



SLOVENIAN CATHOLIC CENTER

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THE SLOVENIAN CATHOLIC CENTER’S ONGOING RESPONSE TO COVID 19

In an effort to keep our community safe from transmission of COVID19, the Slovenian Catholic Center will be following directions from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Based on the information released on March 15th, **the Slovenian Catholic Center will remain closed until May 15, 2020. This means that, as of today, the Palm Sunday Brunch, the Appreciation Dinner, and Annual Meeting, as well as Mother’s Day festivities, are being canceled or postponed.**

Please check for our communications and regular updates on when we will re-open.



To our valued members,

The Slovenian Catholic Center is, first and foremost, focused on the health, safety, and well-being of our members and friends.

We continue to closely monitor the evolving situation and will continue to keep everyone as informed as possible during these difficult times. I hope that now that we are unable to be together at the Center, we can further realize how special our Dom is to all of us.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone again soon to continue to share wonderful times and make more memories as a community.

Martina Hozjan Ruda, President

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.





Some of our parishioners are already well aware of the Holy Mass on a TV - even every day. Look for it and also pray at home as many already do! The Sunday masses at 7:00 and 11: 00 a.m. will be private masses (English and Slovenian). People are encouraged to receive "spiritual communion". There is a rich Church Tradition about that. Jesus comes to those who want to be "in communion" with Him.

Example prayer (from St. Alphonsus Liguori in the 18th century):

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Jezus, verjamem, da si navzoč v Najsvetejšem zakramentu. Zahvaljujem se Ti za Tvojo ljubezen do mene, ki si mi jo izkazal s svojo smrtjo na križu. Želim Te ljubiti bolj kakor vse drugo, predvsem pa Te želim sprejeti v svojo dušo. Ker Te ne morem prejeti zakramentalno, Te prosim, da prideš k meni duhovno: prosim Te, da vstopiš v moje srce in prebivaš v njem. Gospod, nisem vreden, da prideš k meni, ampak reci le besedo in ozdravljena bo moja duša.

This pandemic is not God's punishment but a chance for us to come closer to Him and to one another.

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The Slovenian Catholic Mission will be live streaming on Facebook an English Mass on Sunday at 7 am and the Slovenian at 11 am.

The link to the SVS Facebook page is: <https://www.facebook.com/SlovenianCatholicMissionLemont/>

From the Archdiocese:

Beginning Saturday, March 21, the archdiocese will broadcast weekend Masses from Holy Name Cathedral in English, Spanish and Polish. These Masses will be available on our [YouTube](#) channel beginning at 4 p.m. Saturday, March 21 and will continue until in-person attendance at liturgies is reinstated.

Additionally, daily Mass will be celebrated and broadcast from St. James Chapel on weekdays. These Masses will be available on our [YouTube](#) channel beginning at 10 a.m. Tuesday, March 17.

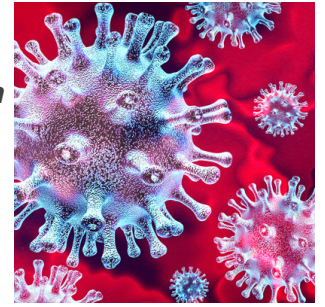
The recordings of all Masses will remain on our [YouTube](#) channel.

Our website, www.archchicago.org, provides resources to enrich your personal prayer life and deepen our solidarity with one another as we experience the disruptions caused



From the CDC:

*This interim guidance is intended for organizers and staff responsible for planning mass gatherings or large community events in the United States. **A mass gathering is a planned or spontaneous event with a large number of people in attendance that could strain the planning and response resources of the community hosting the event, such as a concert, festival, conference, or sporting event.***



- *Larger gatherings (for example, more than 250 people) offer more opportunities for person-to-person contact and therefore pose greater risk of COVID-19 transmission.*
- *Older adults and persons with severe pre-existing health conditions are thought to be at increased risk.*
- *Based on what is currently known about the virus, spread from person-to-person happens most frequently among close contacts (within 6 feet).*
- *Cancel gatherings of more than 10 people for organizations that serve higher-risk populations.*

Everyone can do their part to help plan, prepare, and respond to this emerging public health threat.

What is coronavirus disease 2019?

Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) is a respiratory illness that can spread from person to person. The virus that causes COVID-19 is a novel coronavirus that was first identified during an investigation into an outbreak in Wuhan, China.

Can I get COVID-19?

Yes. COVID-19 is spreading from person to person in parts of the world. Risk of infection from the virus that causes COVID-19 is higher for people who are close contacts of someone known to have COVID-19, for example healthcare workers, or household members. Other people at higher risk for infection are those who live in or have recently been in an area with ongoing spread of COVID-19.

Learn more about places with ongoing spread at:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/transmission.html#geographic>.

The current list of global locations with cases of COVID-19 is available on CDC's web page at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/locations-confirmed-cases.html>.

How does COVID-19 spread?

The virus that causes COVID-19 probably emerged from an animal source, but is now spreading from person to person. The virus is thought to spread mainly between people who are in close contact with one another (within about 6 feet) through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes. It also may be possible that a person can get COVID-19 by touching a surface or object that has the virus on it and then touching their own mouth, nose, or possibly their eyes, but this is not thought to be the main way the virus spreads. Learn what is known about the spread of newly emerged coronaviruses at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/transmission.html>.



What are the symptoms of COVID-19?

Patients with COVID-19 have had mild to severe respiratory illness with symptoms of:

- Fever
- Cough
- Shortness of breath

People can help protect themselves from respiratory illness with everyday preventive actions.

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol if soap and water are not available.

If you are sick, to keep from spreading respiratory illness to others, you should



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



Pozdravljena, pomlad!

