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## PILGRIMS OF HOPE

Spring and Easter are steeped in HOPE. With all that we have recently experienced, we certainly need the beacon of light in a time of darkness that is hope. Hope that the pandemic will truly be behind us. Hope that divisions in our church and country can be overcome and we can come together for the common good. Hope for an end to armed conflicts and hope for true peace in the world ...

Pope Francis has declared that 2025 will be a jubilee year. The theme is Pilgrims of Hope. The concepts of pilgrims (on a journey) and hope are key themes of Francis' pontificate. A holy or jubilee year is a time of pilgrimage, prayer, repentance and acts of mercy, based on the Old Testament tradition of a jubilee year of rest, forgiveness and renewal.

May the Holy Spirit guide and direct us and the whole church as we prepare for the holy jubilee year. May the risen Christ accompany us as we strive to be pilgrims of hope.

Fr. Joseph H. Callahan



### HAPPY 90TH BIRTHDAY

Our past president Joe Kocab is turning 90 years old on March 8.

Best wishes to you on your birthday from all the members of the Czech Catholic Union/CCU Life. Enjoy your day!!!



Všechno Nejlepší  
K Narozeninám



## DEKUKU!



Czech Mission, Brookfield, Illinois - "Thank you for your donation to the Czech Mission. God bless you."

*Sincerely, Mons. Dusan Hladik*

Our Lady's Inn, St. Louis, Missouri - "Thank you for your gift to Our Lady's Inn and for partnering with us in providing a refuge for pregnant women in crisis. Thank you for believing in this work. Thank you for showing these young mothers that they have worth and their children are valued."

*Gratefully, Amy Rager, Development Director*

St. Andrew Abbey, Cleveland, Ohio - "On behalf of the monks of St. Andrew Abbey, thank you for your generous donation. Your donation allows us to continue to live by and preserve our defining characteristics of "Ora et Labora" and community. This past year, we have encountered many challenges, but still live on in our faith and not fear. We thank you again for your commitment to St. Andrew Abbey. As St. Benedict says in his Holy Rule, be sure that in "all things God may be glorified." God bless you all."

*Peace, Rt. Rev. Gary A. Hoover, OSB, Abbot*



44<sup>th</sup> Quadrennial Convention  
in Cleveland, Ohio  
Saturday August 13, 2022 -  
Monday, August 15, 2022

Saturday, August 13  
Sunday, August 14  
Monday, August 15  
Monday, August 15

Convention Registration  
Excursion Day  
Meeting 8 AM  
Banquet 6 PM

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### Delegate/Alternate Application

Each society of the Czech Catholic Union/CCU Life is entitled to have a representative (delegate) at the Convention. These delegates are a voice for the society's membership. Delegates vote on general business matters and also on elections of officers and directors. Qualified delegates must fill out this form and mail to the Home Office, 5349 Dolloff Road, Cleveland, Ohio 44127 by April 1, 2022.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, do hereby state my intent as a Delegate or Alternate at the Czech Catholic Union/CCU Life 2022 Quadrennial Convention.

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Society Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Society No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Delegates Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

For further information, please call the Home Office at (216) 341-0444 or email at [insurance@czechccu.org](mailto:insurance@czechccu.org).



## CZECH CATHOLIC UNION HIGH SCHOOL GRANT

At the Executive Committee meeting held in November 2014, the officers and directors of the Czech Catholic Union voted to establish a Renewable Grant of \$300.00 to members who will be enrolled in the 9th grade of a CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL or are already attending a CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL during the 2022-2023 academic year. The grant will be payable directly to the school and credited to the student's tuition.

To be eligible for this Grant the student must be a member of the Czech Catholic Union for three years, having one of the following permanent plans: 5, 10, 20 Year Payment Plan - Single Premium Whole Life - Youth Savings Plan - with a minimum of \$5,000.00 of insurance.

PLEASE COMPLETE AND SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING APPLICATION TO THE CZECH CATHOLIC UNION HOME OFFICE NO LATER THAN JUNE 1, 2022. NO LATE APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED. MUST BE SUBMITTED EVERY YEAR.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Society No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Policy No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Catholic High School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

School Phone No.: \_\_\_\_\_ School Website: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade Level for Upcoming School Year: \_\_\_\_\_


Please mail this application to: Czech Catholic Union  
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**PLEASE NOTE: THE CZECH CATHOLIC UNION COLLEGE GRANT  
HAS BEEN CHANGED FOR THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR.**

**THE NEW APPLICATION WILL BE PRINTED IN THE MAY-JUNE 2022 POSEL.**



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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.



