



SLOVENIAN CATHOLIC CENTER

“Naš Slovenski Dom” established 1995



April, Maj, Junij 2021 Glasilo Slovenskega doma in skupnosti v Lemontu!



April, May, June 2021 Our Lemont Slovenian Home and Community Newsletter!

We are pleased and excited to announce that, after a year of being closed due to COVID, the Slovenian Catholic Center re-opened on Sunday, March 21st, 2021!

We are following Archdiocese and CDC recommendations with regards to capacity limits, social distancing and mask wearing requirements.

Reservations are required and can be made by leaving a message on the Center's answering machine at 630-243-0670.

Due to the capacity limits outlined by the State of Illinois, the CDC and the Archdiocese, we will not be able to hold our Annual Appreciation Dinner at this time. Further information regarding upcoming events will be forthcoming in future newsletters.

We are hoping and looking forward to having our ANNUAL PICNIC on August 8th, 2021! We will be holding our ANNUAL RAFFLE again this year! Stay tuned for additional information about the picnic and how to purchase your chance to win \$10,000!

We look forward to seeing everyone soon!

ANNUAL MEETING

The ANNUAL MEETING of the Slovenian Catholic Center will be held on Tuesday, June 8th, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. in the large hall of the SCC. During the meeting, we will be electing the Board for the upcoming year. Everyone is encouraged to join us for the meeting. We are always looking for new faces and new ideas on our Board.



SCC office is open every Sunday from noon to 3PM.

April – May – June 2021

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Registration for coming to the church is still needed for Sundays 11:00 AM mass at SVS by phone (630-257-2068) or email (metodofm@sbcglobal.net.)

Masses continue to be broadcast on **You Tube/radovednost and over the phone.(1-844-855-4444 Access Code': 185996#)**

** Below 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 available.*

***Šmarnice'**-Slovenian devotion to Mary will take place on Sundays in May: at 1:30 in the afternoon.

***Corpus Christi procession** will be held on **Sunday, June 6th** starting with the solemn mass at 11:00 AM at the Lourdes Grotto (weather permitting). After the 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.

***Acceptance** of the children who received the First Holy Communion this year will take place on June 11th at 11 AM mass.

Pilgrimage days in Lemont for Slovenian organizations will be as follows (*Masses will be held outside if it won't be hot and humid or rainy*):

***June 20** - Father's Day – The Prekmurje Social Club asks that everyone "stay tuned" for additional information on the annual Father's Day Picnic as we await updated guidelines from the CDC.

***June 26 - 27** – Slovenian's Sport's Klub. On Sunday Mass will be held at the Lourdes grotto.

***August 8** – Slovenian Catholic Center – Mass will be held at the grotto with devotions to Mary immediately following

***August 29 - 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. Honey sale. Bakery and other donations are greatly appreciated. The raffle will be drawn at 4:00 PM.

THANK YOU...HVALA LEPA....

The Slovenian Catholic Center would like to thank all those that continued to volunteer their time and talents to the Center during the COVID closure. We made some improvements in and around the Dom and appreciate all the help that we received.

We would also like to thank everyone that helped with plowing and salting this past winter season. We had some heavy snow days and appreciate everyone's willingness to jump in and help.

Finally, thank you to all those that have helped to make our "RE-OPENING" a success. We look forward to welcoming more guests to the Center for larger events soon!



Consular's Corner

At this time, passport renewals can only be done in the Cleveland Consular's Office or in the Washington Embassy. We are planning to host Helena Jaklitsch, the Minister for Slovenians Abroad, on the weekend of September 26th. She will attend our Slomšek Sunday Mass on Sunday. Coming with her is the choir Damijan Močnik, brought in the summer of 2019, and another unnamed group. They will perform at a program honoring the 25th anniversary of our Dom on Sunday afternoon. Ms. Jaklitsch will be visiting other Slovenian organizations in Cleveland, Pittsburgh, and Milwaukee during her visit in September.

Deacon John P. Vidmar
 Director Baraga St. Mary's Retreat House
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 Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/baragaretreat/>

Retreat House News

The sanctuary floor has been replaced where the old steps and altar stood. A new tabernacle stand has been built and the old altar backdrop painted to match the painting of Marija Pomagaj's robes. We have started the process of tearing out a section of the sanctuary floor to make it ADA compatible for exiting the front of the chapel. Ice dams caused a great deal of damage to one room and we are renovating that and looking for solutions for insulation and venting sections of the attic over the older part of the building. Retreats of up to 50 people are beginning on April 24th following CDC guidelines. We have a full retreat season lined up for the fall.

KSKJ events

- ◆ No updates at time of publication.



