



SLOVENIAN CATHOLIC CENTER

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January, February, March, 2020 Our Lemont Slovenian Home and Community Newsletter!

The ANNUAL MEETING of the Slovenian Catholic Center will be held on Sunday, April 26, 2020 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.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE 2020

With the start of every New Year our membership drive begins. We extend our sincere thanks to everyone that has supported the Center by being a member. Membership is our main source of income and helps maintain our facilities and support our activities. Please support the Center by becoming a member – fill out the form enclosed and return it to us with your payment. We also are looking for individuals to help with activities at the Center. If you're interested in donating some time to the Slovenian Catholic Center please give us a call or come to our monthly meetings, every second Tuesday of the month at 7:30 pm. Your donation of time is priceless to us!

Vaša pomoč v kulturnem centru je zelo cenjena! Stem da plačate letno članarino in postanete aktiven član centra boste veliko pripomogli naši slovenski skupnosti. V centru se zbiramo ob veselih in žalostnih trenutkih in si stisnemo roke, to je dom združenja, in prijateljstva.

On behalf of all of the Board Members of the Slovenian Catholic Center, we would like to wish you a very happy, blessed and joyous New Year!

Srečno Novo Leto!

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

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**Make your
reservations
for**

KOLINE

February 9th



January 9th - Baraga Dinner. All proceeds of the monthly dinner will go to the Baraga Association towards Bishop Baraga canonisation process.

Every 2nd Sunday of the month all families with school children are encouraged to attend the regular 11:00 AM Mass and actively participate with readings, petitions, and singing. After the mass, a monthly dinner will be served in the Center.

Blessing of the candles/ throats – On Sunday, **February 2**, there will be a blessing of the candles and the blessing of the throats (St. Blase) during the 11:00 AM Mass.

On Ash Wednesday – February 26th - Mass will be held at 11:00 AM (in Slovenian) with a blessing and the distribution of ashes.

Lent –Every Sunday there will be devotions of the Stations of the Cross at 1:30 in the afternoon (except on the Sunday, March 8th - Monthly dinner – stations will be held at 2:30 PM. Imperishable food will be collected in the church for the local Food Pantry.

Friday, April 3rd – making of 'butarice' in the Center (starts at 8:00 AM). Please, come and help! All proceeds will go to the missions.

Palm Sunday – April 5th – 11:00 AM – The blessing of the 'butarice' and other greenery will be held in front of the Center. We will then process to the church. During the Mass the solemn reading of Jesus's passion according to Luke will be held.

Holy Thursday – April 9th - Jesus' Last Supper: Solemn Mass will be held at 7:00 PM, After Mass, we will spend time in prayer commemorating Jesus' imprisonment and torture.

Good Friday - 7:00 PM Celebration of the Lord's Passion.

Holy Saturday-Vigil of Easter – at 2:00 PM blessing of Easter food (which entails symbolic food: bread, meat, colored eggs, horse radish, and 'potica'-walnut cake). At 7:00 PM liturgy of the day will be followed by a gathering in the Center.

Easter – April 12th – As usual a 7:00 AM English Mass will be said. At 11:00 AM the solemn Mass of Jesus' resurrection will be held.

Join the Slovenian Catholic Children's Fellowship for our SECOND year of service to our community!

Our meetings are typically held every second Sunday, with the exception of February. For February, and any other unforeseen changes, kids and parents will be notified prior to the date change.

All kids are welcome to join the Slovenian Catholic Children's Fellowship! For any questions, please reach out to Dawn Vidmar 708-421-8412 or Sheena Litt 331-701-9926.

Hvala Lepa – Thank you!

The Slovenian Catholic Children's Fellowship would like to extend our deepest thanks to our community for making our first ever Giving Tree a smashing success! We were able to provide sizeable donations to BEDS, Catholic Charities, and Kolbe House. All organizations were very appreciative of our help. This is a great lesson to teach our children!

Be on the lookout for more information on our next session in January. We wish you all a wonderful New Year!



Consular's Corner

The General Consul will hold consular hours on the Saturday of Koline Weekend, February 8th starting at 1PM. Please call to make an appointment. She will be able to renew passports by then.

