12:45 ter nadaljuje s kosilom takoj po programu. Prispevek za kosilo je \$20.00 za odrasle ter \$8.00 za otroke od 7. do 14. leta (otroci stari 6 let ali manj jedo brezplačno). Rezervacije s plačilom se sprejemajo v Slovenskem katoliškem centru do nedelje, 6. maja 2018. Za dodatne informacije pokličite 630-243-0670 ali obiščite našo spletno stran www.slovenian-center.org. Prijavnica je priložena.



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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.



S U S SLOVENSKO VERSKO SREDIŠČE SLOVENIAN CATHOLIC MISSION

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, will be held during Mass on Sunday, April 8th, named also Divine Mercy Sunday or 'Bela nedelja'.

'Šmarnice'- Slovenian devotions to Mary will take place on the following Sundays in May: 6th, 20th, and 27th at 1:30 in the afternoon. On Mother's Day there will be no 'šmarnice'.

Corpus Christi procession will be held on **Sunday, June 3rd** starting with the solemn Mass at 11:00 am at the Lourdes Grotto (weather permitting). After 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.

Acceptance of the children who received the First Holy Communion this year will take place on June 10th at 11 a.m. Mass.

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

June 17 – Prekmurje Social Club – Father's Day – Mass will be held at the grotto with devotions to Mary immediately following

June 30-July 1 – Slovenian's Sport Club. On Sunday Mass will be held at the Lourdes grotto.

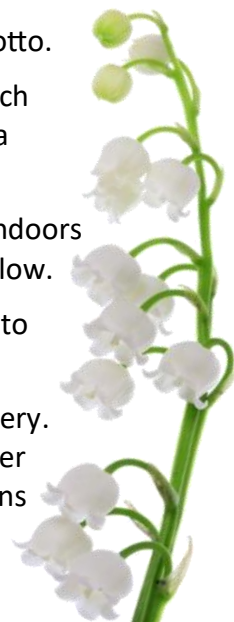
July 8 – Visitors from Slovenia: Rev Bogdan Oražem (member of the Oremus group which visited us some years ago) from Polhov Gradec in Slovenia will be accompanied by a tourist group and a girls youth choir.

July 15 – Slovenian Union of America (Slovenian Women's Union) – Mass will be held indoors with devotions to Mary immediately following. Picnic on the picnic grounds will follow.

August 12 – Slovenian Catholic Center – Mass will be held at the grotto with devotions to Mary immediately following

August 26 – **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 2-3 – Baraga Days Pilgrimage to Grand Rapids, MI.





MARIJA POMAGAJ

In May on the eve of the feast of Marija Pomagaj, Our Lady of Brezje, Slovenians around the world light a candle to honor Mary, Help of Christians as the Patroness of Slovenia. In this spirit the KSKJ Joliet Lodges and Regional Director Theresa Krampac would like to invite everyone to a Mass on Thursday, May 24, 2018 at St. Joseph Church in Joliet, IL at 6:30 p.m. in honor of the feast of Marija Pomagaj. All Slovenians, Slovenian organizations and friends are welcome to come join the celebration as an important part of our heritage. Anyone who desires to wear his or her Slovenian National Costume is welcome to do so. After Mass we will have a social gathering behind the church in Ferdinand Hall. St. Joseph Church is located at 416 N. Chicago St. Joliet IL 60432.



KSKJ NEWS

Saturday, April 7, Joliet Lodges children's Easter Egg Hunt, Haunted Trails Joliet, 10:30 to 12:30. Open to all KSKJ youth members.

Friday, April 20, KSKJ St Genevieve #108 and St Joe Slov. Cath. League joint spaghetti dinner, St Joe Park Noon to 6:30. Fund raiser for Church organ repair.

Thursday, May 24, Marija Pomagaj Mass 6:30 pm St Joseph Church, Joliet. Reception after Mass.

Sunday, July 15, KSKJ IL Fed. meeting St Mary picnic grounds Lemont. Start time 1:00 - 1:30.

Sunday, July 22, KSKJ swim party Splash Station Joliet, 6:00 pm sign in. Open to all KSKJ youth members.



