



SLOVENIAN CATHOLIC CENTER

“Naš Slovenski Dom” established 1995

THE SLOVENIAN CATHOLIC CENTER'S ONGOING RESPONSE TO COVID 19

Dear Members and Friends of the Slovenian Catholic Center,

I hope that you are all continuing to stay healthy and safe during these rapidly changing times.

The ongoing COVID-19 virus continues to create uncertainty in all of our lives; the last 6 months have definitely been profoundly unusual! Perhaps no other crisis will define our legacy more than our response to this virus. It is with this in mind, that the Board of Directors has established an SCC Re-opening Committee. The Committee meets on a regular basis to review and analyze the risks and options of re-opening our Dom.

At this time, the Board of Directors, under the direction of the Committee, has, regrettably, decided to keep the Center closed. This is a difficult decision to make and one that we are all having a hard time accepting. However, the health and safety of our members and guests is of utmost importance, as is that of our working volunteers.

This is far from the world's first pandemic, but it's the first of this scale in most of our life times. It's not often that we are aware that we are in a historical moment as it's happening, but this is one of those times.

So much has changed in a short period of time – the world around us, our neighborhoods, gathering spaces, schools, the places we work and call home. Life in the midst of COVID-19 has created fear, frustration and anxiety all around. I know it's tough having everyday full of uncertainty; I share in the feelings of anxiety and I miss being able to see everyone without having fear. It can be very overwhelming, but, in the face of this hardship, we have to stay strong. Nothing is more important than ensuring the continued and future health and safety of our families and of our community!

Typically, in times of crisis, we gather together and now we cannot. I am often-times overwhelmed by the unquestionable strength and character of our community; which is why I am certain that together, we will get through this.

As an organization, we are hopeful that sometime during the coming weeks and months, we will look at this difficult time in the “rearview mirror.” When we do, it will be with immense pride that we re-open our beloved Dom and celebrate, together, the challenges that we have all overcome.

As we continue to navigate through this crisis, we keep each and every one of you in our hearts. I have great faith in the power of prayer and ask that we all continue to pray for the health and safety of everyone in our community and in the world.

I look forward to seeing everyone again soon and send warm wishes for strength, peace and calmness to all.

God bless,

Martina Hozjan Ruda, President



Oct– Dec 2020

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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 – Closed until Phase 5



Please register for 11 am Sunday Mass by phone (630-257-2068) or email (metodofm@sbcglobal.net) and also let Fr. Metod know if you would like to come to confession before Mass.

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

Holy Rosary in October – October is devoted to Mary and to the prayer of the Holy Rosary. The prayer will take place at St. Mary's at 10:30 AM before the start of Sunday mass.

All Saints Day, November 1st – This year All Saints Day falls on a Sunday. Mass in Slovenian will be held at 11:00 AM as usual. November is the month of prayer for the deceased.

Advent starts November 29th and unperishable food items will be collected in the church all throughout Advent for the Christmas basket for the needy in the area.

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, patronal feast day of the United States of America, on **December 8th** is a Holy Day of Obligation and Slovenian Mass will be celebrated at 11.00 AM.

Christmas – Masses will be said at midnight and at 11:00 AM in the Slovenian language. At 7:00 AM Mass will be said in English.

New Year – On the New Year Eve at 6:00 PM and on New Year's Day at 11:00 AM Mass will be held in thanksgiving for the past and praying for blessings in the New Year.

SCC's 25th anniversary!

This November marks the SCC's 25th anniversary! We are still hoping we can celebrate but at this time, due to the ever-changing environment of Covid-19, we are still waiting to see if we can celebrate under the state guidelines.



Consular's Corner

We just received new guidelines for Slovenians living abroad for studying in Slovenia. We had two undergrads and one graduate student currently studying in Slovenia during the last academic year. There are also options for studying the Slovenian language remotely through programs available from a couple of sources. If you are interested please contact me at jpvidmar@gmail.com.

Retreat House

The wheelchair lift is functional and has passed all inspections. Blessings to all who contributed! We just finished replacing the siding on the top level. It was deteriorating and causing leaks in the second-floor hallway ceiling.

This week we are replacing all the outside doors. They were original to the 1949 construction and the frames were rotting. They are being replaced with fire compatible steel doors and frames with panic bars and locks. We are using this downtime to do a deep clean of all the floors. On the first floor outside rooms, we removed the shelves and sheeting that covered the radiators. Precision Plumbing came in and replaced all the old valves with petcock shutoffs, so we can now turn off the water in small sections to work on the sinks which need to be refastened to the wall.

Many thanks to Karl Hren Sr. and Gary Woodman who continue to paint. Volunteers are welcome. We can ensure proper social distancing!

Baraga Days

By the time you receive this, Baraga Days will have occurred. They were supposed to be in Lemont and in Joliet, but Covid restrictions prevented that. The BBA decided to move it to the internet with Bishop John Doerfler celebrating the English Mass in his Cathedral at 10:30 AM Eastern on Sunday, September 20th and Fr. Metod celebrating a Slovenian Mass at 11:00 AM on the same day. There are links at the www.bishopbaraga.org website to join in the Masses. Maria Arko Klemenc has a presentation on the translation of Dushna Pasha. I have two presentations: Beginning of the BBA: *Chicago or Lemont?* and *The 1930 Celebrations of Baraga Days*. There is a flyover of the Lemont property to show people what they missed as well as other presentations. Our intent is to keep adding videos on interesting Baraga subjects as well as his missions.

A Special Thanks....

To all of our volunteer lawn mowers and grounds keepers that have offered their time and support to keep the grounds looking beautiful during COVID...



SAVE THE DATE!

Mark your calendars now because you don't want to miss our SCC
25th Anniversary weekend Nov 7th-8th.

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SMS Marela (Slovenska Mladinska Skupina Marela)

SMS Marela began meeting again in late June, outside the Slovenian Catholic Center. All performances and travel plans were cancelled and as a result, we began working on new material. On June 20th we participated in the Friends of St. Mary's property clean up. We also participated on the September 19th clean up. We are planning fall fund raising activities, so please stay tuned. We are still focused on traveling to Slovenia next year and we hope that we can attain our dream. If you know of a teen of Slovenian descent that would be interested in joining us, please contact Nada Petrovic at 630-863-5648.





Slovenian SportsKlub

Slovenian Sports Klub News

Please continue to support the Slovenian Catholic Mission (St. Mary's of Lemont).

Keep the donations coming!

In an effort to support the Slovenian Catholic Mission (St. Mary's of Lemont) we have decided to lead an online fund-raising effort.

Go to the Slovenian Catholic Mission website:

[Slovenian Catholic Mission - Slovensko versko sredisce](#) ([Slovenian Catholic Mission - Slovensko versko sredisce](#))

- ◆ Click the Donate button in the middle of the left hand side and follow the instructions.
- ◆ In the Write a note (Optional) section of the donation, add a personal intention if you wish: praying for someone that is sick, in memory of, for all the members of the Slovenian Catholic Mission, etc.

These intentions will be included with the petitions during the online Sunday masses at 11:00 am

Please consider a gift.

11:00 a.m. SUNDAY SLOVENIAN MASSES

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Slomšek Slovenian School

We are very excited to be resuming in-person classes beginning Saturday, October 10th. We will be following strict safety protocols to keep all our students and teachers safe. Please follow us on Facebook at Slomšek Slovenian School for updates and details!





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Event dates TBC dependent on Covid-19 Status

Sunday, October 11, 2020 Family Mass, Monthly Dinner
Sunday, November 1, 2020 All Saints' Day
Sunday, November 8, 2020 SCC 25th Anniversary
Thursday, November 26, 2020 Thanksgiving
Tuesday, December 8, 2020 Immaculate 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