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President's Message

Dear CCU Life Family,

In this issue of the Posel is an announcement of next year's Quadrennial Convention in August 2022. Please take a moment to review the criteria to qualify to be a delegate.

Due to attractive response to our 2021 Insurance Promo the board has decided to extend the deadline to March 31, 2022. There is additional information in this issue of the Posel along with info on our website at www.czechccu.org. Should you have any questions please contact our office at 216-341-0444 or email at insurance@czechccu.org.

The holiday season is soon approaching. We here at CCU Life wish from our family to yours a very Happy Thanksgiving and a Blessed Christmas Season.



Fraternally,

Theresa Aveni
President

The Czech Catholic Union traces its roots to the women of the Altar and Rosary Society of St. Wenceslaus Parish in the 1860's... "Their deep-rooted faith and desire for personal sanctification as well as love in their heart provided a natural framework for a fraternal group with concern for the bereaved." (czechccu.org/history/) It is a classic example of Christians coming together with common bonds and responding with "love in their hearts" to a very real need — the bereaved. We truly stand on the shoulders of giants!

Pope Francis has said that we should emerge from the pandemic better than we were before it. As we conclude the year 2021, it is well worth it to reflect upon how the experience has impacted our personal lives and what we have learned about ourselves: our life-style, priorities, and struggles. Looking beyond ourselves, we know that the pandemic has magnified historical inequities in our society. The example and the legacy of the women founders of the CCU inspire us to now come together in the Christian spirit and allow the "love in our hearts" to reach out to others, to yearn for a more just society, and strive to be the agents of transformation of the same.

May the end of year celebrations of Thanksgiving, Advent, Christmas, and New Year's give us the opportunity to reflect upon our experience this year with grateful hearts and dreams for a better tomorrow.

May God continue to bless you and yours,
Fr. Joseph H. Callahan

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Note: Jackie is a lifelong member of St. Joseph Society #156

ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

Every five years on the anniversary of 9/11, thousands of American flags are placed on Art Hill in Forest Park, St. Louis, Missouri to pay tribute to all those who lost their lives on that fateful day in September 2001.

FLAGS OF VALOR is a week long event to honor the victims of 9/11, the first responders who lost their lives, and those who have made the ultimate sacrifice to keep our country safe fighting the War on Terror.

St. Ludmila Society #7 was proud to sponsor one of the 7500+ flags in September 2021. Each flag bears a dog tag with the hero's name and information, along with their picture. Following the event, the 3' x 5' flags are offered to the family members of those honored, with special arrangements for Gold Star families.

The inaugural FLAGS OF VALOR event was held in 2011 by America's Heartland Remembers to commemorate the ten-year anniversary of the 9/11 attacks. Taking place from September 10-18, that event featured 2,977 flags placed to remember the individuals lost on that tragic day at the Twin Towers, the Pentagon, on Flight 93, and the first responders who gave their lives to save others.

On the 15th anniversary of 9/11, the FLAGS OF VALOR event took place September 6-11, 2016 and honored the 6,869 service members who died in the War on Terror during the following operations:

- Enduring Freedom
- New Dawn
- Iraqi Freedom
- Inherent Resolve
- Freedom's Sentinel

America's Heartland Remembers is a nonprofit organization founded in 2011 to honor and remember the heroes and victims of 9/11. In later years, service members who lost their lives in theater in the War on Terror were added to the honor roll. It has now expanded its focus to educating a new generation who did not experience the events and aftermath of September 11, 2001.

Since inception, the foundation has donated more than \$500,000 to various military charities, including The Semper Fi & America's Fund, Missouri Military Memorial Foundation, Greater St. Louis Honor Flight and Patriot Training Foundation. The organization also published the book "Under One Flag" in 2014.

To learn more, please visit their website: www.flagsofvalorstl.com



The Grand Basin is a lake at the bottom of Art Hill.

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St. Ludmila Society #2, New York, New York - "Dear Friends @ CCU Life, The family of Edward Babor acknowledges with deep appreciation your kind expression of sympathy. Thank you for the beautiful flowers."

- *Pat Babor*

St. Ann Society #11, Cleveland, Ohio - "I'd like to formally thank you for granting me scholarships for the '20-'21 and '21-'22 school years. It has been especially helpful in funding my education and allowing me to pursue my dreams. Thank you incredibly much for contributing and allowing me to fund this opportunity. I hope you know I appreciate it beyond belief and I will cherish my education forever, thanks to you contribution."

- *Thank you again, Halle Mihacevich*

St. Ludmila Society #46, Omaha, Nebraska - "Thank you for the \$300 scholarship. I appreciate the financial help."

- *Sincerely, Josiah Brezina*

St. Ludmila Society #46, Omaha, Nebraska - "Thank you for the high school grant. I will be starting back up at Aquinas in a few days from now as a senior. I have a tough schedule planned, but I will work hard in gratitude for all those who have assisted me thus far with a Catholic Education. I am most grateful for your organization! Thanks again."

- *Sincerely, Xavier Fiala*

Malachi House, Cleveland, Ohio - "On behalf of the Board of Trustees, Staff and Residents of Malachi House, please accept our deepest appreciation for your very generous Annual Appeal donation. We are grateful that you chose Malachi House to receive this gift. Thank you again for your kindness and God bless you!"

