



# SLOVENIAN CATHOLIC CENTER

“Naš Slovenski Dom” established 1995

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**Glasilo Slovenskega doma in skupnosti v Lemontu!**



**April, May, June 2022**

**Our Lemont Slovenian Home and Community Newsletter!**

The ANNUAL MEETING of the Slovenian Catholic Center will be held on Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022 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.

## **Let us prepare for Easter Celebration!**

Everyone is invited to our annual event of making “Butarice”. Butarice/butare are bundles of greenery, flowers & painted wood curls. While some people also add oranges and apples, we modify our Butarice with ribbons instead of painted wood curls. In tradition with our Slovenian heritage, people come to church on Palm Sunday/cvetna nedelja with these butarice where they are then blessed.

Families and children are also invited at this time to color 360+ eggs which will be shared with everyone at our Palm Sunday/Cvetna nedelja luncheon.

**Butarice-making and egg coloring will begin at 8:00 in the SCC small hall on Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup>.** A light lunch will be served for all in thanks for your time and effort.

Questions may be directed to [secretary@slovenian-center.org](mailto:secretary@slovenian-center.org) or Mojca Anaya, 847-207-0963.



**April – May – June 2022**

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Renew  
your  
membership  
today!

SCC office hours – Sundays from 1 – 3 p.m. or by appointment



Saturday, April 9th - making of the 'butarice' in the Center –8 AM. Please note, that making of butarice is on a Saturday not on Friday as previous years. The change was decided at the board meeting in the Center in March. It will allow more people to come, who cannot come during the week. Please, come and help.

Palm Sunday – April 10th – 10:40 AM – Blessing of the 'butarice' and other greenery will be 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 read.

Holy Thursday – April 14th - Jesus's Last Supper - Solemn Mass will be at 7:00 PM, after the Mass the holy hour will begin with Jesus in the 'jail'.

Good Friday – April 15th – The Liturgy of the Lord's Passion will be at 7:00PM.

Holy Saturday-Vigil of Easter – April 16th – at 2:00 PM blessing of the food (which traditionally includes bread, meat, colored eggs, horseradish and 'potica', walnut cake). At 7:00 PM there will be a special liturgy of the day followed by a gathering in the Center.

Easter – April 17th – 11:00 AM solemn Mass of Easter Sunday – Jesus's resurrection.

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, will be held during the Mass on Sunday, April 24, also named Divine Mercy Sunday.

'Šmarnice'- Slovenian devotion to Mary will take place on Sundays in May at 1:30 PM in the church. Any changes will be announced at the masses or in our Lemontski List (church bulletin).

Acceptance of the children who received the First Holy Communion this year will take place on June 12 at 11 AM Mass.

Corpus Christi procession will be held on Sunday, June 19, at 10:30 AM with the Blessed Sacrament procession around 'Lake Bled'. Children are especially invited to participate by bringing flower petals to the procession and laying them before the altars during prayers. A solemn Mass will follow at approximately 11:00 AM at the Lourdes Grotto (weather permitting). All Slovenian organizations are invited to participate with their banners!

Pilgrimage days in Lemont for Slovenian organizations will be as follows:

June 19 – Prekmurje Social Club – Father's Day – Corpus Christi procession before the Mass.

June 25 – 26 – Slovenian Sport's Club. On Sunday Mass will be held at the Lourdes grotto.

August 14 – Slovenian Catholic Center – Mass will be held at the grotto with devotions to Mary (singing litanies) immediately following.

August 28 - Honey Picnic – our fundraising pilgrimage and picnic for the Franciscan Monastery and grounds. Mass will be held at the grotto with devotions to Mary immediately following the service. Dinner will be served at the picnic area. Honey and homemade bakery will be sold. Bakery and other donations are greatly appreciated. The raffle will be drawn at 4:00 PM.



## CVETNA NEDELJE SUNDAY, APRIL 10<sup>TH</sup>, 2022

Vabimo vas na praznovanje cvetne nedelje v Lemont! Ob 11. uri bo blagoslov butaric pred Slovenskim domom. Po blagoslovitvi butaric bomo v procesiji nosili zastave naših društev v cerkev. Po maši spodaj omenjena slovenska društva vabijo svoje člane na skupni velikonočni zajtrk v Slovenski Dom. Zajtrk društva darujejo, zato je za člane zastoj.

Palm Sunday will be on Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup>. We will be blessing butarice in front of the Dom before 11:00 AM Mass at the Slovenian Catholic Mission. There will be a procession going up to the church (weather permitting) and sponsoring Slovenian organizations will be preparing a special Easter brunch after Mass for their members.



### **SPONSORS:**

Slovenian Catholic Center, Slovenian Catholic Mission, Slovenian Sports Club, Žbor Spendov and Slovenian Union of America #99.