BARAGA DAYS

Baraga Days are in Grand Rapids, Michigan over **Labor Day weekend**. The bus will start in Milwaukee on Saturday morning, travel to Lemont and on to Grand Rapids. Accommodations are at the Crown Plaza Hotel near the Grand Rapids Airport which is where the banquet will be on Sunday afternoon. We will be returning home after the banquet. Please call **Janez P. Vidmar at 708.204.4390** to make reservations or **Anna Hozjan at 630.253.4347**. Prices will be \$240 for 1 person; \$190 for 2 people per room per person; \$175 for 3 people per room per person and \$170 for 4 people per room per person. The price includes, bus, hotel, reception Saturday night and the banquet on Sunday.



RETREAT HOUSE

Click your way to the Retreat House page on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/baragaretreat> and help us to make the walls could talk... What stories would they tell?

Tell us a treasured story from your times at the Retreat House! Share your "remember when's" of your retreats, music, prayers, family, friends, faith, funny or touching stories of your times in this holy place.

We have seen many changes and improvements in recent months! A new fridge and freezer for the kitchen; volunteers from the diaconate groups, Hopes on the Way, made new oak doors to replace the plywood doors on the dining room storage cabinets; the dining room has been dry walled and repainted; new headboards made for the new mattresses that were delivered and more! Come visit us!





AND THE WINNERS ARE...

The **HOMEMADE SLOVENIAN WINE COMPETITION** was held the afternoon of our KOLINE dinner on Sunday, February 11, 2018. What a great way to celebrate! 7 white wines and 8 red wines were submitted for judging and tasting.

Our contestants this year: *Art Hrvatin, Sr, Art Hrvatin, Jr, Brian Ruda, Bob Vicich, Bob Vucinic, Veljko & Rob Zudic, and Val Zupancic.*

Special thanks to our judging panel who tasted a selection of 15 wines: *Jackie Cox, Beth Glavac, Sonja Krusic, Katie Markun and Lance Surges*

Special thanks is also deserved by those that helped with this event: Tracy Hray, Stephanie Williams, David Williams, Larissa Magajne, Mary Ann Vucinic, and Reza Rozman.

THE WINNER FOR THE 2017 WINES IS:
BEST WHITE—*and*—BEST RED  BRIAN RUDA
CONGRATULATIONS to all of the wine makers – they are all winners!
We look forward to sampling next year's vintage.

KOLINE

Koline v februarju so bile zelo uspešne, to pa zaradi izurjenih kuharjev, ter veliko ljudi, ki priskočijo na pomoč pri pripravi in izdelavi klobas. Delo se že prične v petek, nadaljuje v soboto in konča v nedeljo z okusnim kosilom. Pravi "Domači praznik" s svežimi krofi za sladico in poskočno polko za zabavo po kosilu. Učenci Slomškove Slovenske Šole s plesom pokažejo svoje znanje in uspeh sobotne šole, ter obogatijo dan z lepim programom. Ocenjevanje in pokušanje domačih vin je izvrsten dodatek za zabavno popoldne. Polno pričakovanja, kdo dobi prvo mesto za najboljšo vino.

Za tako bogat in pester dan pa je seveda potrebno veliko prostovoljnega dela. Najlepša hvala prav vsem, ki ste priskočili na pomoč pri pripravi in pospravljanju, ter vsem obiskovalcem letošnjih "Kolin" letošnja udeležba je bila več kot 300 gostov. Voditelji skupin v različnih področjih Karl Zorjan - glavni kuhar, Liliana Čepon - krofi, pomivanje posode z jedilnice - Donna in Alojz Nekič, Michelle in Bill Ryan, učiteljica plesne skupine Sheena Litt, Reza Rozman - tekmovanje in pokušnje domačih vin, Nada Petrovic - napovedovalka.

Hvala lepa vsem-
Slavica

CVETNA NEDELJA

Cvetna nedelja na Lemontu ni samo cerkveni praznik, ampak tudi praznik celotne slovenske skupnosti iz Lemonta, Jolieta in njih okolice. Pri slovenosti sodeluje osem različnih klubov: Sveti Križ, PSC, SCC, SVS, SŠK, KSKJ Illinois Federation, Slovenska Katoliška Liga-Joliet, SUA Branch 99, učenci in starši Slomškove Slovenske Šole.