- *Sincerely, Judy Ghazoul Hilow, Executive Director*

St. Mary Parish, Bedford, Ohio - "We would like to thank you for submitting an ad in our Centennial Program Booklet. We are grateful, that's how your generosity made us feel. Because of your support we were able to design a memorable Booklet and showcase many businesses that would benefit our church, also the Bedford and surrounding communities. Without you this would not have been possible. Your support has been invaluable. We hope we can continue to count on your support for future endeavors. Thanks again."

- *With gratitude, St. Mary Centennial Planning Committee
Fr. Joseph Seebauer, Pastor & Ruth Coppola, Chairman*

The Priestly Fraternity of Saint Peter, South Abington Township, Pennsylvania - "Thank you very much for your generous contribution. Because of your donation, we can continue to carry out our mission of using the ancient liturgy to bring the fullness of Christ to the emptiness of the world. We trust that God will reward you generously for your charity toward our priestly fraternity and may He reward your kindness manifold from the treasury of His Grace."

- *Sincerely in Christ, Fr. William Lawrence, FSSP
North American Provincial*

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RESPONSIBILITIES OF DELEGATES

In order to be eligible to serve as a delegate, a member must be in good standing and a member for at least one year.

Each delegate must have the President and Secretary of their society sign the credentials necessary to attend the Convention.

Each delegate represents their society and is a voice for their membership. It is the duty of the delegate to act in the best interest of their society and its members.

Each delegate is entitled to cast but one vote on any question submitted at the Convention.

Each delegate must attend each session of the Convention. Each delegate shall answer the roll call at the opening session of the Convention. In case the delegate cannot attend the sessions due to an emergency, the alternate, if appointed, shall attend in their stead.

Delegates as needed shall be appointed by the President of CCU Life/Czech Catholic Union to serve on a Convention committee. The chairman of the committee is designated by the President and shall report or recommend any suggestions or ideas at the Convention.

Each delegate elected shall continue to be a delegate until the next Quadrennial Session of the regular General Meeting.





Bishop, doctor of theology, Auxiliary Bishop (Emeritus) of Brno, Titular Bishop of Cefala and Bishop for Czech Catholics in Diaspora, passed away in California on August 10, 2021. After a mass in the Christ Cathedral of Orange County, in the midst of his community of Czechs in the United States, for which he cared for many years as a priest and later as a bishop as part of the Czech Catholic Mission, his body was transported to the Czech Republic. A mass was celebrated in Brno in the Cathedral of SS. Peter and Paul and also in his birthplace of Dolni Bojanovice. Bishop Esterka was buried in his hometown cemetery.

Petr Esterka was born on November 14, 1935. He was ordained to the priesthood in St. Peter's Basilica on March 9, 1963. In 1980 he was appointed full professor at the University of St. Catherine in St. Paul, Minnesota. While there he helped in the spiritual administration at a number of local parishes. He became a naturalized citizen of the U.S. in 1968 and joined the Air Force Reserves in 1974 as a military chaplain.

In 1978, Fr. Peter Esterka began to devote himself more intensively to work among Czech Catholics in the U.S. and Canada. In 1987, he was awarded the title of Monsignor and in 1992 he was appointed honorary prelate. He moved to take over the California missions, where he served at St. Mary's and St. Norbert's, until he was able to buy a property as a physical center for the already established Czech Mission.

In July 1999, Pope John Paul II appointed Peter Esterka as auxiliary bishop of Brno and Titular Bishop of Cefala. In 2013, he won the Gratias agit award, given in Prague, for helping to spread the good name of the Czech Republic abroad.

Bishop Esterka submitted his resignation in 2010 and on December 9, 2013, it was accepted by Pope Francis. He continued to do what he could until his replacement for leadership of the Czech Catholic community in California arrived in 2018.

Bishop Peter Esterka was a member of the Czech Catholic Union for 32 years.

Condolences are sent to all who came in contact with him. May he rest in peace.



JUST A REMINDER - CCU Life/Czech

Catholic Union office hours are 8 AM - 3 PM Monday thru Friday. We at the Home Office are ready to assist our members with all their insurance needs. Also, if our members have access to our website www.czechccu.org, check it out!!! It is very informative and our forms are on it too.

PECENE KACHNA ROAST DUCK

Wash dressed duck thoroughly; drain water. Sprinkle with salt all over and inside of cavity. Place in roaster and sprinkle about 1/2 teaspoon caraway seed over the bird. If the duck is fat, add 1/2 cup water. If a little on the lean side, add 1/4 cup water and 1 tablespoon shortening. Check from time to time and if water cooks out, add more; never let the meat get dry. Roast without cover until duck has been browned all around. After this, finish roasting with cover on.

Start roasting in 400 degree oven, 30 minutes per pound - average time about 2 hours. If duck is very cold, right out of refrigerator, add 5 to 10 minutes per pound baking time.



PECENE VEPROVI ROAST PORK

Wash pork tenderloin, salt and sprinkle with caraway seed. Place fat side up in roasting pan. Add a little water and 3 or 4 tablespoons of fat or margarine and 1 medium onion, cut in half. Cover and roast in 350 degree oven, basting frequently. When almost done, roast uncovered until meat is tender.