## Help for Ukraine

You can make check to *Franciscan Fathers*, memo: *Ukraine*, and bring/send to Franciscan Fathers in Lemont (P.O. Box 608). All donations will be sent to the Franciscans in Ukraine who are staying and helping people there.





## Consular's Corner

Regulations concerning air travel and covid testing are changing. Check the websites for the airlines and the Slovenian government. Slovenian Independence will be celebrated at the Sports Club Picnic in June. We will have consular hours on Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup> with Alenka Jerak. Please call to make an appointment with me about citizenship issues, court documents, and other matters. Call 708-204-4390. It is still not possible to take fingerprints remotely for passports and visas.

Deacon John P. Vidmar

Website: <https://www.baragasmrh.com>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/baragaretreat/>

## Baraga Days

Bishop Baraga Days are in Toronto September 3 & 4 (Labor Day Weekend). If you are interested in attending, contact Dcn, John P, Vidmar 708-204-4390

## Retreat House News

The roof was replaced. New flashing installed. Insulation blown in. Gutters refastened and 4 downspouts added. For the first time in decades, there were no ice dams after winter storms. With the roof fixed, we repaired the water damage to the upstairs hallway ceilings and painted them. Bullet Proof Plumbing replaced the last four gate valves. The water can now be turned off so we can renovate the downstairs facilitator's room and make it ADA compatible. There is a full retreat schedule from the end of March to the end of June. We are still taking donations for the roof repairs.

We have left 3 O scale trains setup on the front porch from the Festival of Lights for the enjoyment of the kids (and adults).



### KSKJ events

#### MARIJA POMAGAJ FEAST DAY MASS

Joliet KSKJ Lodges will celebrate Mass at St Joseph Church in Joliet on May 25, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. in honor of the Patroness of Slovenia. Reception to follow in Ferdinand Hall. All Slovenians and their friends are welcome to attend.

Mike Vidmar





## SLOMŠEK SLOVENIAN SCHOOL UPDATES



### What's Happening at Slomšek Slovenian School?

Slomšek Slovenian School started their second semester on Sunday, February 6th. The students were busy preparing for Koline, which was held Sunday, March 13th. The children did an amazing job performing a recitation led by teacher and school coordinator, Mojca Anaya, sang two songs, under the direction of teacher, Millie Hozjan, and performed the famous sausage dance under the direction of Sheena Litt and Stephanie Williams.

This year, Slomsek Slovenian School will not be concluding its academic year on Mother's Day with a performance and luncheon. The SCC will be closed on Mother's Day, and the student's end of year performance will be held on May 15th.

We are always accepting new families who wish to join us at school. Please reach out to Mojca Anaya, 847-207-0963 or Sheena Litt at 331-701-9926 with any questions.





## Special Dates to Remember!



### *Prekmurje Social Club's Annual Father's Day Picnic*

Come one, come all, to the Prekmurje Social Club's Annual Father's Day Picnic, Sunday, June 19<sup>th</sup>!

The picnic will begin immediately after Mass, at the picnic grounds, "on the hill."

As always, there will be delicious food, ice-cold drinks, and splendid company.

Don't forget to bring your kids – children's activities will be provided.

We will also be having our popular raffles again this year – who knows what you can win?

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## KOLINE 2022!

We had another very successful Koline this year, thanks to the countless volunteers who donated their time Friday, Saturday and Sunday to make the event possible. After 2 long years, it felt like a true Slovenian holiday, with a delicious dinner followed by fresh, homemade krofi. We were also treated to a performance by the Slomšek Slovenian school students, who shared with us their talents and love of Slovenian culture.

Thank you to everyone who donated their time to make our 2022 koline a success. Thank you also to the 250 guests that attended the event! Special thanks to the following individuals and their teams: Karl & Marija Zorjan – head chefs; Liliana Čepon – krofi; all the servers, dishwashers, bartenders, reservation specialists, hall set-up and clean up teams and our Slovenian school teachers, students and parents.

Once again, thank you to everyone!





## KOLINE 2022!







## You're Invited to Family Game Night!

Friday, May 6th

Doors open at 7pm

Join us for games, movies, music, and food!

For more information, call 708-218-8560

Come out with your singing, piano playing,  
or guitar strumming skills...

**Open mic night will be hosted by  
the one...**

**the only....**

**THE BURJEK COLLECTIVE**





## SMS Marela

### Slovenska Mladinska Skupina Marela

Spring is here and it seems COVID has finally regressed enough for Marela to resume meeting in person. January and the beginning of February only allowed us to meet via Zoom. Late February the group began meeting in person and we needed to brush off the dust from our dancing shoes. We caught up on birthday celebrations and holiday events. The Christmas outing was just celebrated at Putt Shack indoor mini golf and dinner.

With the arrival of the new season, we have begun working on new material and look forward to this summer, potential performances, and a couple of road trips! We sincerely miss our Slovenian counter parts and are hoping we can reconnect this summer. We have kept up our community support by assisting when possible at the SCC. We continue to help with fellowship lunches and lend a hand when needed.