## CZECH CULTURAL GARDEN



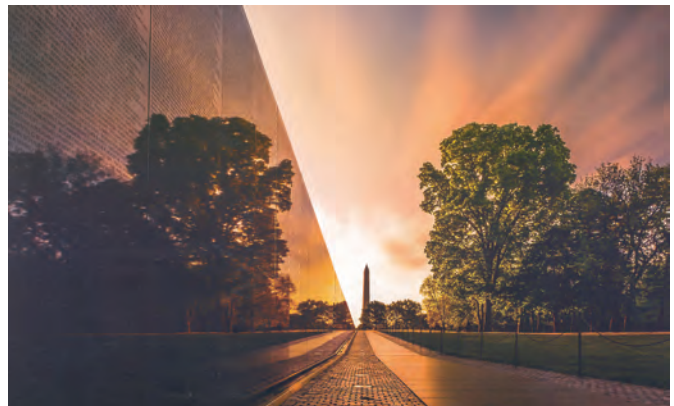
Once again, the Czech Catholic Union/CCU Life is volunteering to clean-up the Czech Garden on Saturday, April 2nd at 10 AM. This garden is located on East Blvd. in Rockefeller Park in Cleveland, Ohio. The garden is maintained by a volunteer effort.



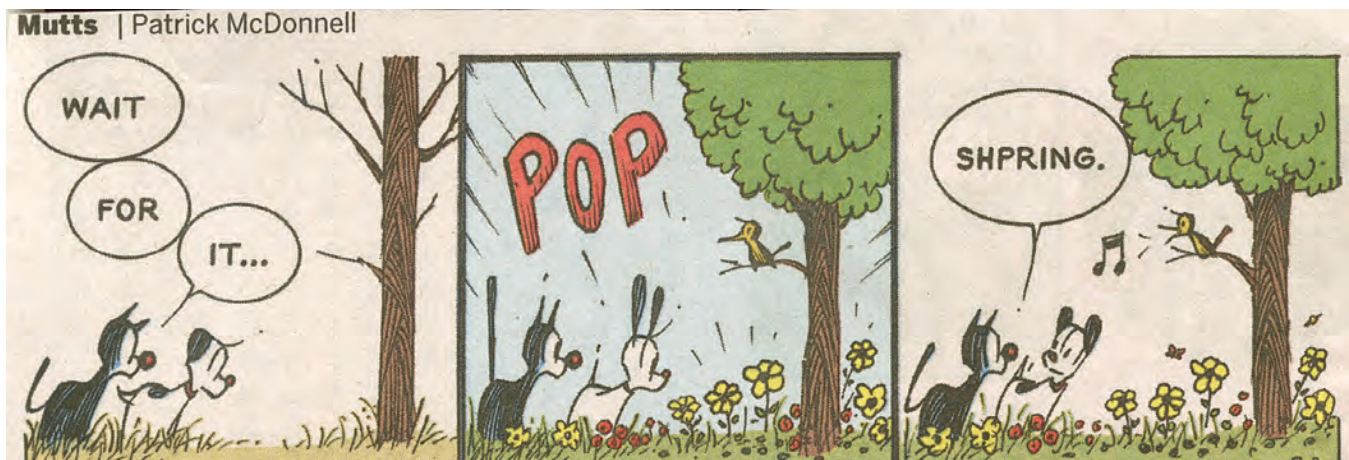
We are asking our members to come out and help. Refreshments will be provided. If interested, please call the Home Office.

Rain date, if necessary, will be Sunday, April 3rd at 2 PM. HOPE TO SEE MANY OF YOU THERE!!!

## VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL



When this memorial was built and dedicated in March 1982, a promise was made. The promise was to never forget those who served and sacrificed in the Vietnam War. The Wall has become the symbol for an enduring legacy of healing, remembrance and education. The enduring legacy of this memorial will be that this is the place our nation has set aside to remember our fallen from the Vietnam War and where we come to remember, to honor and to heal.





**OUR LIFE INSURANCE PROMO  
2021 ENDS MARCH 31, 2022.  
FOR DETAILS OR  
INFORMATION ETC.,  
PLEASE CONTACT THE HOME  
OFFICE!**

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## **TELL A FAMILY MEMBER TELL A FRIEND**



Starting January 1, 2022, any member who recruits a new member to CCU and an insurance policy is issued, the member will receive \$25.00. Additional information can be obtained by contacting the Home Office at 216-341-0444.  
All you need to do is complete the form below.

### **Insurance Recommender Form**

#### *Current Member Info:*

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Email: \_\_\_\_\_

#### *Prospective New Member:*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent if under 18: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_



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## CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA

St. Mary's Society #119 would like to express gratitude for the annual increase in the value of our certificates.

St. Mary's Society held its Annual Christmas Party on December 5, 2021. A short business meeting was held with discussion of contributing donations to local charities. Refreshments of kolaches and coffee were served with time for socializing.

St. Wenceslaus held its Annual Czech Goulash Day on Sunday, September 26, 2021, which was a beautiful Autumn day. A raffle was held along with gift certificates from a local grocery store chain. Since the Easter Feaster dinner was not held last Spring, due to Covid 19, winners were announced from that fundraiser also. Since the work has not been completed on Glovik Center, the former high school building, food was served in a tent so that people could enjoy polka music along with the meal. The Church was open for visitors and many visitors exchanged memories of attending the Church and former schools.

As mentioned in a previous Posel article, Cedar Rapids is still recovering from the August 10, 2020 derecho that impacted the city with hurricane force winds of 140 miles per hour. The thunderstorm complex that traveled over several midwestern states is considered the costliest storm to affect the nation. Homes are still being re-roofed and several area churches have been able to reopen after extensive repairs.

