



# SLOVENIAN CATHOLIC CENTER

“ NAŠ SLOVENSKI DOM ” established 1995

## The Slovenian Catholic Center will be hosting its ANNUAL PICNIC on Sunday, August 14th, 2016 at St. Mary's in Lemont!

Mass will be at 11:00 a.m. at the Lourdes Grotto, weather permitting. After Mass, we will be serving a delicious BBQ lunch with your choice of pork, lamb or chicken! We will also be serving čevapčiči and pečanice.

All bakery donations will be greatly appreciated.

### **\$10,000 Grand Prize Raffle will be held at 5:00 pm**

There will be numerous activities after lunch such as: children's games, **(including newly-added water slides and other water features)**, raffles, balina, volleyball, bags and music for your dancing pleasure by ANSAMBEL VESELJAKI!

*Slovenski Kulturni Center vas vse lepo vabi na letni piknik in romanje, ki bo 14 augusta. Pričeli bomo z mašo ob 11:00 uri dopoldne pri votlini.*

*Po maši bomo na hribu servirali odlično kosilo. Prašički, jagnje in piščanci na ražnju z okusno pripravljenimi solatami. Pozneje popoldne vas bomo postregli s čevapčiči na žaru in s prikuhami.*

*Naprošamo vas da prinesete pecivo, da se bomo znjim posladkali ob kavi!*

*Nato se lahko sprostite in uživate v prijetni družbi svojih prijateljev in znancev, ob dobri pijači in zabavi, ki bo za vse ljudi vseh starosti. Igre za otroke in odrasle!*

***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.***

April-May-June 2016

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## **S U S SLOVENSKO VERSKO SREDIŠČE SLOVENIAN CATHOLIC MISSION**

**September 25th** – celebration of the 90th anniversary of the crowning of Marija Pomagaj and Anton Martin Slomšek Sunday. Mass will be held in the church with the devotions to Mary immediately following. There will be lunch and a program in the Slovenian Catholic Center. The main celebrant will be the rector from the Marija Pomagaj basilica in Brezje, Slovenia, Fr. dr. Robert Bahčič OFM who is also a vicar of the Slovenian Franciscan Province.

Pilgrimage days in Lemont for Slovenian organizations are as follows:

**July 17** – Slovenian Union of America (Slovenian Women's Union) – Mass will be held indoors with devotions to Mary immediately following

**July 24** – St. Anne Society KSKJ #170 – Mass will be held at the grotto with devotions to Mary immediately following

**August 14** – Slovenian Catholic Center – Mass will be held at the grotto with devotions to Mary immediately following

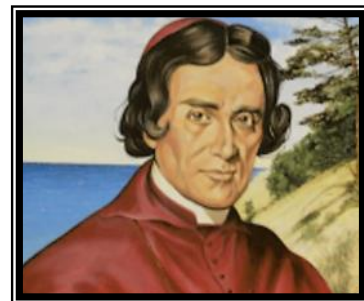
**August 28** – Honey Picnic – fundraising pilgrimage and picnic of the Franciscan Monastery. Mass will be held at the grotto with devotions to Mary immediately following. Dinner will be served at the picnic area. Homemade bakery sale. Bakery and other donations are greatly appreciated. The raffle will be drawn at 4:00 pm.

**September 9-11** - Baraga Days Pilgrimage to Marquette, MI (additional information below)

**September 10** – Picnic for the altar servers and Slomškova šola and all associated with them (parents, grandparents, future students...).