As always, Marela welcomes new members. If you or someone you know is of Slovenian descent and would like to join our group, please contact Nada Petrovic at (630) 863-5648 or reach out to any Marela member.





# SCC ANNUAL PICNIC

## \$10,000 RAFFLE

Please join us... Sunday, August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Plus 27 additional  
prizes  
in amounts of  
\$1000  
\$500  
\$100



**Thank you for your past  
and continued support!**

### BBQ Lunch:

Lamb

Pork

Chicken

Čevapčići

Hot Dogs

Bakery Tent

Ice Cream Cart

Beer Tent

Fully Stocked Bar

**Dollar Raffle**

**BIG Raffle**

Bocce Ball

Bags & Volleyball

Children's Games

Slovenian School Project Tent

Playground

& more....

Live Music

Open Pavilion Dancing

11:00 A.M. MASS AT GROTTO

*(WEATHER PERMITTING)*

12:00 P.M. PICNIC "ON THE HILL"

1:00 P.M. SLOMSEK SLOVENIAN  
SCHOOL PROJECT

4:00 P.M. \$1 DOLLAR RAFFLE

5:00 P.M. \$10,000 GRAND PRIZE  
RAFFLE DRAWING







# ANNUAL RAFFLE

The SCC Annual Raffle will be held at our annual picnic on Sunday, August 14th.

**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

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

**PLUS 27 ADDITIONAL PRIZES IN VALUES OF - \$1000 - \$500 - \$100**

**RAFFLE TICKET DONATION - \$50**

## ENTRY FORM FOR RAFFLE

**AUGUST 14TH, 2022**

**\$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!





## **Slovenian Sports Klub**



### **33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Softball, Golf, and Music Festival June 25<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>**

We hope you will be able to attend our upcoming golf outing, bocce ball, and softball tournaments the weekend of June 25<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>.



**Annual Golf Outing –Friday, June 24<sup>th</sup>**—Location, time and cost TBD. 18 holes of golf with a cart. 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. 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)

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## **Annual Bocce Ball Tournament**



**Annual Bocce Ball Tournament – Sunday, June 26<sup>th</sup>**—at noon. Registration begins at 11:30 am. Contact Stan Kastelic for more information.

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## **Slovenian Sports Klub**



### **33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Softball Tournament – June 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>**

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](mailto:christopherbuh@gmail.com) ; [jakobgregorich@gmail.com](mailto:jakobgregorich@gmail.com)).

### **Bonfire and live music – Saturday, June 26<sup>th</sup>**

Join us Saturday night around 8PM for a bonfire and live music!

### **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.

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.





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### UPCOMING EVENTS:

Saturday, April 13, 2022 .....	Butrice and Egg Coloring-8AM in SCC small hall room	Sunday, August 14, 2022.....	Family Mass, SCC Annual Picnic & Raffle
Sunday, April 10, 2022 .....	Palm Sunday Procession	Monday, August 15, 2022 .....	Assumption of Mary
Thursday, April 14, 2022 .....	Holy Thursday / Last Supper	Sunday, August 21, 2022 .....	Honey Picnic
Friday, April 15, 2022 .....	Good Friday	Monday, September 5, 2022.....	Labor Day
Saturday, April 16, 2022 .....	Holy Saturday / Easter Vigil	Sunday, September 11, 2022 .....	Family Mass, Monthly Dinner
Sunday, April 17, 2021.....	Easter Sunday	Sunday, October 9, 2022 .....	Family Mass, Monthly Dinner-Missions Dinner
Sunday, April 24, 2022.....	Annual Meeting & Membership Appreciation Dinner	Tuesday, November 1, 2022 .....	All Saints' Day
Sunday, May 8, 2022 .....	Family Mass, Mother's Day	Sunday, November 13, 2021 .....	SCC 27th Anniversary
Thursday, May 26, 2022.....	Ascension Day	Thursday, November 24, 2022.....	Thanksgiving
Monday, May 30, 2022 .....	Memorial Day	Thursday December 8, 2022 .....	Immaculate Conception
Sunday, June 5, 2022 .....	Pentecost	Sunday, December 11, 2022 .....	Family Mass & monthly Dinner
Sunday, June 12, 2022 .....	Family Mass, Monthly Dinner Benefits	Saturday December 24, 2022 .....	Christmas Eve Vigil Mass
	the Franciscans & Grounds / 1st Communion Sunday	Sunday, December 25, 2022 .....	Christmas Day
Sunday, June 19, 2022.....	Prekmurje Social Club / Father's Day Picnic	Saturday, December 31, 2022.....	New Year's Eve at the SCC
June 24-26th, 2022.....	Sports Club Weekend		
Monday July 4, 2022 .....	Independence Day		
Sunday, July 10, 2022 .....	Family Mass		