Posel
česká katolická jednota

Sloup Castle,
Czech Republic
President’s Message

Dear CCU Life Family,

Wow, we are already half way though 2019. We have submitted our first quarterly filing for 2019 with some very positive results. As the year progresses we will keep you informed of our financial status.

As reported in the last issue of the Posel our insurance sales had a great start. With that said, to assist with the 2019 insurance sales is a promotion that will be mailed after July 1st. This promotion is offered to all members in good standing. Watch your mail.

Please continue promoting the CCU to any family members and friends. All are welcome!!!

HAPPY SUMMER!!!

Fraternally,
Theresa Aveni
President
New York, New York

The Annual Meeting of St. Ludmila Society #2 in New York, was held back in April. During the course of the meeting, the previous slate of officers were re-elected for a new term.

President - Ed Babor
Treasurer - Mary Frances Gattuso
Secretary - Frances Gattuso
Auditors - Jack Gattuso & Pat Babor

Business discussed covered the annual charitable donations, the continuing success of our annual fundraiser and social event in the form of our “200 + Club” and the need and methods used to boost membership.

A reminder to our members and friends - There is a weekly 10:30 AM Sunday Czech Mass in the lower church of our Lady of Mount Carmel, 23-35 Newtown Avenue, Astoria, New York 11102. The celebrant is Father Antonin Kocurek. www.mountcarmelastoria.org

Cleveland, Ohio

The members of the Czech Catholic Union would like to send condolences to the family of Dorothy Eppick.

Dorothy, of St. Ann Society #1, passed away on April 19, 2019 at the age of 95.

She had been a member of the Czech Catholic Union for 84 years.

May She Rest In Peace.

Front Cover

Sloup is a medieval castle near Novy Bor in the small town of Sloup v Cechach, in the Liberec Region, north Bohemia, Czech Republic.

It takes its name from the free-standing Sandstone rocks, 108 feet high.
Cleveland, Ohio

The Annual Meeting of the Czech Catholic Union was held on Saturday, April 27, 2019. All officers and directors were present, except for director, Anita Schafer and past president, Joe Kocab.

This year some new members were in attendance (not many even though all members are welcome to attend), along with new CCU President, Theresa Aveni.

The primary discussion at the meeting was a promotion for 2019, which will be available late in the year - concentrate on life insurance sales for members and potential new members.

Reports were given by our financial advisors, our auditor and our actuary.

After the meeting, the group attended Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish and had dinner at Das Schnitzel House in Parma, Ohio.
Cleveland, Ohio

**REMINDER – St. Wenceslaus Day**
The St. Wenceslaus Day Celebration in Cleveland, Ohio this year will be celebrated on Saturday, September 28 (the actual feastday). Mass will be at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, with dinner at Bohemian National Hall. More details in next issue.

**WORLD WAR II MEMORIAL**

It has been 15 years, May 29, 2004, since this memorial was established. Situated between the Washington Monument and the Lincoln Memorial on the National Mall in Washington, D.C., the memorial pays tribute to the men and women who served in World War II (1939-1945).

The memorial consists of two arches, which stand for the Atlantic and Pacific regions and 56 pillars (there were 48 states, 7 territories and the District of Columbia at the time of the War).

24 panels showing scenes from the War line, the entrance to the memorial. The Rainbow Pool is at the center of the memorial.

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**ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**
**CLEVELAND, OHIO**
Invites all graduates and families to the

**CELEBRATION OF MASS**
October 19, 2019 - 4:00 pm

**ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE CHURCH**
Reception to follow in the School Hall 5 - 7 pm

All graduates and families are welcome. Renew friendships, meet new friends, and keep the great legacy of St. John Nepomucene School alive. View photographs, displays and interesting artifacts from the past.

Light refreshments will be served.

If you are planning to attend, please email Dorothy Mangan at sjnalumni55@yahoo.com
Or call the Church Rectory at 216-641-8444

Please respond by October 11, 2019

**I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE**
**TO THE FLAG**
of the
**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,** and to the republic for which it stands, one nation, under GOD, **INDIVISIBLE with liberty and JUSTICE FOR ALL**
Saint Procopius Abbey, Lisle, Illinois
St. Procopius' Feastday is July 4

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Happy Independence Day

Wizard of Rd | Brant Parker & Johnny Hart

Peanuts | Charles M. Schulz

"They who can give up essential liberty to obtain a little temporary safety, deserve neither liberty nor safety."
Benjamin Franklin

Liberty Bell

In 1839, it became known as the Liberty Bell when it was used as a symbol by the abolitionists.
The last time it rang was on Washington's birthday in 1846, after which it was taken down.