### **BARAGA DAYS 2016**

Baraga Days will be held in Marquette, Michigan this year **September 9-11**. We will leave early Friday morning from Lemont and pick up passengers in Gurnee and Milwaukee. We are staying at a beautiful hotel, Country Inn and Suites a few miles from the Cathedral. We are using the same bus company that we have used the past two years, ABC Transportation which has new modern buses. We will return on Sunday September 11<sup>th</sup> in the evening. We will probably stop on the way back at the Shrine of Marija Pomagaj in Champion, WI. We have a preliminary estimate for the cost of the trip : \$380 for a single, \$265 for a double, \$230 for a triple and \$205 for four people per room. These prices are per person. Please contact John P. Vidmar ([708-204-4390](tel:708-204-4390)) or Anna Hozjan ([630-253-4347](tel:630-253-4347)) to make reservations. **All payments are due by the end of July. Make your reservations now!**



## **HAPPY 25TH INDEPENDENCE DAY SLOVENIJA**

### **JUNE 25TH, 2016!!**



## SLOVENIAN INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATION



On the evening of June 7th, the Slovenian Catholic Center celebrated the 25th anniversary of Slovenian Independence from Yugoslavia. We were honored to have among us, Minister for Slovenians Abroad, Mr. Gorazd Žmavc and the Secretary of the Ministry, Dr. Zvone Žigon, the

former Slovenian General Consul for the Midwest. Minister Žmavc presented Resolutions recognizing St. Joseph Parish on its 125th anniversary, St. Francis de Sales Branch of KSKJ for its 120th anniversary, the Slovenian Union of America on its 90th anniversary, and the SCC on its 20th anniversary.



Minister Žmavc also spoke on the significance of spending the 25th anniversary of Slovenian Independence among the Slovenian population in America and Canada. Dr. Janez P. Vidmar, the Honorary Consul for Illinois, spoke on the significant contribution American Slovenians made towards Slovenian Independence the summer of 1991 by using their political connections among both parties in Washington to help convince the US government to stay neutral in the breakup of Yugoslavia and cease support for the former Yugoslav government.



We were entertained by Zbor Špendov, Slovenska Pesem's "Mladenke" who reunited for the SCC 20th anniversary, and performed a few traditional songs; and finally, Kristina Nyberg entertained us with a medley of traditional Slovenian folk songs classically arranged for piano. It was amazing to hear our beloved folk songs played so passionately. The program was followed by a reception which was sponsored by the SCC with support from SUA & KSKJ as well as private individuals.







## THE SLOMŠEK SLOVENIAN SCHOOL

The end of our Slomšek school year always bustles with activity! On Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, our Slovenska Šola students celebrated the end of the 2015-2016 school year with the annual pizza party, following their final Mother's Day stage rehearsal. Students were presented with their Certificates of Accomplishment as well as copies of the Slovenian children's magazines, Ciculo and Ciciban. Published by Mladinska Kniga for over 70 years, Ciculo and Ciciban belong to a family of learning magazines that include the children's science publication, Moj Planet, as well as PIL and GEA. Thank you to Mr. Andrej Rode, the Slovenian Consul General out of Cleveland for supplying these magazines for our students!



Mother's Day marked the official end of the 2015-2016 school year. Students and their parents participated in the Mother's Day mass before heading to the Center for the luncheon and program. Our adult students performed a recitation, "Sreča," while our younger classes showed off what they've learned through songs, dances and skits. Some of the highlights of the program included songs such as "Priletela muha na zid" by Zbor Baraga, "Mamica, povej, povej" by Zbor Slomšek, "Jaz ne grem v šolo," by our Zvončki class, as well as "Abraham 'ma sedem sinov," by our youngest group, Srčki. Students delighted us with dances to such songs as "Mama, pesem za tebe," and



"Mamica je kakor zarja." In addition to the musical highlights, students performed recitations "Molitev k Mariji," "Barve po slovensko," and the skit, "V šoli." The finale of our program had our students jumping for joy that the school year was finally over with "Kdor ne skače ni Slovenc."