CERNA KUBA BARLEY AND MUSHROOM CASSEROLE

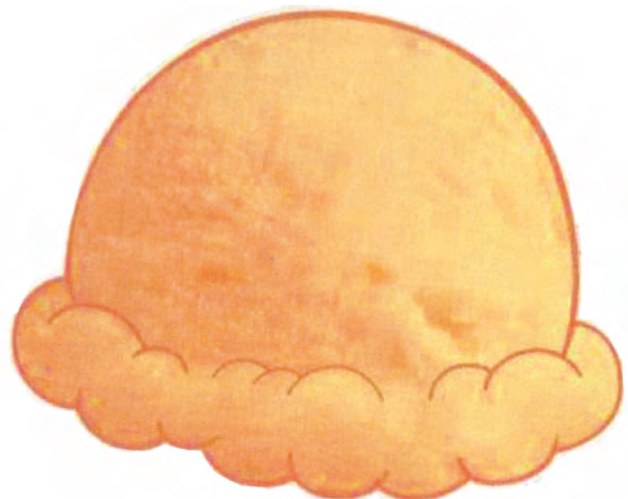
- 1 c. barley
- 1 pt. canned mushrooms
- 1 lb. pork sausage
- 1 small onion (chopped)
- 2 cloves garlic
- Salt & pepper (to taste)
- 1 tsp. dry marjoram

Cook barley until tender, brown sausage. Combine all ingredients and bake slowly 325° for 1 hour. Serves 4 to 6.

SNOW ICE CREAM



When it starts to snow, place a large clean bowl outside to collect the flakes. When full, stir in sugar and vanilla to taste. Stir in just enough milk for desired consistency. Serve immediately.



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“PAT & MAT”



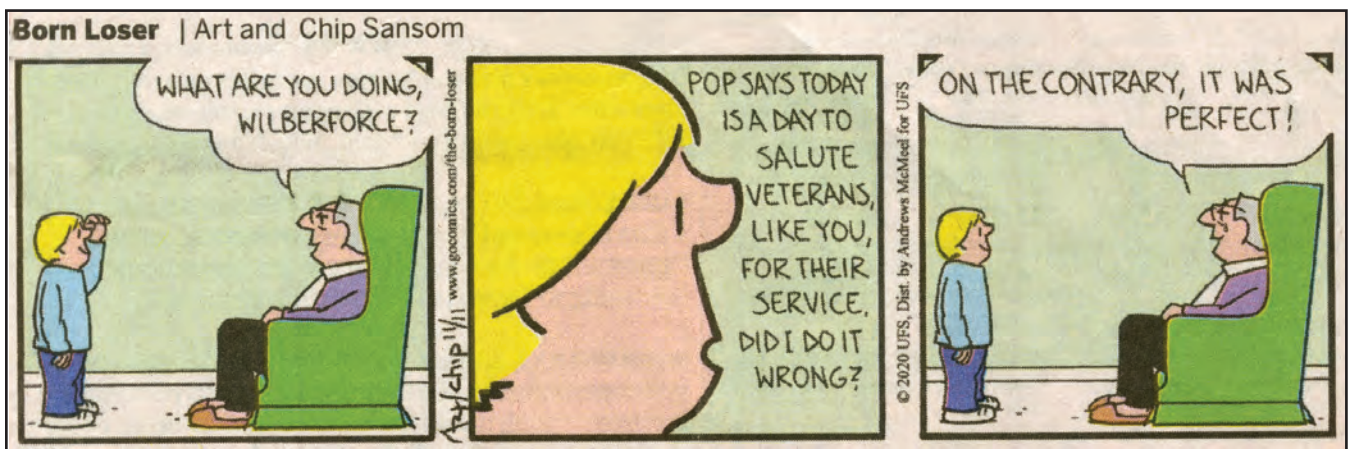
This popular Czech animated series celebrated 45 years this past August. The two handymen first appeared in a theatrical short released August 12, 1976 and the first episode for TV came three years later. Popular internationally for decades, the format has the two title characters attempting to make or fix something, but using the tools incorrectly. Through their hard work and optimism, they eventually get the jobs done.

Their names, Pat & Mat come from the Czech words “patlal” and “matlal”, roughly meaning “clumsy” and “awkward.” The short versions of the names can be referred to as “stalemate” and “checkmate.”

NOVEMBER 11



A soldier doesn't fight because he hates what is in front of him. He fights because he loves what he left behind.



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HAPPY THANKSGIVING STASTNY DIKUVZDANI

THE PILGRIMS' JOURNEY

The Pilgrims' voyage from England to Provincetown, Massachusetts took almost 10 weeks, but it was years in the making.

Here is a timeline of key events:

1593: Some Separatist groups begin moving from England to Holland in order to worship as they believed.

1606: The Scrooby Separatist church is formally organized, with John Clyfton as pastor and John Robinson as his assistant.

1606: Plymouth Company was chartered by King James I to establish English colonies along the east coast of North America.

1608: The Scrooby Separatists emigrate to Holland and settle in Amsterdam.

Feb. 12, 1609: The Separatist congregation permitted to relocate to Leiden, Holland.