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

Retreat House News

We are negotiating with the contractor on the price for opening the floor for the lift chase. After consultation with a structural engineer, we changed the location to put it off the main dining room. It is a great place but it means cutting through a precast concrete floor which increased the costs by \$4,000. In the long run it will serve retreatants better. Volunteers are still welcome. We still have a lot of painting.

We set a record of 1900. We had over 1900 person visits. That includes people on retreat, days of reflection, AA meetings, other organization meetings, Croatian Junior Tamburitza practices, Polish Traditional Violin Music Lessons and the Polish Tetra Folk Dancers.

The Archdiocese of Chicago Cursillo ministry has designated the retreat house for its 2020 retreats.

KSKJ events



- ◆ Sunday February 9, 2020 St Gen. lodge #108 Ice skating party 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Inwood ice rink Joliet. Open to all KSKJ members. RSVP 815 347-0370.
- ◆ Friday February 21, 2020 IL KSKJ Lodges Federation meeting 7:00 p.m. SCC small hall. Refreshments following meeting.

Mike Vidmar, Pres
 KSKJ IL Fed



Slovenian Catholic Children's Fellowship Giving Tree Event Snapshots!





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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: _____

Spouse's Name: _____

Dependent Children: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Membership Type:

☐ Individual Membership - \$50

☐ Senior Membership - \$35

Total donation: \$ _____

☐ Family Membership - \$100

Method of payment:

☐ Cash

☐ 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!



SLOMŠEK SLOVENIAN SCHOOL UPDATES

Srečno novo leto!



The fall semester flew so quickly for Slomšek Slovenian School teachers and students. Students jumped right into classes on October 5th. Thanks to Marko Magajne for the coordinating, students were treated to the Sevnica Puppet Theater's production of "Grdi Raček", "The Ugle Duckling." Puppeteers presented portions of the show in English and Slovenian. At the end of the month, šola participated in Fallfest by coordinating Trunk or Treat and sponsoring the costume parade and contest.

November's highlight was the S.C.C.'s Anniversary program. Many thanks for the hours of preparation put in by students and their instructors, Sheena Litt and Assistant Stephanie Williams. The audience enjoyed students dancing to Atomic Harmonika's "**Natoči ga kelnarca.**"

Sveti Miklavž visited students in early December, bringing students gifts beyond the traditional fruit and nuts. This year's Miklavževanje program was a musical rendition of "Sveta noč", which included songs depicting the nativity scene. While waiting for the Angelčki and Parklje, a number of our instrumentalist students played Christmas songs. We are so fortunate to have so many musical students! Before Sveti Miklavž made his procession into the hall, his angels floated in to sing "Mi angelci smo mali." There was no mistaking when the demons arrived. Their devilish song "[Mi smo parklji](#)" reminded our younger audience members to always be good. Slovenian School teachers Mojca Anaya, Nandi Puc and Milie Hozjan, along with parent Mike Magajne and teacher's aides Adam Petrovic and Tinček Lockwood worked together to prepare students for this year's performance. Former teacher, Martin Puc, even came back to lend a hand. A special thank you to Andrej Remec and Mike Magajne, who represented the forces of good and evil for our students. Parents Christina Martincic and Irene Wick, as well as grandparent Slavica Sovan, ensured our kids' costumes looked so festive!

We wrapped up our semester on December 14th with our annual Christmas project and party. Mojca Anaya organized the project, where students created Slomšek and Baraga ornaments. Father Metod joined in to bless the ornaments, sing a few Christmas songs and play a game.

Many thanks to all the teachers, parents and S.C.C. members who donated of their time to ensure our school endures. We look forward to an active spring semester, with classes beginning Saturday, January 25th. Please mark your calendars for the following school events:

January 25 th	Classes Resume
February 9 th	Family Mass and Koline Performance
April 4 th	Easter Egg Coloring
May 10 th	Mother's Day Mass and Program

Slomšek Slovenian school is always accepting new students. Anyone interested in registering for our spring session can reach us at SlovenianSchool@gmail.com

Errors & Omissions..... In the 2019 Q3 Slovenian School article, we inadvertently neglected to include *Stephanie Williams* on our list of teaching staff. Stephanie has been our dance assistant for a few years now. The students love her and all of us, particularly dance teacher Sheena Litt, value her help every week. She's always got a warm smile and a lending hand to give. We're so sorry, Stephanie!