On top of teaching the students and preparing them for the performance, it takes an army of volunteers and a great number of tasks to make an event like Mother's Day possible. Our volunteer army this year consisted of approximately 48 people (not including all of you who donated baked goods.) Our school has been blessed to have such a supportive community. A very heart-felt appreciation goes out to all of you who assisted by: Reading/serving/singing at mass, assisting with program rehearsals/costume changes/emceeing, preparing publicity/program booklets, organizing reservations and seating, baking and arranging of pecivo/sladice, assisting with décor and table set-up/dressing, ordering/purchasing of food and supplies, slicing of appetizers, peeling 150 lbs of potatoes, seasoning/grilling/roasting 51 chickens/110 lbs of prime rib, meat plating, soup/salad/vegetable preparation, grill/roisserie set-up and cleaning, table service, buffet service, dish/pots-n-pan washing, buffet escorting, bar service, event tear-down and clean-up. Your love, dedication and willingness to share your time and effort nurtures the future of our Center. Najlepša hvala vsem!



Congratulations to all our **First Holy Communicants!** Pictured are: Teja Magajne, Maja Magajne, Anthony Kosi, Majda Lampe, Aiden Odracek, Gianna Jaramillo

Our school recently received a very generous book donation by Phoenix International Publishing, Inc., out of Chicago, IL. Included were an array of story books, written in Slovenian, filled with Disney characters. We'll be sure to put them to good use in the up-coming school year.



### Upcoming Šola Dates:

Sunday, August 14<sup>th</sup> – Please join us at the 2016 SCC Annual Picnic and stop by our Šola tent! In preparation for the upcoming 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the crowning of our Marija Pomagaj, children will be able to participate in the crafting of a mosaic, to be presented at the celebration in September. Children will also be able to create a replica to take home!

Saturday, Sept 10<sup>th</sup> – Please join us for our Slomšek school /Altar server picnic! New families interested in our school are welcome. The best way for our school to grow is by word-of-mouth. Please invite and encourage your friends with children interested in learning about their Slovenian heritage to come for a day of fun-filled activities. Receive a \$25 tuition credit every time you refer a new family that registers for the year!

Volunteering at Slomšek Slovenska Šola can be an extremely meaningful experience. We need and appreciate all of our volunteers! As we're preparing for next year, we are looking for enthusiastic people who would like to serve on the school board or share their talents with our students. If you are interested, please contact us at [slovenianschool@gmail.com](mailto:slovenianschool@gmail.com)



The 2016-2017 School year will start Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup>. Until then, ***uživajte poletje!***

## SLOVENIAN SPORTS KLUB

The weather was Great, the participation was tremendous and getting to see everyone was fantastic! What a Great Weekend of Activities! On Friday, we had over 24 players for the Canada vs. US Golf Event (won by Wanda Jozwik, Frank Puc, Mike Steinhaus & Chris Snyders)... Seven Teams participated in the Softball Tournament with Fran Nasti's Team winning over Jake Gregorich's Team by a score of 16-15. The Soccer Tournament had teams and representatives from Milwaukee, Toronto, Chicago and also teams representing our Croatian and Ukrainian friends. In the end it was Team Croatia won the 7 v 7 Event. Congratulations to the winners of the tournament, Tony Vuksinic for winning the Home Run Derby, and everyone that participated in the games and weekend festivities!



### Other events planned for 2016:

- **Bags Tournament and Obstacle Course for Kids** - Cultural Center Picnic - Sun., August 14th.
- **Youth Sports and high school/adult volleyball - Honey Picnic** - Sun., August 28th. We would like to sign up as many volleyball players as we can in advance. Please contact Jeanie Gregorich for volleyball details. [tfgregorich@yahoo.com](mailto:tfgregorich@yahoo.com) Contact Tony Vuksinic or Joe Vidmar for details regarding the youth sports. [jozkovidmar@comcast.net](mailto:jozkovidmar@comcast.net) or [anthony.vuksinic@gmail.com](mailto:anthony.vuksinic@gmail.com)
- **Trivia Night** - coming this fall! We are looking for some ideas and help in planning. If you have any suggestions/tips, please contact Francesca Nasti: [fmnasti@gmail.com](mailto:fmnasti@gmail.com)

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](mailto:sloveniansportsklub@gmail.com) or access our [Facebook](#) page. Search under Chicago Slovenian Sports Klub.