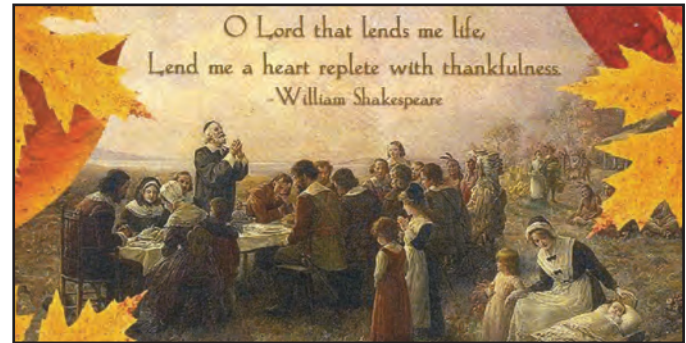
July 1620: The Separatists leave Leiden for Delftshaven, Holland, and from there to Southampton, England, aboard the Speedwell. At Southampton they meet the rest of the Pilgrims and the Mayflower.

Aug. 5, 1620: The Speedwell and Mayflower sail for the mouth of the Hudson River, where they had a "patent" to settle.

Aug. 23, 1620: Almost 300 miles into the journey, leaks aboard the Speedwell force both ships back to Plymouth, England.

Sept. 6, 1620: The Speedwell and some of the passengers are left in Plymouth. The Mayflower sets sail alone with 102 passengers - mostly families - and crew.

Nov. 9, 1620: The Pilgrims spot the tip of Cape Cod, north of the land authorized in their patent. They try to sail south, but treacherous shoals and headwinds force them to turn back toward Provincetown Harbor.



Nov. 11, 1620: The Mayflower anchors at Provincetown Harbor. The document now known as the Mayflower Compact is drawn up, establishing a provisional government.

Dec. 15-16, 1620: The Mayflower sails from Provincetown Harbor to Plymouth Harbor, where the Pilgrims establish a colony.

Fall 1621: The Pilgrims' first harvest festival, later referred to as the "First Thanksgiving" is celebrated with about 100 Wampanoags.



ST. NICHOLAS DAY (SV. MIKULAS) - FEASTDAY DECEMBER 6

The tradition of the Christmas stocking is thought to originate from the life of Saint Nicholas.

The origin of the Christmas stocking involves a folk tale of a kind Saint Nicholas and a despondent family. The story is of a nobleman whose wife had died, leaving him penniless,

with three daughters.

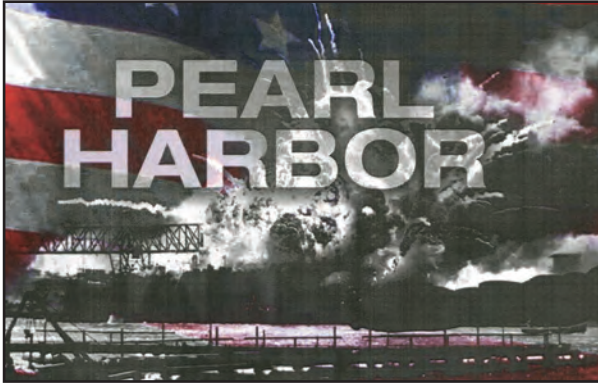
Left with no money for a dowry, the nobleman was concerned for his daughters' opportunity to marry well. Without a sizeable dowry, no one of equal wealth and status would be interested in marrying his daughters. With nothing to inherit, the daughters would be left destitute.

Hearing of this father's dilemma, Saint Nicholas came to the family home and filled the girls' stockings, hanging above the fireplace to dry, with solid gold spheres so they would be able to marry after all.

Versions of this tale have been around for decades, some with a twist, but this story continues to add to Christmas decorating for hundreds of years.



80 YEARS AGO



The attack commenced at 7:55 AM on Sunday, December 7, 1941. It lasted 110 minutes. There were 2,403 U.S. citizens killed in the attack. 1,143 Americans were wounded. The Japanese lost a total of 55 men. The eight U.S. battleships at Pearl Harbor that day were all either sunk or damaged. All but two, the Arizona and the Oklahoma, were eventually able to return to active duty. Only 28 Japanese planes were shot down.



The United States declared war on Japan the next day, when President Franklin Delano Roosevelt gave his famous "Infamy" speech to Congress, "December 7, 1941, a date which will live in infamy. No matter how long it may take us to overcome this premeditated invasion, the American people in their righteous might, will win through to absolute victory."



On November 29, 1994, President Bill Clinton issued a proclamation declaring December 7, 1994, the first National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day.

JAROSLAV HASEK

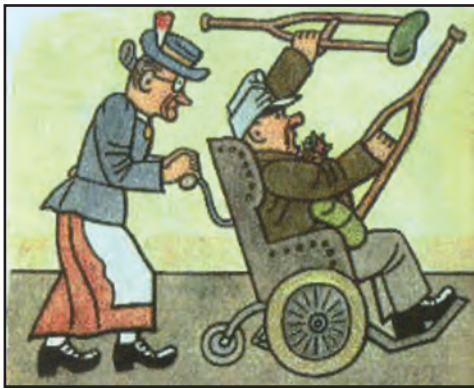


Born April 30, 1883, a Czech writer, humorist, satirist and journalist, best known for his novel, *The Fateful Adventures of the Good Soldier Svejk* (*Osudy Dobrego Vojaka Svejka Za Svetove Valky*). This novel is a satirical dark comedy about a good-humored simple-minded, middle-aged man

who pretends to be enthusiastic to serve Austria-Hungary in World War I. Images of Good Soldier Svejk are illustrated by Josef Lada, Czech illustrator. Jaroslav Hasek died of heart failure on January 23, 1923.