Mike Vidmar, President
 KSKJ IL Federation

PREKMURJE SOCIAL KLUB

The Prekmurje Social Klub has been hosting the ANNUAL FATHER'S DAY PICNIC for many years. Due to the COVID pandemic, we were unable to host the picnic in 2020. We are looking for input from the Slovenian community to determine if we should hold the picnic this year, 2021. If you would be interested in attending the picnic or have any input, please leave us a message at 708-529-MURA.

Thank you and we hope that everyone is doing well and look forward to seeing our friends in Lemont soon!



SLOMŠEK SLOVENIAN SCHOOL UPDATES



JUHU! POMLAD JE TU!!!

Pomlad brings the promise of renewal and growth as the earth awakens from her winter slumber. On Saturday, February 6th Slomšek Slovenian School's elementary aged students returned from their winter slumber to begin our spring semester with socially distant in-person learning.

Our youngest class started off reviewing the alphabet, numbers, and days of the week. Instructor Kristina Ondracek reinforces learning through crafts and has the students creating their own little "To je" booklet, where students illustrate that lesson's vocabulary. Instructor Mojca Anaya has our older kids practicing newly learned grammar and vocabulary through games as well as reading and writing. Mojca has an Easter project planned for Easter, where students will learn about the symbolic meanings of items typically found in a Slovenian Easter basket.

Dance instructors Stephanie Williams and Sheena Litt continue to work with our masked students in preparation for the day, hopefully in the not-too-distant future, when joyful music will fill our dom. The kids are longing to dress up in their colorful noše and get back on that stage!

A special thanks goes out to Marko Magajne, who stepped in to substitute a couple of classes this semester, taking the students to the Little Red School House Nature Center for a field trip. Pater Metod joined in while students learned about Bishop Baraga and burned some energy snow-shoeing in the quickly melting snow.

The adult in-person class, led by Andrej Remec and John Vidmar also regrouped in February, meeting in the Baraga/ St. Mary's Retreat House. After having held classes remotely due to local infection rates, Andrej, who has been teaching with our school for about two generations, now meets with his small in-person class every week. We are so appreciative that Gospod Remec continues to bring his wealth of knowledge and energy to our šola community, particularly through the challenges of this past year.

Finally, our two online adult classes, led by instructor Emika Asani, recently finished up their modules on cultural history and are now learning about regional Slovenian cuisines. At the beginning of the year, both the Introductory and Elementary classes enjoyed learning about Slovenian legends and castles dating back to the Middle Ages. Within each themed module, students focus on the many rules of Slovenian grammar and get an opportunity to practice reading and speaking with each other. Plans are in the works for continuing these classes over the summer.

If you're interested in perhaps joining these classes, seeing pictures of our upcoming Easter project, or you just want to keep informed about kaj se dogaja v slovenski šoli, please follow us on Facebook at [Slomšek Slovenian School](#).

On behalf of all of us at Slomšek Slovenian School, we'd like to wish everyone Vesele velikonočne praznike!



SLOMŠEK SLOVENIAN SCHOOL PHOTOS





SMS Marela

Slovenska Mladinska Skupina Marela

After several months of Zoom meetings, Marela reconvened late January. We meet with our masks on to ensure everyone's safety. Marela has done a few small service projects for the SCC in preparation for its pending re-opening. We enjoyed a game night, sledding event and celebrated birthdays we missed over the past months. We have begun working on new material to boost our repertoire in the hopes we will be able to perform this summer. We are currently collecting non-perishable food items to donate to the Slovenian Catholic Mission's Lenten Food Drive.

We would like to congratulate several of our members who selected their universities and were awarded scholarships! We are very proud of our members and wish them continued success.

We hope everyone is staying safe and healthy. We look forward to seeing all of our friends and supporters very soon. Until then, we wish you a very **Happy Easter in Veselo Alelujo!**

As always, Marela welcomes new members. If you or someone you know is of Slovenian descent and would like to join our group, please contact Nada Petrovic at (630) 863-5648 or reach out to any Marela member.





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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: _____

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Membership Type:

Individual Membership - \$50

Senior Membership - \$35

Total donation: \$ _____

Family Membership - \$100

Method of payment:

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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

Thank you for your continued support!



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Thursday, April 1, 2021Holy Thursday / Last Supper
Friday, April 2, 2021Good Friday
Saturday, April 3, 2021Holy Saturday / Easter Vigil
Sunday, April 4, 2021.....Easter Sunday
Sunday, May 23, 2021Pentecost
Monday, May 31, 2021Memorial Day
Sunday, June 14, 2021Family Mass, Monthly Dinner Benefits
June 26—June 27, 2021.....Sports Club Weekend
Saturday July 4, 2021 Independence Day
Sunday, August 8, 2021 Family Mass, SCC Annual Picnic & Raffle

UPCOMING EVENTS:
