



SLOVENIAN CATHOLIC CENTER

"Naš Slovenski Dom" established 1995

The Slovenian Catholic Center will be hosting its

SCC ANNUAL PICNIC

on Sunday, August 13th, 2017 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 water slides and other kid friendly water features), raffles, balina, volleyball, bags and music for your dancing pleasure by

Ansambl Veseljaki

Slovenski Kulturni Center vas vse lepo vabi na letni piknik in romanje, ki bo 13. avgusta. 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 z njim 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.

JULY - AUG - SEP 2017

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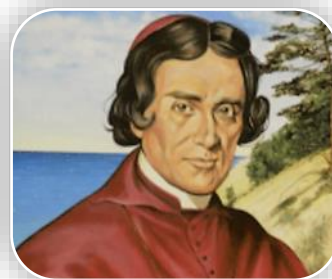
September 2-3 – Baraga Days Pilgrimage to Grand Rapids, MI.

September 9 – Picnic for the Slomškova šola students and families, altar servers, volunteers- readers, choir, flower arrangers, church cleaners, grass cutters, etc...

September 24. - Anton Martin Slomšek is a patron saint of the Slovenian Catholic Mission and his Feastday is September 24. We will celebrate Fr. Metod's silver jubilee of priesthood.

BARAGA DAYS are in Grand Rapids, Michigan over **Labor Day weekend**.

The bus will start in Milwaukee on Saturday morning, go to Lemont and from there to Grand Rapids. We are staying at the Crown Plaza Hotel near the Grand Rapids Airport which is where the banquet will be on Sunday afternoon. We will be returning after the banquet. Please call **Janez P. Vidmar at 708.204.4390** to make reservations or **Anna Hozjan at 630.253.4347**. Prices will be \$240 for 1 person; \$190 for 2 people per room per person; \$175 for 3 people per room per person and \$170 for 4 people per room per person. The price includes, bus, hotel, reception Saturday night and the banquet on Sunday.



AUGUST 27 – HONEY PICNIC

The Friends of St. Mary's committee invites to you the annual Honey Picnic benefiting the Monastery and grounds of St. Mary's. 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.





CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS! WE NEED YOU ON SATURDAY JULY 8!

We're looking for volunteers to help cleanup the Rosary Valley on the St. Mary's grounds. Stane Anzeljc and the current group of grounds volunteers have been maintaining the Rosary Valley for a number of years. Fr. Metod would like to see a younger generation take responsibility for this part of the property. We're planning a cleanup day for **Saturday, July 8th**. We'd focus on trimming and cleaning the walkways, statues and stations. The plan is to start at 8:00 AM and finish around 12:00/1:00 PM. Please let me know if you're able to help.

Also, feel free to invite others who you think might be interested in helping.



ČESTITKE P. METOD OGOREVCZA 25 OBLETNICO SVOJEGA POSVEČENJA

We celebrate the blessing that p. Metod has been to our parish and Dom on the 25th jubilee of his ordination to the priesthood.

He was ordained in 1992 in Ljubljana by Archbishop Šustar and then served in Maribor for the next 5 years, spent the next 4 years in Australia, and most recently the last 16 years in Lemont as our Pastor and spiritual leader. As a seminarian, he spent a summer in Johnstown, Pennsylvania to learn English. When he was younger, retired Archbishop Uran was his pastor and helped guide his vocation.

Pater Metod is an important and active member of our Slovenian community. He is the Spiritual Advisor for the Center Board. He is often found helping out preparing for all our events at the Center. He is also the Spiritual Leader for the Slomšek Slovenka šola, and beautifully connects our religion to our culture so that our children have a greater understanding of the two. He is certainly a favorite of all the students. P. Metod has become an integral part of the support system in our community. He dedicates much of his time visiting our elderly members and in times of need, his calm presence, advice and spiritual guidance is much appreciated. In his free time, P. Metod likes to swim, see movies and check out the latest events in Chicago. His late pet bird 'Koki', and now 'Vili', have kept father company in the monastery for a number of years. (Koki is pictured here).



We will celebrate Fr. Metod's Silver Jubilee of priesthood on **September 24, 2017** with the Slomšek Day Celebration in our parish.

KSKJ NEWS

The next **KSKJ ILL Federation meeting** is **July 16, 2017** starting between 1:00 and 1:30 in the Retreat House at St. Mary's in Lemont. SUA has their Zveza Day picnic that Sunday, so come early to enjoy refreshments.

**Have some fun with KSKJ at SPLASH STATION
on Sunday, July 23, 2017 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm**

KSKJ Joliet Lodges are sponsoring Splash Station event. Adults and children all welcome!

All KSKJ members free. Non-member guests \$5.00. We will be collecting school supplies for needy children so please bring some items to share. Splash Station is located at 2780 Channahon Rd, Joliet, IL 60436 near Hollywood Casino on Rt 6.





SLOMŠEK SLOVENIAN SCHOOL NEWS

This will be the last update for our Slovenska Šola 2016-2017 school year. Thank you to all the teachers, students and parents for all your dedication this year!



As our year came to a close, students participated in preparations for the Center's **Palm Sunday** luncheon by helping to color "pirhi" on Saturday, April 8th. Many thanks to Mojca Anaya, Erika Falk and Larissa Magajne for helping our young chickens create such beautiful eggs. After enjoying spring break, students returned to classes on Saturday, April 22nd to continue polishing up their Mother's Day performances.

Slovenska Šola students celebrated the end of the 2016-2017 school year with the annual **End-of-Year party**, following their final Mother's Day stage rehearsal, held on Saturday, May 13th. Many parents, grandparents and former students made quick work of setting tables and decorating the hall for the next day's festivities. A special thank you to Sheena Litt for organizing the kids' party as well as all the moms and dads who scurried between halls preparing for both events.

Mother's Day always marks the official end of the school year for our students. Students and parents participate in the Mother's Day mass before heading to the Center for the luncheon and program. Curtains opened to Plesna skupina Nagelj dancing to "Mama ta pesem je zate." Our youngest classes showed off what they've learned through songs and recitations. Some of the highlights of the program included our Čebelice and Srčki classes performing songs such as "Jaz pa pojdem na Gorejsko" and "Kje so živali." The lovely voices of Zbor Slovašek echoed through the Center with "Slovenija, od kod lepote tvoje," "Žabe," and "Mamica je kakor zarja." Our Zvončki class performed a recitation entitled, "Pesmica o kruhu," and our Zmaji classes entertained with a skit, where they asked the question "Kdo sem?" Our adult student recited Simon Gregorčič's "Mavrica." The finale of our program had our students jumping for joy that the school year was finally over with "Kdor ne skače ni Slovinc."

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/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



your time and effort nurtures the future of our Center. Najlepša hvala vsem!

potatoes, seasoning/grilling/roasting chickens/117 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



Congratulations to all our students who celebrated their **First Holy Communion** with our parish on June 12th: Marissa Falk, Adam & Jacob Rus and Gregor Rozman.



Upcoming Šola Dates:

Sunday, August 13th – Please join us at the 2017 SCC Annual Picnic and stop by our Šola tent!

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



The 2017-2018 School year will start **Saturday, October 7th**. Until then, please follow us on Facebook at Slomšek Slovenian School and uživajte poletje!

Pilgrimage
and



schedule

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September 9 – School Families, Altar Servers & Volunteers Picnic.

Picnic for the Slomškova šola students and families, altar servers, volunteers- readers, choir, flower arrangers, church cleaners, grass cutters, etc... Saturday picnic *'on the hill'* begins at 4pm for all SVS/ SCC volunteers, school families and altar servers. Main course will be provided but please bring a dish to pass ('sides' or desserts).

SLOVENIAN CATHOLIC CENTER MEMBERSHIP FORM 2017

Name: _____

Spouse's Name: _____ # of Dependent Children: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Please remit this form to:

Slovenian Catholic Center ~ PO Box 634 ~ Lemont, IL 60439

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Individual Membership

\$ 50.00

Family Membership

\$100.00

Senior (65 & over) Membership

\$ 35.00

Method of payment: Cash _____ Check # _____

Credit Card # _____ Exp. Date: _____

Credit Card Verification 3-Digit Code (on the back of your card): _____ Billing Zip Code: _____

Signature: _____



SLOVENIAN SPORTS KLUB

We have had some amazing events recently!