Statue of Jaroslav Hasek in Prague, Czech Republic



Josef Lada's illustrations of Good Soldier Svejk

SNEZKA

Snezka is a mountain on the border between the Czech Republic and Poland. At 5,259 feet, it's the most prominent point of the Silesian Ridge in the Giant Mountain. It's summit is the highest point in the Czech Republic.



JAKUB JAN RYBA

Jakub was a Czech teacher and composer of classical music born on October 26, 1765 in Prestice, near Plzen. In 1780 Jakub went to Prague where he studied at the Piarist gymnasium. His teacher taught him music. Being a good student, Jakub started to compose. He dreamt of being a famous composer. In 1784, his father ordered him to work as a teacher in Nepomuk. Jakub obeyed, but was soon fired. Jakub started performing music in local places, but finally accepted a schoolteacher position in Rozmítal pod Tremsinem.

The school prospered with Jakub teaching there, but he had constant conflicts with the local pastor and council. His requests for funds for school building repairs were usually rejected. In 1796, he wrote his most famous work, Czech Christmas Mass, after a reconciliation with the local pastor.

On April 8, 1815, Jakub Jan Ryba committed suicide, due to lack of money, the hostility of his superiors and total exhaustion.



CZECH CHRISTMAS MASS

This is a famous work written by the Czech composer Jakub Jan Ryba in 1796. Because of its opening words, it is also known as Hail, Master (in Czech: Hej, Mistre). The work is a narrative based on the theme of the birth of Jesus and draws on traditions of Central-European Christmas pastoral music and dramatizes the nativity through characters representative of the Czech countryside. Over time the composition achieved an extraordinary popularity among Czechs at home and abroad becoming a musical symbol of the Czech celebration of Christmas. This work continues to be frequently performed at Christmas time in the Czech Republic and is popular in many countries.



ČESKÉ VÁNOCE - CZECH CHRISTMAS

*Whatever is beautiful, whatever is meaningful, whatever brings you joy,
may these be yours this holiday season and throughout the coming year!*

- From the Executive Board and Staff of CCU Life / Czech Catholic Union

CLEVELAND, OHIO

Us Cleveland Indians fans here in Cleveland and anywhere else, all say goodbye to our Indians and we will welcome our new named team, Cleveland Guardians, next year.



December

All the months go past
Each is like a guest
December is the last
December is the best
Each has lovely things
Each one is a friend
But December brings
Christmas at the end!



CLEVELAND, OHIO

St. Joseph Society #156 continues their monthly meetings held at the Home Office, 5349 Dolloff Road, Cleveland, Ohio.
All members are welcome to attend.

Sunday, November 14, 2021

Regular meeting beginning at 1:00 PM with Memorial Service for deceased members of St. Joseph Society. A light luncheon will be served.

Sunday, December 12, 2021

Regular meeting beginning at 1:00 PM with election of officers and adult Christmas party with optional \$10 gift exchange.

Sunday, January 9, 2022

Regular meeting beginning at 1:00 PM with installation of officers followed by a luncheon of jaternice (liver sausage), kielbasa and sauerkraut.

For luncheon reservations and/or jaternice to take home, call Jane at the Home Office, 216-341-0444.

Sunday, March 20, 2022

Annual Communion Brunch. Celebration of Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes at 10:00 AM followed by pastries and beverages at CCU Home Office (across the street from the church).

Please call the Home Office at 216-341-0444 for reservations before Tuesday, March 15th. 50 year members will be honored.

PLEASE NOTE: DO NOT PARK IN THE CHURCH PARKING LOT. USE CCU PARKING LOT, LOT ACROSS FROM CHURCH OR THE STREET.

CZECH SAYINGS

Kdyz kachna chody na ledu v Listopade,
Ta kachna chodi v blate na Novy Rok.
When a duck walks on ice in November,
That duck walks in mud on New Year's Day.

Lepsi Vanoce treskute,
nez tekute v domazlickem okoli.
Better a bitter cold Christmas,
than a liquid one.

KONOPISTE CASTLE



This castle is located in Konopiste, now a part of the town of Benesov in central Bohemia, Czech Republic. The castle is the last residence of Archduke Franz Ferdinand of Austria. Ferdinand was born 12-18-1863 and was the heir to the Austro-Hungarian throne, whose assassination in Sarajevo triggered World War I. The bullet that killed the Archduke, 6-28-1914, is now an exhibit at the castle's museum.



THE ROCKING HORSE TOY SHOP



This toy shop, located near Prague Castle in the Czech Republic, was founded by Ivan Karhan. This shop carries wind-up toys, hand-crafted wooden toys, model cars, art supplies and more classic toy favorites. Wood toys, marionettes and puppets are huge in Czech culture. Between 1890 and 1930, 3,000 players



traveled through the Czech Republic performing marionette shows. The Czech toy making industry was greatly affected by the country's turbulent history. After World War II, all the toy shops were owned by the state and workshops were restricted. Marionettes played a huge role in Czech cultural preservation. When the official language of Czechoslovakia was German, the Czechoslovakian marionette players, who toured people and performed traditional Czech stories in the Czech language, were very important to the Czech people.