Priprave za cvetno nedeljo se že pričnejo v petek z izdelavo butaric. To je dobrodelna akcija za misijone. V nedeljo je ob 11h dopoldan blagoslov zelenja pred Slovenskim domom, sledi procesija v cerkev z križem na čelu, takoj zadaj dve butarice, katere krasijo cerkev teden pred Veliko nočjo, nato sledijo predstavniki z banderami vseh zgoraj omenjenih klubov, procesiji se pridružijo vsi prisotni farani in duhovnik z diakonom in ministranti. Tam je nadaljevanje Svete Maše z branjem pasijona. Za lep zaključek dneva se zberemo v slovenskem domu za skupen Slovenski zajtrk/kosilo z šunko, klobasami, hrenom in z vsemi dodatki, ter pokramljamo s prijatelji.

Najlepša hvala vsem, za darovan čas pri pripravi in pospravljanju v dvorani in kuhinji in vsem sodelujočim klubom, za kritje stroškov dneva. Posebna zahvala vsem vodečim skupin: Stane Anzeljc in Gusti Demša - butarice, Nandi Puc - priprava in vodenje pasijona, Ljuba Novak - kuhinja, Anna Maria Sever - pivnica, Nada Petrovic -email komunikacija.

Stokrat hvala vsem.
Slavica



KOLINE / WINE CONTEST PICTURES



White and Red Wine Winner
BRIAN RUDA





VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Our volunteer spotlight shines on Mary Ann Vucinic. Mary Ann is the current principal of the Slomšek Slovenska Šola! She spends her Saturday mornings enriching our children with language, art, religious education and dance. Mary Ann has worked tirelessly to bring Šola into the social media scene. The Facebook page is continually updated with pictures of all the students are working on. She has created a wonderful environment that the students thoroughly enjoy. Her unique efforts and kind spirit are generated through her infectious smile. Mary Ann, on behalf of all the students, parents, Center board and Slovenian community, thank you for working with our children!



PREKMURJE SOCIAL KLUB

You are cordially invited to the Prekmurje Social Klub's
Father's Day Picnic

Sunday, June 17th after mass at the Lourdes Grotto of the Slovenian Catholic Center in Lemont, IL
As always, there will be plenty of delicious food and beverages. We will also be having our second annual raffle with amazing prizes, and entertainment for the kids!
It's always a great time, and we look forward to seeing you there!

SLOVENIAN CATHOLIC CENTER MEMBERSHIP FORM 2018

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

Phone: _____
Email: _____

Please remit this form to:

Slovenian Catholic Center ~ PO Box 634 ~ Lemont, IL 60439

<input type="checkbox"/>	Individual Membership	_____	\$ 50.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Family Membership	_____	\$100.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	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: _____



SLOMŠEK SLOVENIAN SCHOOL NEWS

Pozdravljena, pomlad!

After a well-deserved Christmas break, Slomšek Slovenian school students and teachers resumed classes on Saturday, January 20th. With Koline just a few weeks away, students began preparing for their Koline performance, in which one unlucky little piggy was carried off to the mesarnica.

With “Father Winter” cooperating, students enjoyed sledding down St. Mary’s hill on February 17th after classes. Zimske igre is an annual šola tradition which varies year to year depending on weather. Thank you to all the families who stayed after class to participate and share sledding equipment!

In preparation for Easter, Pater Metod introduced the significance behind items traditionally found in Slovenian baskets (eggs, hren, potica and šunka) to students on March 24th. Even our adult class joined in on the presentation. Thank you, Pater!

A great big thank you to Mojca Anaya for once again organizing the coloring of Easter eggs for Palm Sunday. Students all had the opportunity to assist and take home their “egg-cellent” treasures. Palm Sunday found a number of students participating in the procession in their noše.

Sunday, May 13th is Mother’s Day: our next big event. Please see the reservation form in this newsletter. Planning is underway and students are already preparing to show off what they’ve learned over the course of the school year. To help commemorate the event, we’d like to extend to you the opportunity to purchase ad space in the *Slomšek Slovenian School 2018 Mother’s Day Program* booklet: to be distributed at our Mother’s Day event. Ad purchases are 100% tax deductible and all funds raised will be used to help support the school’s operations and projects. Spaces available for purchase include full, half, and quarter page sizes as well as one liner “Booster” ads.