And on the first minute of the bicentennial year in 1776, the Bell left Independence Hall for a glass-walled pavilion nearby.

Besides its famous crack, the Bell should also be known for the words inscribed on it: Proclaim Liberty Throughout All The Land Unto All the Inhabitants Thereof.
Slovak Catholic Sokol

Saints Cyril and Methodius
Feastday is July 5
St. Margaret of Antioch

The Church of St. Margaret of Antioch in Kopcani, Czech Republic.

St. Margaret’s Feastday is July 13.

St. Jacob

Church of St. Jacob in Levoca, Slovakia

The church features the highest gothic wooden altar in the world (60 feet high and 20 feet wide), as well as an organ believed to be the largest in Slovakia. St. Jacob Feastday is July 15.

The late President Ronald Reagan was so fond of ice cream, he declared July 15 National Ice Cream Day in 1984, urging Americans to celebrate the frozen treat with “appropriate ceremonies and activities.”
GIANT LEAP FOR ALL MANKIND

On July 20, 1969, the whole world held its breath and millions watched as Apollo 11's Lunar Module (nicknamed Eagle), with Neil Armstrong, Edwin “Buzz” Aldrin and Michael Collins on board, land on the moon for the very first time EVER in history.

Prototype Space Suit, Mojave Desert, California, Early 1960's.

DO YOU REMEMBER?

Cedar Point is located in Sandusky, Ohio, which is about 60 miles west of Cleveland.

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ERMA BOMBECK

Enjoy a few samples of Erma's vision and feel the bond between humor and humanity.
“Never go to a doctor whose office plants have died.”
“Marriage has no guarantees. If that’s what you’re looking for go live with a car battery.”
“Spend at least one Mother’s Day with your respective mothers before you decide on marriage. If a man gives his mother a gift certificate for a flu shot, dump him.”
“Giving birth is a little more than a set of muscular contractions granting passage of a child. Then the mother is born.”
“The age of your children is a key factor on how quickly you are served in a restaurant. We once had a waiter in Canada who said, ‘Could I get you your check?’ And we answered, ‘How about the menu first.’”
“Good kids are like sunsets. We take them for granted. Every evening they disappear. Most parents never imagine how hard they try to please us, and how miserable they feel when they think they have failed.”

Basilica of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary and Saints Cyril and Methodius in Velehrad is part of the Velehrad Monastery and is the most important pilgrimage church of the Czech Republic.

The Feast of the Assumption is August 15.

WOODSTOCK

50 Years Ago

This Music Festival, held on Max Yasgur’s Dairy Farm in Bethel, New York (in the Catskill Mountains) from August 15-18, 1969. It attracted more than 400,000 people.

In Appreciation

St. Ludmila Society #46, Omaha, NE - “Thank you for allowing me to attend St. Edmond. Because of you, I’ve been able to continue my Catholic education.”

God Bless, John Nemmers

St. Ludmila Society #46, Omaha, NE - “Thank you for the generous scholarship that will help me continue my Catholic education at Franciscan University of Steubenville. I love Franciscan University. It has provided me with some of the best experiences of my life. I really appreciate your generosity. God Bless!”

Sincerely, Madeleine Nemmers

St. Lucy Society #127, Dwight, NE - “Thank you so much for all of your generous help and tuition.”

Sincerely, Cherie Kobza
(mother of Brett & Veronica Kobza)

Home Office #145, Cleveland, OH - “Thank you so much for the High School grant. I appreciate your support as I go into my senior year.”

Maddie Masker

St Joseph Society #156, Cleveland, OH - “Dear CCU Directors, Theresa, & Employees - Many thanks for the beautiful fruit basket that you sent after my surgery. It was great that you thought of me while I was recuperating. The surgery went well and all I need to do is learn how to rest. Thanks again for your thoughtfulness.”

Bob Cermak

Notre Dame-Cathedral Latin High School, Chardon, OH - “As you know, our school is focused toward educational excellence. Thank you for honoring our mission. Your gift to NDCL Fund ensures that quality Catholic education endures and makes possible innovative programming to ready our students for an ever-changing world. Thank you for your partnership with us and for your investment in our students and school. May you continue to know the blessings of our Good and Provident God.”

Sincerely, Michael Bates, ED.D. President

Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Cleveland, OH - “Many, many thanks for the generous donation from your Annual Executive Board Meeting. We will use it for the renovation of the Stations of the Cross. May God continue to bless you and your efforts.”