COKOLADOVY PERNIK CHOCOLATE HONEY COOKIES

3 c. sifted flour
1/2 c. confectioners' sugar
1 T. cocoa
1/8 t. baking soda
1 1/4 c. warm honey
1 T. vanilla
1 beaten egg
1/4 c. almonds (finely ground)



Sift dry ingredients together. Add honey, vanilla, almonds, and combine with beaten egg. Work into a smooth dough. Set aside for 2-3 hours.

Roll to about 3/8 inch thickness, cut into shapes and place on buttered baking sheet. Brush with beaten egg white and bake at 350 degrees for about 10-15 minutes. Do not open oven door during baking to prevent tops from cracking.

VANILKOVE ROHLICKY CZECH VANILLA CRESCENTS

8 oz. butter (room temperature)
5 T. sugar
2 T. vanilla extract
1 T. water
2 c. all-purpose flour
1/2 t. salt
2 c. almonds or hazelnuts (finely chopped)
Garnish: vanilla sugar or confectioners' sugar



Preheat oven to 325 degrees. In large bowl, cream together the butter, sugar, vanilla and water. In a small bowl, whisk together the flour and salt. Add to the creamed mixture, combining thoroughly. Add chopped nuts and mix until completely incorporated. Form walnut-size pieces of dough into crescent shapes on parchment-lined baking sheets. Bake 15-20 minutes or until golden brown on bottom. Allow cookies to cool 2 minutes on baking sheet. While still warm, roll in confectioners' sugar or vanilla sugar. When cookies are completely cool, roll again in confectioners' sugar or vanilla sugar.

THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS

(VANOCNI NOC)

This version of The Night Before Christmas was written by Elmer J. Nemec from Crete, Nebraska. For those of you who do not understand the “garbled” Czech in the story, read this translation in the best of “garbled” English.

Byla vanocni-noc a skrz celej haus
nic se nehnulo, ani jeden “maus”.
Puncochy ve rade nad kamnami
byly opatrne povesený.
Deticky v perinach zabaleny,
zdalo se jim o houskach peceny.
Nas vospalej pes, uz nazranej dost,
tam u kamen zdrimal, volizoval kost.
A mne ve houpaku, co se mi nestalo,
moje sve chrapani me taky uspalo.
Ale najednou na strese takovy sramot,
ja vyskocil hned a vlit do mych kalhot.
A pes se probudil a stekal tak stekle,
jsem jistej ze myslel ze ted’ je v pekle.
Tam na nasi strese naký zvire tam veje
a ja jsem chtel vedet co se tam deje.
Ja vybehl ven a uklouz jsem na led,
a v sedu kouk vzhuru, to byl ale pohled.
Tam vedle komina, ach jej na moudusi
bylo chlupaty zvire, melo velky usi.
Melo dve oci a veliky rohy,
a cervenej nos, a tenoucky nohy.
Nos rozsvicenej, ze ja vedel hned
Todle je Rudolf a zadnej medved.
On tam vam na strese frkal a hekal,
na ledovym sindeli se narame smekal.
A jeleni za nim se taky hrabali
jako mastni kocky se marne skrabali.
A sane uz vysely pres okapem,
sem, tam naka hracka uz vypadla ven.
Sandi Claus kricel, “prosim tudle noc
ja potrebuju velikou pomoc”.
Tak jsme se radili Sandi Claus a ja,
co se da delat nez Rudolf hapa.
Pak jsme vynasli, co ted’ kazdej vi,
Rudolf na kopytach mel podkovy hladky.
Sli jsme k memu autu as kolach jsme
vzali retizky a Rudolfoj na nohy dali.
Sandi Claus do sanich vlit jako myska
a smal se sam sobe jako chytra liska.
A Rudolfoj nad hlavou prutem prask
tak, ze se do ksiru voprel a tah jako vlak.
Rudolf vyhazoval, ani jednou nehekl,
na kopytach retizky, ani se nesmekl.
A Sandi Claus ohlasil: “dekuju vam moc,
vesele Vanoce vsem, a vsem, dobrou noc.”



It was Christmas Eve and through the whole
house nothing moved, not one mouse.
Stockings in a row above the stove were
carefully hung. Children in featherbeds
bundled, they dreamed of sweet breads baked.
Our sleepy dog, full of food, was by the stove
dreaming of licking a bone. And I in the rocker,
what happened to me my own snoring lulled me
to sleep. All at once on the roof such a racket I
jumped at once and flew to my trousers. The dog
awoke and barked so mean, that I am sure he
thought he was in hell.
There on our roof some animal was whinnying
and I wanted to know what was going on. I ran
outside and slipped on the ice, and sat looking
up and that was some sight! There by the
chimney, oh my, oh my, a hairy creature had
large ears. It had two eyes and large horns, a
red nose and thin legs. Nose lighted, I knew at
once it was Rudolf and not a bear.
Up there on the roof he snorted and groaned, on
ice-covered shingles it was exceedingly slippery.
Deer behind him also pawing like greased cats
vainly scratching.
The sleigh now was hanging over the eaves
and some toys fell out. Sandi Claus cried out,
“Please, this night I need much help!” So we
deliberated, Sandi Claus and I what to do before
Rudolf falls. Then we learned what you all
know, Rudolf on his hooves had smooth shoes.
We went to my auto and from wheels took the
chains, put them on Rudolf’s feet. Sandi Claus
flew to his sleigh like a mouse and smiled to
himself like a sly fox. Over Rudolf’s head he
cracked the whip who braced himself into
the harness and pulled like an engine. Rudolf
leaped, with not one groan, did not even slip.
And Sandi Claus announced, “Thank you much,
a Happy Christmas to you all and to all good
night!”