Ad Space

Full Page Black & White - \$100

Half Page Black & White - \$50

Quarter Page Black & White - \$25

School Booster Ad (Your first and last names will appear on our Booster Page) - \$5

Ad Space available on a first come basis

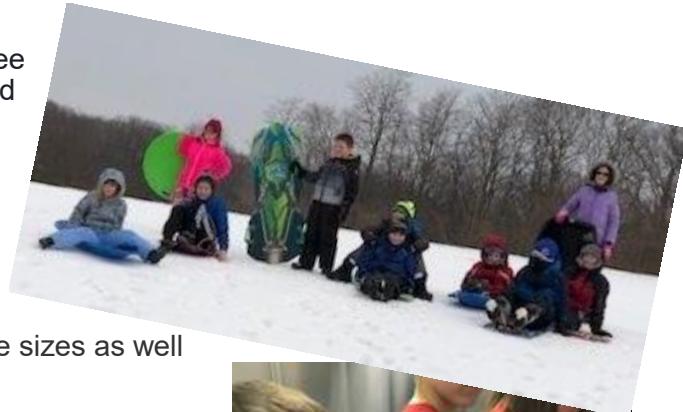
Inside Front Cover - SOLD

Outside Back Cover - SOLD

** Inside Back Cover - \$150*

As a business, you are purchasing advertising space. As a parent, family or community member, the ad book serves as a nice channel to send personalized congratulatory messages to our students and teachers. The program booklet will be a commemorative keepsake for our students’ families and an excellent resource for you to promote your organization to the entire northern Illinois Slovene community. To place your ad, please go to <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1M3dfjlg-JCTrfBMIU9c05fB5W5ZXcCTI/view> or call (630) 452-5874 for information. **All ad forms, payments and artwork must be received by April 21st, 2018.**

Thank you for your continued support and generosity!





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Reservations — Mother's Day 2018

Reservation Contact Name: _____

Contact phone #: _____

PAID RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED AT THE CENTER BY SUNDAY, MAY 6, 2018
PAID RESERVATIONS RECEIVED AFTER THE CUTOFF DATE - PLEASE ADD \$5.00/ADULT TICKET

	ADULT		Adult when paid after cutoff, add late fee	STUDENT(S)	CHILDREN
	Member	Non Member		Ages 7-17	Ages 6 & under
First/Last Name	\$20.00	\$25.00	\$5.00	\$8	FREE
1					
2					
3					
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7					
8					
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10					
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, visit our website at www.slovenian-center.org, or call us at 630.243.0670.



ANNUAL RAFFLE

The SCC Annual RAFFLE will be held at our annual picnic on Sunday, August 13th.

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 \$10,000 PRIZE

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

RAFFLE TICKET DONATION \$50

ENTRY FORM FOR RAFFLE

AUGUST 13TH, 2017

\$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!



Slovenian Catholic Center

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Celebrating our 22nd year!

We would like to remind everyone that outside food and beverages (including coolers) are prohibited at all picnics on the grounds of St. Mary's. Please also refrain from bringing pets on the grounds. It is the responsibility of all guests to protect and preserve the grounds and respect the policies of the Franciscan Fathers.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Sunday, **April 1, 2018** Easter Sunday
- Sunday, **April 8, 2018** Family Mass, Monthly Dinner
- Sunday, **April 29, 2018** Annual Meeting & Membership Appreciation Dinner
- Thursday, **May 10, 2018** Ascension of Jesus
- Sunday, **May 13, 2018** Family Mass, Mother's Day
- Sunday, **May 20, 2018** Pentecost Sunday
- Thursday, **May 24, 2018** Feast of Marija Pomagaj
- Monday, **May 28, 2018** Memorial Day
- Sunday, **June 3, 2018** Corpus Christi Sunday
- Sunday, **June 10, 2018** Family Mass, Monthly Dinner Benefits the Franciscans & Grounds / 1st Communion Sunday
- Sunday, **June 17, 2018** Prekmurje Social Club Father's Day Picnic

Mark your calendar!!
Don't forget to make your reservations for the Member Appreciation Dinner on April 29 & Mother's Day on May 13!!