After a well-deserved Christmas break, Slomšek Slovenian school students and teachers resumed classes on Saturday, January 25th. Sheena Litt and Stephanie Williams quickly had students preparing for their Kolone performance, in which one unlucky little piggy was carried off to the mesarnica.



Slovenska Mladinska Skupina Marela

WE ARE TRAVELING AGAIN!!! MAYBE!

THE BELOW INFORMATION IS ALL ON HOLD UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE!

We have officially been invited to perform at Slovenska Pristava in Geneva, Ohio on June 26-29, 2020 for the annual Proud to Be a Slovenian Day. We are currently organizing a bus and hotel stay. Final details are still being worked out. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Max Petrovic at 630/863-5638.

Marela is meeting again every other Thursday beginning at 6:30pm at the Slovenian Catholic Center. We are working on new material for the upcoming performance season. We also host many team building activities and social events. If you know any teens of Slovenian descent interested in joining our group, please contact Nada Petrovic at 630/863-5648. We are planning lots of fund-raising events coming up to help support our costuming and travel expenses. Please consider helping out, if you are able to, and thank you in advance





No doubt about it.... another successful Koline celebration!





2019 Vintner Competition

The 2019 vintages of wine that we tasted on Koline Sunday were amazing! There were 7 white and 7 red to choose from. Our judges were charged with deciding the best of the best. Although each of our judges had distinct likes and dislikes, two wines came out on top. Best-in-class for white wines this year was Valentin Zupancic with his Sauvignon Blanc and best-in-class for red wines was Herman Simrayh with his Chilean Pinot Noir.

All of our local vintners who entered wines should be applauded for their hard work and craft. Heard at both judging table as well as the community tasting table, there were many many compliments on the different varieties of wine offered.

This year's wines were submitted by Valentin Zupancic, Herman Simrayh, Rob & Velko Zudic, Brian Ruda and Bob Vucinic. Congratulations and GREAT WORK to all our local vintners! We look forward to trying more of your wines in the future. **Na zdravje!**





Slovenian Sports Klub



The SSK would like to thank everyone that came out for our Trivia Night on March 22nd as we had over 70 players and 7 Teams playing and thank you to all the winners that donated their winnings back. Thanks to their generosity, the SSK was able to make a nice donation to the Friends of St. Mary's!

Winners were:

1st place: Vidmar team "Lasko Withdrawal" (pictured); 2nd place: Zorjan team ;Tied for 3rd and 4th place: the Kastelic family team and the Buh family team!

A big thank you to Tony Purkart and Kristin Louapre for setting up all the questions and running the event, Marko Magajne for donating the food and running the kitchen, and Marko Puc for his marketing skills. Hvala lepa vsem!



2020 First Place Trivia Team



31st Annual Softball, Golf, and Music Festival June 26th-28th



The following events and dates are all on hold at this time until further notice. We will post updates as we get more information on Covid-19 situation

Annual Golf Outing –Friday, June 26th–Glen Eagles Country Club in Lemont., 13070 McCarthy Rd, Lemont, IL 60439). Format is a 4-man scramble with winners' names going on the Sports Klub trophy. A scramble format means players of all levels are welcome! Handicaps will be assigned. First tee time will be at 2:30 pm. Cost is \$50 for 18 holes of golf with a cart. Please contact Stan Kastelic to sign up as a team or as an individual, or for more information.[773-505-5448](tel:773-505-5448)

Annual Bocce Ball Tournaments – Saturday, June 27th- Two-person bocce ball tournament begins at noon. Registration begins at 11:30 am. Contact Stan Kastelic for more information.

31st Annual Softball Tournament – June 27th & 28th– Co-ed Softball Tournament & Music Festival – We're always looking for more players! Even if you don't play, come out to socialize, play bocce ball, enjoy the playground, play volleyball, and take in the beauty of the grounds of St. Mary's. Once again, donations of potato salad, pasta salad, green salad, or finger desserts are appreciated! Simply bring them to the hut anytime Saturday or before noon on Sunday. Thank you in advance! For information on playing, contact Chris Buh or Jake Gregorich (christopherbuh@gmail.com ; jakobgregorich@gmail.com).

Bonfire and live music – Saturday, June 28th - Join us Saturday night around 8pm for a bonfire and live music. Our usual band is unable to play for us this year, so if anyone knows a of a rock band that plays dance music for a hobby, please contact the Slovenian Sports Klub at the email below.

Sunday Lunch “On the hill” at noon –Immediately following the 11am mass at the outdoor grotto. Softball semi-finals and championship games to follow immediately after lunch.

Other events planned for 2020:

Annual Slovenian Canadian/American Softball Tournament at the Slovensko Letovišče in Canada. August 1st&2nd - Come join us!

Bags Tournament – Cultural Center Picnic, August 9th



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UPCOMING EVENTS FOR THE YEAR:

Event dates TBC dependent on Covid-19 Status

- Sunday, June 14, 2020Telovo (Corpus Christi) Family Mass, Monthly Dinner Benefits the Franciscans & Grounds / 1st Communion Sunday
- Sunday, June 21, 2020Prekmurje Social Club
.....Father's Day Picnic
- June 26—June 28, 2020.....Sports Club Weekend
- 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 24th Anniversary
- Thursday, November 26, 2020....Thanksgiving
- Tuesday, December 8, 2020Immaculate Conception
- Sunday, December 13, 2020.....Family Mass, Sv. Miklavž

- Thursday December 24, 2020 Christmas Eve Vigil Mass
- Friday, December 25, 2020... Christmas Day
- Thursday December 31, 2020.....New Year's Eve at the SCC