Sincerely, Rev. Joseph H. Callahan, Pastor

CCU LIFE - ANNUITY/IRA

Current Annuity Rates are set at 3% for members and 2% for non-members for new business only. Guarantee of 2%. Contact the Home Office for additional information on our Annuity and IRA products available.
Death and Taxes, What is The Myth, What is the Reality?

When I meet with clients to discuss their estate planning or when counseling a family after the passing of a loved one, the topic of taxes normally arises. Most clients assume that there will be a huge tax bill that needs to be paid, however, many clients are pleasantly surprised by their actual tax burden (or lack thereof).

The tax that strikes the most fear in people’s hearts is the estate tax (i.e. the death tax). Over the past 20 years the number of estates that pay this tax has fallen dramatically. In fact, about 99.8% of estates pay NO estate taxes. Why? First, Ohio abolished its estate tax in 2013, and Ohio does not have an inheritance tax, which would be a tax on individuals receiving the monies. Next, the Federal government has set the estate tax exemption amount to $5.45 million, per person. What this means is that if you pass with total assets less than $5.45 million, you will pay no federal estate tax.

Another potential tax facing a family is capital gains. However, again, the capital gains tax is mostly all bark and no bite. First, capital gains are typically only imposed upon real estate and stock or brokerage accounts. Capital gains is a calculation whereby you take the current value of the asset and subtract from it what the asset was purchased for. As an example, if your home is worth $150,000 and you purchased it for $50,000, you have a capital gain of $100,000. If you decide to give this property to your child sometime before your death (possibly to avoid probate or a Medicaid spenddown), your child will have to pay a capital gains tax on that $100,000 when he or she ultimately sells it. However, if your child inherits the property upon your death, then the IRS wipes out the gain and no tax will be due (provided the property is sold relatively quickly).

The last tax that actually could be a detriment to your heirs is the income tax waiting to be paid on any tax deferred accounts. These types of account are usually a 401(k), traditional IRA or some annuities. When the holder passes, the income tax that you have been avoiding all these years will now come due. However, there are several good options that your beneficiaries may choose to minimize the taxes paid. But, in order to take advantage of these options, either an individual or a qualified trust must be made the beneficiary.

So, I’m sorry to tell you that in many cases the tax man (or woman!) may not come a calling upon your death. However, it is still a good idea to consult a qualified estate planning attorney or certified public accountant to discuss your particular estate in more detail.

Please be advised that this article is meant to target Ohio residents only. If you live outside Ohio, your state may have its own estate and/or inheritance tax. Please contact an attorney in your area.

This article is for informational purposes only and does not seek to confer legal advice.

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Note: Christina is the legal counsel for the Czech Catholic Union and has graciously offered to extend a 10% discount to any of our members who mention this article.

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FLOP TO FAME

Some of the world’s most successful people first fell flat on their faces. Albert Einstein did not learn to speak until he was 4 years old.

John Grisham, best-selling author, was routinely rejected by publishers.

Michael Jordan was cut from his varsity high school basketball team.

Walt Disney was fired by a publishing company for having no imagination. He went bankrupt before opening Disneyland.

Beethoven’s teacher declared him hopeless as a composer.
BRAMBORY PLNENE MASEM
(BAKED POTATOES WITH MEAT)

8 medium baking potatoes
salt & pepper to taste
2 cups diced cooked meat
1 medium onion, chopped
2 tablespoons butter
1/2 cup butter, melted
1/4 cup grated cheese
1 tablespoon minced parsley

White Sauce
3 tablespoons flour
2 tablespoons butter
1/2 cup milk
Bake potatoes in a 450 degree oven until done.
Cut a thin slice off each, lengthwise, and scoop out inside.
Mash, then add salt, pepper, meat, white sauce and onion fried in 2 T. butter.
To prepare white sauce: melt butter, blend in flour.
Add milk gradually, stirring constantly until mixture thickens.
Refill potato shells and arrange in baking dish.
Pour 1/2 cup of butter over all, sprinkle with cheese and parsley.
Bake in 350 degree oven for 30 minutes.
Serves 4-8

GARDEN SALAD

1 c. sugar
1/2 t. pepper
1 t. salt
1/2 c. chopped onion
1/4 c. chopped red pepper
1 can French style green beans
1 T. liquid from the green beans
1 can corn
1 c. oil
1/4 c. vinegar
1/2 c. chopped celery
1/2 c. chopped green pepper
1 can peas & carrots
Combine sugar, oil, pepper, vinegar, salt and bean liquid. Bring to a boil and cool.
Drain canned vegetables. Combine all and pour dressing over.