EGG NOG

The custom of toasting to the new season with this festive cocktail began during Britain's early medieval years. The cocktail became popular in the American colonies by the 19th century. Eggnog is most commonly believed to have roots in a medieval European drink called, posset, made with hot sweetened, spiced milk that was curdled with ale or wine. Eggnog literally means, "eggs inside a small cup".



EGGNOG

2 eggs, well beaten
1 can (15 oz.) Eagle Brand sweetened condensed milk
1 tsp. vanilla
1/4 tsp. salt
1 qt. whole milk
1/2 pint (1 c.) whipped heavy cream
nutmeg to taste rum (optional)
Combine well beaten eggs, Eagle Brand milk, vanilla and salt until well blended, slowly beat in milk. Gently fold in whipped cream, sprinkle with nutmeg. Also, rum may be added to taste.

CESKY RUM NOG (CZECH EGGNOG)

5 eggs yolks
5 Tbsp. powdered sugar
1 cup condensed milk
1 tsp. vanilla
10. oz. Rum
5 oz. cooked and cooled whole milk
Combine egg yolks and powdered sugar together and mix well. Add the condensed milk, vanilla and Rum. Mix well and add the whole milk. Mix again and pour into a quart jar with a lid. Keep in refrigerator.

Sent in from a member—

I really appreciate the scholarships the Czech Catholic Union awarded me each year at Blessed Trinity Catholic High School in Roswell, Georgia. Since high school I have been studying at the

University of North Georgia in Dahlonega, Georgia. Dahlonega is near the start of the Appalachian Trail and it was the site of America's first gold rush in 1828. In addition to my college classes, I trained to be a firefighter. This is my fourth year as a volunteer firefighter for Lumpkin County. I also trained as an EMT and have been working for an ambulance company since the week the pandemic started.



I am a member of Delta Chi fraternity and the UNG Scuba Club. In my spare time I enjoy exploring and camping. I will graduate in May, 2022 with a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice.

Nicholas Glotzbach
Lifelong member of
St. Ann Society #11.

CZECH TO ENGLISH

Den Veteranu	Veteran's Day
Den Dikuvdani	Thanksgiving Day
Krocan	Turkey
Nadivkou	Stuffing
Brambor	Potato
Ryze	Rice
Kure	Chicken
Zeleniny	Vegetables
Stava	Juice
Ovocny	Pie
Chleb	Bread
Stedry Vecer	Christmas Eve
Snehulak	Snowman
Snehova Koule	Snowball
Darky	Gifts

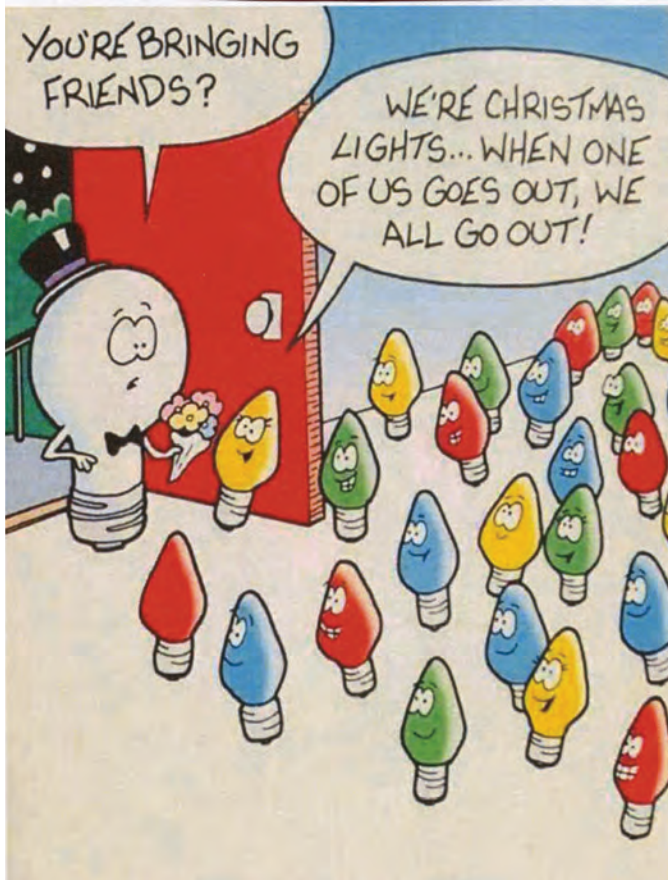
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MISTLETOE (Jmeli in Czech)



You purchase mistletoe at the market (natural, silver or gold plated) and hang it in the house. People kiss under the branch. You keep the mistletoe until next Christmas time. This means the luck, happiness, love and courage will remain at your home.