SLOMŠEK SLOVENIAN SCHOOL EVENT SNAPSHOTS Anniversary Mass & Miklavz visist!





SMS Marela

Slovenska Mladinska Skupina Marela wishes everyone a happy and prosperous 2020!!

We had a busy fall and early winter volunteering at the SCC for the 24th Anniversary celebration, as well as performing some of our new material. We were especially honored and proud that our assistant dance teacher, Sarah Markun, was Gospodicina 2019. SMS Marela also volunteered with Slomsek Slovenska Sola's Miklavzevanje program and visit from Sveti Miklavz! Time honored traditions are always important to continue and support.

THANK YOU to everyone who supported SMS Marela on the Poinsettia Fund Raiser! It was a great success!

We celebrated the 2019 holiday season together and are making plans for our Summer Trip 2020, as well as beginning to plan our trip to Slovenia in 2021. Please stay tuned for updates!





SCC 24TH ANNIVERSARY SNAPSHOTS





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13TH ANNUAL HOMEMADE SLOVENIAN WINE COMPETITION

You are cordially invited to participate in the 13th Annual Homemade Slovenian Wine Competition which will be held the afternoon of KOLINE - Sunday, February 9th.

It's that time of year again where we can enjoy the fruits of our Slovenian wine maker's labor; where we can sample the delicious varietal wines in both reds and whites. The wine makers made their wines in the Fall of 2019 using their own techniques for the most perfect flavors, clarities, and aromas. To celebrate our 13th annual competition, we welcome all of our wine makers to enter their wines of 2019.

For more detailed information about the competition, or if you know of someone that would be interested in participating this year, encourage them to submit their wine and to contact the Center. Messages can be left at 630-243-0670 or email to secretary@slovenian-center.org and someone will get back to you.



Everyone is invited to enjoy a delicious meal at the Center following Mass. The wine judging will begin after dinner.

We encourage all of our Slovenian wine makers to participate in the challenge to see who has the BEST WHITE and BEST RED WINE for 2019!!



**Get out of the cold and warm up at the SCC as we celebrate our mid-winter feast of KOLINE!
You will enjoy a full day of faith, FOOD and fun!**

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| 11:00 am | Sunday Mass (in church). |
| 12:00 pm | Doors open. |
| 12:30 pm | Annual "Sausage Dance" as performed by the
Slomšek Slovenian School! |

Dinner is served— blood sausage, traditional Slovenian turnip soup ,
white sausage, pork, krofe and many other goodies!

After dinner entertainment will be provided by Ansambel Veseljaki.

Your afternoon isn't complete until you sample a few of our local wines up for
tasting as they are judged for best white and red wines for 2020!



**Tickets are \$25 for adult members, \$35 for adult non-members
Students 7-14 are \$10 and children 6 and under are free.
Pre-paid reservations are required and due by February 3rd!
—Reservation form included—**



KOLINE - SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2020

If you are a fan of good food and good company you will not want to miss Koline at the Slovenian Catholic Center; Sunday, February 11th after the 11:00 am Mass. We will be serving blood sausage, traditional Slovenian turnip soup, white sausage, pork, krofe and many other goodies. Entertainment Provided by: Ansambel Veseljaki.

Tickets are \$25 for adult members, \$35 for adult non-members

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—Reservation form included—

Če ste ljubitelj dobre hrane, prijetne družbe, potem prav gotovo ne boste zamudili pravih slovenskih kolin, ki jih bomo pripravili v slovenskem kulturnem centru v nedeljo 9. februarja po 11. sveti maši. Za ta tradicionalni zimski praznik vam bomo servirali krvavice, bujto repo (juho), bele klobase, svinsko pečenko, krofe in razne druge dobrote.

RESERVATION — KOLINE 2020

Reservation Contact Name: _____

Contact phone #: _____

PAID RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED AT THE CENTER BY SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2020

PAID RESERVATIONS RECEIVED AFTER THE CUTOFF DATE - PLEASE ADD \$5.00/ADULT TICKET

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	ADULT			STUDENT(S)	CHILDREN	
	Member	Non Member		Ages 7-17	Ages 6 & under	
	First/Last Name	\$25.00	\$35.00	\$5.00	\$10	FREE
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CASH: \$ _____

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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.