Is There a Difference?

What is the relationship between the Czechs and Slovaks?
Czechs and Slovaks share a common Slavic heritage and speak distinct, but mutually intelligible, Slavic languages. Historically, both the Czechs and Slovaks were subjects of the Austro-Hungarian Empire for many centuries. The Czechs were under Austrian influences, while the Slovaks were under Hungarian. These differing spheres of influence helped to create two distinct Slavic cultures.

Who are the Bohemians and Moravians?
Bohemia and Moravia are historic regions that constitute the modern Czech Republic. Both Bohemians and Moravians have maintained close cultural and political ties and in fact were governed jointly for much of their history. Bohemia is the westernmost province of the Czech Republic and is its industrial heartland. Moravia lies to the east, where agriculture and light industry are most common.

What’s the difference between a Slovak and a Slav?
In short, all Slovaks are Slavs, but not all Slavs are Slovaks. Slavs can be divided into three linguistic groups: the eastern Slavs (Russians, Belorussians, Ukrainians), the southern Slavs (Slovenes, Croats, Serbs, Macedonians, Bulgarians) and the western Slavs (Czechs, Slovaks, Poles, Lusatians).

LEOS JANACEK

Leos Janacek was born on July 3, 1854 in Hukvaldy, near Pribor in Moravia. He studied at the Organ Music Schools in Brno and Prague, and later at conservatories in Leipzig and Vienna. Leos founded an organ school, later transformed into a conservatory, in Brno. He became director of the music school and also served as a teacher, composer, theorist and conductor. Two of his operas are Liska, Bystrouská (The Little Vixen) and Vec Makropulos (The Makropulos Affair). In total, Janacek composed ten operas, as well as many other pieces for orchestra, chamber ensemble, piano and choral ensembles. Leos Janacek died on August 12, 1928, in Brno, Czech Republic.
THUN PORCELAIN

The very first porcelain on the European continent was produced in Germany. In 1794, the production of porcelain was Mastered in Western Bohemia. Thun 1794 a.s. is the largest Czech porcelain manufacturer. It produces specific types of so-called hard porcelain with a firing temperature of 1,405 degrees Celsius. Their products are sold in more than forty countries around the world.

BUBLANINA
(BUBBLE CAKE)

Bublanina is a classic Czech cake baked for summer, during cherry, strawberry, raspberry and other berry seasons. It is made with almost every fruit in the garden, even with plums and peaches, making it an ideal coffeecake.

1/2 Cup Butter
1/2 Cup Sugar
1/2 tsp. Baking Powder
1 quart pitted, small pieces of fruit, well drained (fresh, canned or frozen)
1 Cup Flour
3 eggs, separated
Pinch of salt
Powdered sugar to dust

Cream Butter and Sugar. Beat egg yolks, then add butter and sugar, beating until fluffy. Sift flour, baking powder, and salt, then add to butter mixture. Beat egg whites until stiff and fold into batter slowly. Pour into greased 9” x 9” pan. Sprinkle room temp. fruit over top of batter. Bake at 450 degrees for approx. 25 minutes, or until lightly brown. Serve warm, dusted with powdered sugar.

CZECH TO ENGLISH

Starozltnictvi  Antique Shop
Galerie  Art Gallery
Pekarna  Bakery
Banka  Bank
Knihkupectvi  Bookstore
Autobusova Zastavka  Bus Stop
Kostel  Church
Lahudky  Delicatessen
Obchodni Dum  Department Store
Zahrada  Garden
Knihovna  Library
Trh  Market
Muzeum  Museum
Posta  Post Office
Samoobsluha  Supermarket

Gustav Mahler

Born July 7, 1860, Gustav was an Austro-Bohemian late Romantic composer, who acted as a bridge between the 19th century Austro-German tradition and the modernism of the early 20th century.

Gustav Mahler died on May 18, 1911.

Gustav Mahler 8 crowns = $.40
Franz Kafka

Franz was born on July 3, 1883 in Prague, Czech Republic. He was a German-speaking Bohemian Jewish novelist and short story writer. His best known works are: “Die Verwandlung (The Metamorphosis), “Der Prozess” (The Trial) and “Das Schloss” (The Castle).
Franz Kafka died on June 3, 1942.

Jakub Voracek

Professional ice hockey right winger, born on August 15, 1989 in Kladno, Czech Republic, currently plays for the Philadelphia Flyers of the National Hockey League.