# ANNUAL RAFFLE

The SCC Annual RAFFLE will be held at our annual picnic on Sunday, August 14<sup>th</sup>.  
**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 at 630.243.0670.

## **\$10,000 GRAND PRIZE**

PLUS 27 ADDITIONAL PRIZES IN VALUES OF - \$1000 - \$500 - \$100  
RAFFLE TICKET DONATION \$50

## ENTRY FORM FOR RAFFLE

AUGUST 14TH, 2016

**\$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 12th!





## **HUGE THANK YOU'S TO JOZICA & VELKO ZUDIC!**

Jozica and Velko are both long-time members of the Board of the Slovenian Catholic Center and can be frequently seen helping at the Center and at many of our events. Jozica, a long-time teacher at our Slomšek Slovenian School, is typically the first person we see as we enjoy our weekly fellowship luncheon. Of course, after lunch we see Velko working behind the bar and serving us the drinks we need to wash down those delicious lunches. Both Velko and Jozica actively and continually volunteer their time and talents to our Dom; thank you to both of them for their continued support!



### **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2016 AT 4:00 PM**

The SCC will host a bus to transport our group from the Center to the Museum of Science and Industry for the Annual Christmas Around the World performance and back again. What a great way to kick off the holiday season! Additional information will be provided in the next newsletter.

## **UPCOMING PICNICS**

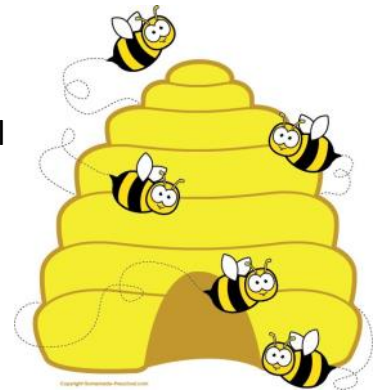
The Slovenian Union of America will be hosting it's annual picnic on **Sunday, July 17th**. Mass will be held indoors and a picnic lunch will be served from the pavilion on the hill. Please join us for an afternoon of good times with good friends.

**July 24th** St. Anne's Society KSKJ will be hosting their annual picnic. Mass will be held at our Lourdes Grotto (weather permitting). Please join us for a delicious lunch, games for the children and raffle.

### **August 28 – Honey Picnic**

All proceeds to benefit the Franciscan Monastery. Mass will be held at the grotto with devotions to Mary immediately following. Dinner will be served “on the hill” and there will be homemade bakery and honey for sale. There will be games and activities for the children. Fun for everyone!! Bakery and other donations are greatly appreciated.

**The raffle drawing will be at 4:00pm.**



**Reminder: Have you renewed your annual membership?**

**If not, there is still time!! Please stop at the Center any Sunday during office hours or stop by the Membership Tent at our Annual Picnic.**



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Established 1995—celebrating our 20th year!

### Upcoming Events :

Sunday, **July** 24 ..... St. Anne's Society, KSKJ #170  
Pilgrimage & Picnic

Sunday, **August** 14 .... SCC Picnic & Raffle  
Sunday, August 28 ..... Honey Picnic & Youth  
Sports Tournaments

**September** 9-11 ..... Baraga Days

Saturday, September 10  
School Families, Altar Servers &  
Volunteers Picnic

Sunday, September 11 · Monthly Dinner  
St. Ann's Matching Funds to benefit the  
Franciscan Sisters of Lemont

Sunday, September 25 · Slomšek Sunday

Saturday, **October** 1 · First Day of School

Sunday, October 9 ..... Monthly Dinner  
to benefit the Missions

**Our MONTHLY DINNERS** will begin on  
Sunday, September 11, 2016 and are  
held the second Sunday of each month  
from September through May.

**Everyone is welcome and reservations  
are not required.**