Annual SSK Golf Outing – All had a blast at a golf tournament that was held at Prairie Bluff in Lockport. Ed and Matt Jozwik's foursome took first place! If you are interested in playing next year, please contact Stan Kastelic for more information. It is a scramble format, which means that players of all levels are welcome! Thanks Stan! skastelic2003@yahoo.com

28th Annual Co-Ed Softball Tournament – Thank you to everyone who came out to our 28th Annual Sports and Music Festival on June 24th and 25th. Nearly one hundred 20-30-year-olds plus a few "older" athletes took part in the festivities and enjoyed the beautiful weather and grounds at St. Mary's!

Team Joe Nasti won the softball tournament and team Chris Buh came in second place. Chris Snyders won the home run derby overtaking Christian Gregorich in "extra innings". Congrats to all! We're always looking for more players, so come on out next year! Even if you don't play, come out to socialize, play bocce ball, enjoy the playground, play volleyball or Frisbee, and take in the beauty of the grounds of St. Mary's.

SSK Soccer – Our high school age and older 7 vs. 7 soccer tournament was also a success! Four teams competed. The Senior Ukrainian team took first place! Thank you to Joey and Mike Vidmar for organizing and to Mt. Assisi for allowing us to use their fields!

Thank you to all those that donated homemade salads and desserts, or helped in the kitchen! Who doesn't love Slovenian potato salad?!

With your support we will continue to provide funds for repairs/improvements to St. Mary's to keep the dream of our parents and predecessors alive.

As Nandi Puc said "I always like to help the younger generation so you will have the same benefits and fun in Lemont as my generation has had. It was a beautiful weekend and we adults should actually be thanking you for all your hard work. Keep up the good traditions. Nandi" Hvala enako!!

We will be running events in the fall and winter. Please look for our announcements over the next few months. **SSK events still to come in 2017:**

- Annual Slovenian Canadian/American Softball Tournament at the Slovensko Letovišče in Canada. August 5th-6th.
- Bags Tournament and Obstacle Course for Kids - Cultural Center Picnic - Sun., August 13th.
- Youth Sports and high school/adult volleyball - Honey Picnic - Sun., August 27th. Contact the Sports Klub or Joe Vidmar for details regarding the youth sports. jozkovidmar@comcast.net

If you would like more info about these events or would like to be added to our email list, please send an email to sloveniansportsklub@gmail.com or access our Facebook page.— **Chicago Slovenian Sports Klub.**



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT— ADA DEBEVC

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to G. Ada Debevc. G. Ada consistently volunteers at the Center preparing for any event we have, from monthly dinners, to the Anniversary, to helping with the picnic. We can always depend on her and her sunny disposition to work with us until the job is done. G. Ada, on behalf of the Center, we would like to extend to you our deepest gratitude for your help and support. We hope you will continue with us for many years to come.

Naj ti Bog povrne! Najlepša hvala!





Raffle Tickets!

The SCC Annual RAFFLE will be held at our annual picnic on
Sunday, August 13th.

**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 630.243.0670.**

GRAND \$10,000 PRIZE

PLUS 27 ADDITIONAL PRIZES IN VALUES OF

\$1,000 - \$500 - \$100

RAFFLE TICKET DONATION \$50

Raffle Entry Form

To be drawn August 13th, 2017

\$10,000 Grand Prize

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 10th!



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Web: www.slovenian-center.org



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.

Sun, **JULY** 9, 2017 Family Mass

Sun, July 16, 2017 Slovenian Union of America Pilgrimage & Picnic
..... KSKJ IL Federation Meeting 1:30

Sun, **AUG** 13, 2017 SCC Picnic & Raffle

Tue, Aug 15, 2017 *Assumption of Mary (Holy Day of Obligation)*

Sun, Aug 27, 2017 Annual Honey Picnic & Youth Sports Tournaments

SEPTEMBER 2-3 . Baraga Days

Mon, Sep 4, 2017 Labor Day

Sat, Sep 9, 2017 School Families, Altar Servers & Volunteers Picnic

Sun, Sep 10, 2017 Family Mass & Monthly Dinner

Sun, Sep 24, 2017 Slomšek Sunday

Sat, **OCT** 7, 2017 First Day of Slovenian School

Sun, Oct 8, 2017 Family Mass & Monthly Dinner

Sun, Oct 29, 2017 Kulturna Ura

UPCOMING EVENTS:

*Our MONTHLY DINNERS
will be back starting September 11
and are held the 2nd Sunday of
every month from
September to May.
Everyone is welcome and
reservations are not required!*