You Did Not Really Mean That

Many times, people use words incorrectly, saying one thing when they really mean something else. Here are a few examples:
- Flesh out vs. Flush out
  If you flesh something out, you are adding to it or building it up. If you flush something out, you are bringing it to light.
- Regardless vs. irregardless
  Regardless of how often we hear others say it, “irregardless” is not a real word. “Regardless” means without regard.
- Could care less vs. Couldn’t care less
  If you could care less, that means it’s possible for your level of concern to be lower. If you couldn’t care less, it doesn’t even register on your care-o-meter.
- First come, first served vs. First come, first serve
  If there’s a limited supply of something and those who arrive earliest will get first dibs, it’s first come, first served. Over time, it’s become customary to drop the “d” from served, but that’s not correct usage.
- Doing good vs. doing well
  To say that you are “doing good” implies you are doing noble deeds. The correct answer is, “I’m doing well, thank you.”
- Moot vs. mute
  Moot describes something irrelevant. Mute means you are without speech or silent.

HLUBOKA CASTLE

Hluboka Castle is a historic chateau situated in Hluboka nad Vltavou South Bohemia. It is considered one of the most beautiful castles in the Czech Republic.

THE DIRT ON CREATION
(A timely bit of humor)

One day a group of scientists decided that man had come a long way and no longer needed God. They picked a scientist to tell God they were done with Him.

The scientist walked up to God and said “God, we’ve decided that we no longer need you. We’re to the point that we can clone people and do many miraculous things, so why don’t you just get lost.”

After the scientist was done talking, God said, “Very well, how about this. Let’s say we have a person-making contest.” The scientist replied, “O.K., great!”

But God added, “Now, we’re going to do this just like I did back in the old days with Adam.”

The scientist said, “Sure, no problem,” and bent down and grabbed himself a handful of dirt.

God looked at him and said, “No, no, no. You go get your own dirt!”
St. Louis, Missouri

On May 25, 2019, our member, Andrew Auer, of St. Ludmila Society #7, was ordained a priest. It was a joy filled weekend on May 25 and 26, and week as Fr. Auer celebrated a few more masses around St. Louis. Andrew traveled back to Rome on June 6, so he could take exams and finish the school year out. Fr. Auer’s summer assignment will be at St. Patrick’s in Wentzville, MO starting on July 2 through September. He must return to Rome in early October to complete his Moral Theology degree and his final year of study.

Pictured below:
During ordination, Archbishop Robert Carlson anointing Andrew’s hands.
Fr. Auer giving one of his first blessings to his sisters.
Fr. Andrew Anthony Auer after his first mass with his sisters, Hannah, Hilary, Natalie, and parents, Christine and Gary.

From Fr. Auer’s father, Gary Auer - “Thanks once again to the CCU for all the support through the years. Those high school and college grants were truly a blessing as all four of our kids attended Catholic high schools and through Andrew’s discernment years and now his final year of studies as Fr. Auer.”
GOOD LUCK STUDENTS
ON A SUCCESSFUL
2019-2020
SCHOOL YEAR!!!

“Mom’s smiling again.
This can mean only one thing:
School starts next week.”

“ONCE YOU STOP
LEARNING, YOU
START DYING.”
- Albert Einstein

IF YOU FIND MISTAKES IN THIS
PUBLICATION, PLEASE CONSIDER THAT
THEY ARE THERE
FOR A PURPOSE.
WE PUBLISH
SOMETHING FOR
EVERYONE, AND
SOME PEOPLE ARE
ALWAYS LOOKING
FOR MISTAKES!!!

BACK TO SCHOOL!!

REMEMBER WHEN OUR
MATH TEACHERS USED
TO SAY, “YOU WON’T
HAVE A CALCULATOR
EVERYWHERE YOU GO”?

WELL...WE
SHOWED THEM!

NATIONAL LIBRARY OF
TECHNOLOGY IN PRAGUE
**Prayer for Independence Day**

Dear God, as we celebrate today with fireworks and festivals, help us never to forget the reason for our joy. Help us remember that our rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness were signed into our heritage with the willing blood of American patriots. Most of all, help us remember that the rights of all people are more than words on a document, and that all people have rights because you have given us the dignity of human life. Grant freedom to all, and give us the strength to protect the rights of others. Amen.

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**Notice To Members**

A Mass for Deceased members of the Czech Catholic Union is offered periodically at Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Cleveland, Ohio.

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**PAYMENTS OF MORTUARY DEATH CLAIMS**

The Czech Catholic Union extends its sincerest sympathies to the bereaved families of the following deceased members:

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TOTAL DEATH CLAIMS PAID IN 2019 $76,224.00