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Slovenian Sports Klub

The Sports Klub hopes you had a Merry Christmas
and a wonderful holiday season with your families!

We will be hosting a Trivia Night on Saturday, February 22nd.



Come join us for a fun night out!

Doors open at 5:30 pm

Play begins at 6:00 pm

Come out for a fun night on Saturday, February 22nd, from 5:30-10pm at the Center. Questions will be varied but will be targeted for ages 15 and up. Sign up an entire team of 10-12 people or let us know if you'd like to be added to a team. Cost is \$10 per person. Bring your own snacks, appetizers, desserts for your table. Beer, wine, and non-alcoholic beverages will be available for purchase. Cash prizes for top finishing teams. Please let us know by February 15th so that we can plan accordingly.

To register or for more information, please contact the Sports Klub at sloveniansportsklub@gmail.com) or call Tony Vuksinic (630) 881-6274. Or find us on Facebook under Chicago Slovenian Sports Klub.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR -

Don't forget to make your
reservations for Koline
Feb 9th and for the
Member Appreciation
Dinner on April 26!!



MEMBER APPRECIATION SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 2020

The Annual Membership Appreciation Dinner will be held on Sunday, April 26, 2020
after 11:00 a.m. Mass.

MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE: INDIVIDUAL \$50; SENIOR (65+) \$35; FAMILY \$100.

All members of the Center are free of charge for this dinner.

Tickets for non-member guests are \$15 and students (7-14) are \$8.

For more information please call 630-243-0670.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!!

RESERVATION — APPRECIATION DINNER 2020

Reservation Contact Name: _____

Contact phone #: _____

PAID RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED AT THE CENTER BY SUNDAY, APRIL 19 2020

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UPCOMING EVENTS FOR THE YEAR:

Thursday January 9, 2020.....Baraga Dinner	June 27—June 28, 2020.....Sports Club Weekend
Sunday, February 2, 2020St Blase's Day Blessings, Slovenian Culture Day / Prešeren Program	Saturday July 4, 2020 Independence Day
Sunday, February 9, 2020Family Mass, Koline & Wine Contest	Sunday, July 12,2020 Family Mass
Wednesday, February 26, 2020..Ash Wednesday	Sunday, August 11, 2020.....Family Mass, SCC Annual Picnic
Sunday, March 8, 2020.....Family Mass, Monthly Dinner	Saturday, August 16, 2020.....Assumption of Mary
Friday, April 3, 2020 Making of the 'butarice', 8am	Sunday, August 23, 2020.....Honey Picnic
Sunday, April 5, 2020Palm Sunday Procession Mass, Easter Brunch	Monday, September 7, 2020...Labor Day
Thursday, April 9, 2020.....Holy Thursday / Last Supper	Sunday, September 13, 2020.....Family Mass, Monthly Dinner
Friday, April 10, 2020Good Friday	Sunday, October 11, 2020.....Family Mass, Monthly Dinner
Saturday, April 11, 2020.....Holy Saturday / Easter Vigil	Sunday, November 1, 2020.....All Saints' Day
Sunday, April 12, 2020.....Easter Sunday	Sunday, November 8, 2020.....SCC 24 rd Anniversary
Sunday, April 26, 2020.....Annual Meeting & Membership Appreciation Dinner	Thursday, November 26, 2020...Thanksgiving
Sunday, May 10, 2020Family Mass, Mother's Day	Tuesday, December 8, 2020.....Immaculate Conception
Monday, May 25, 2020Memorial Day	Sunday, December 13, 2020Family Mass, Sv. Miklavž
Thursday, May 21, 2020.....Ascension Day	Thursday December 24, 2020.....Christmas Eve Vigil Mass
Sunday, May 31, 2020Pentecost	Friday, December 25, 2020...Christmas Day
Sunday, June 14, 2020Family Mass, Monthly Dinner Benefits the Franciscans & Grounds / 1st Communion Sunday	Thursday December 31, 2020...New Year's Eve at the SCC
Sunday, June 21, 2020Prekmurje Social ClubFather's Day Picnic	