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.

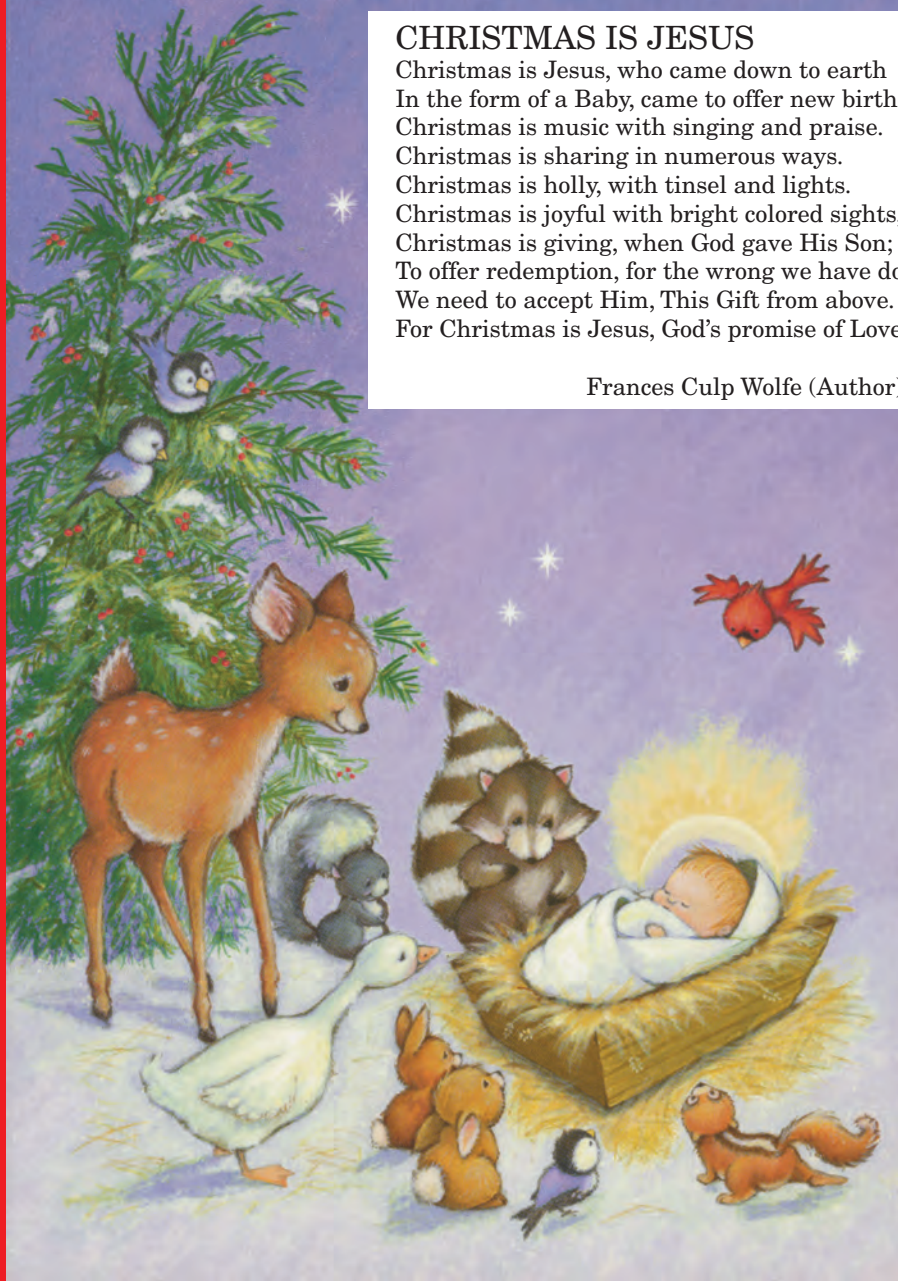
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CHRISTMAS IS JESUS

Christmas is Jesus, who came down to earth
In the form of a Baby, came to offer new birth.
Christmas is music with singing and praise.
Christmas is sharing in numerous ways.
Christmas is holly, with tinsel and lights.
Christmas is joyful with bright colored sights,
Christmas is giving, when God gave His Son;
To offer redemption, for the wrong we have done.
We need to accept Him, This Gift from above.
For Christmas is Jesus, God's promise of Love.

Frances Culp Wolfe (Author)



PAYMENTS OF MORTUARY DEATH CLAIMS

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

Name	Location	Soc. Name	No.	Date of Issue	Date of Death	Age
Donald R. Navratil	Cleveland, OH	St. Joseph	156	06-01-2003	06-25-2021	86
Thomas Suk	Cleveland, OH	St. Joseph	156	12-01-1942	08-05-2021	80
Edward Babor	New York, NY	St. Ludmila	2	12-01-1971	08-09-2021	83
Ann Andracchio	Chicago, IL	St. Ann	117	08-01-1941	07-24-2021	98
Joan Sebek	Cicero, IL	Our Lady of the Mount	143	01-01-1933	08-16-2021	92

TOTAL DEATH CLAIMS PAID 2021 \$149,295.00

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