St. Wenceslaus Church had considerable damage to the roof, spires and belfry areas. The Church interior has been re-decorated along with being repaired. The Church was closed during the reconstruction with parishioners attending Immaculate Conception Parish since both parishes have the same pastor and associate pastor. The Resurrection window and the Rose window over the front entrance were removed and repaired by a company in Wisconsin that specializes in renovation of stained glass windows from Catholic churches.

On Saturday, December 4, 2021, St. Wenceslaus parish participated in festivities in conjunction with Czech Village and the Czech and Slovak Museum and Library for St. Nicholas Day. Kolaches were sold and a quilt raffle was held. The Church was open for visitors to tour the church.

At the present time, the National Czech and Slovak Museum and Library has a display of Treasures from Slovakia. The display includes head dresses, metal work and wood carvings that show influence from Turkey and Hungary. The artifacts span four centuries, are from the Slavic National Museum in Bratislava and is the first appearance in this country. Many pieces have never left Bratislava and they show the history, folklore and culture of that Slavic area.

May 2022 bring an end to the Covid 19 virus and also bring peace and happiness to the United States.

Joan Sebetka

## CLEVELAND, OHIO

St. Joseph Society #156 welcomed three new members (so we gave each girl a Czech flag to hold for their picture).

Annalyse, age 4-1/2 and Carlotta, age 1. These girls are the daughters of Anthony and Erin Grida, our Home Office Clerk.

Karson Michelle Gump, age 6 months. Karson is the daughter of Mike Gump and Cortney Milczewski and granddaughter of Jane Milczewski.





# CLEVELAND, OHIO

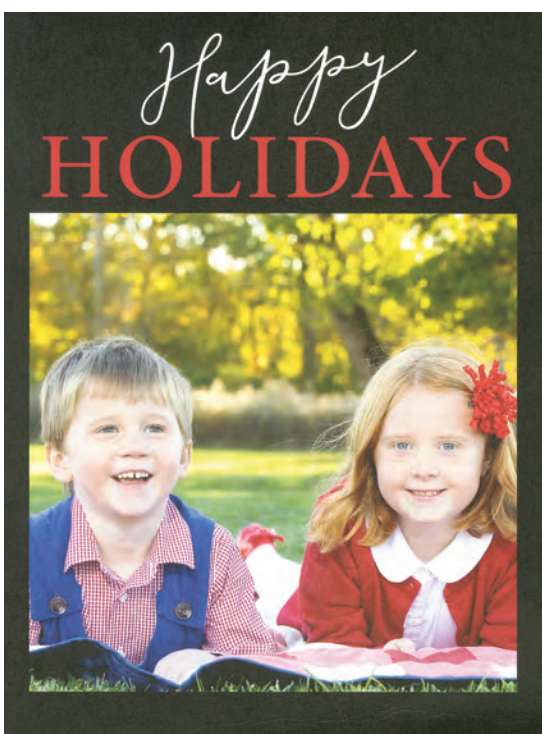
*Sunday, March 20, 2022*

Annual Communion Brunch. Celebration of Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish 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 THE CCU PARKING LOT, THE LOT ACROSS FROM THE CHURCH OR THE STREET.



Belated greetings from Maggie and Andrew Tonges, children of Colleen O'Donnell and Joe Tonges.

All are members of St. Joseph Society #156.



St. Joseph Society #156 held their Annual Christmas party on Sunday, December 12, 2021.



**We do not want to lose contact with our members. If you move, please let us know!**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Soc. No. \_\_\_\_\_

Old Address \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

New Address \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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## CLEVELAND, OHIO

St. Joseph Society #156 held their Annual Jaternice luncheon and meeting on Sunday, January 9, 2022. The officers remained the same except Karen Hausser is now a trustee. Guard, Dennis Kocian, was absent from the meeting. Officers were sworn in by member, Judge Ralph Perk, Jr. (retired).



Gold Club Hostivar in Prague, Czech Republic



Street scene in Milkulov (a town in Breclav District in the South Moravian Region of the Czech Republic.)



Krkonose Mountains, Czech Republic

## MAJALAND PRAHA

This brand new indoor amusement park opened on December 27, 2021 in Prague, Czech Republic.

Designed and constructed by the Plopsa Group, these parks are also in Belgium, the Netherlands and Germany. Plans are underway to open one in Warsaw this Spring. Majaland Praha is located next to the "Premium Outlet Prague Airport" shopping center, near Prague Airport. The CEO of the Plopsa Group believes in the combination of entertainment and shopping.





## MORAVIAN KARST

A karst is a type of landscape where the bedrock has dissolved. The Moravian Karst is the biggest and most significant protected landscape area located to the north of Brno in the South Moravian Region of the Czech Republic. It encompasses a number of notable geological features including roughly 1,100 caverns and gorges. The karst also includes sinkholes, sinking streams, caves and springs all associated with rock types such as limestone, marble and gypsum. This karst covers between 35-36 square miles.



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## EASTER FOODS



**KRASLICE** - Brightly colored/decorated eggs are a symbol of new life and resurrection.

**MAZANEC** - The Easter bread filled with raisins, nuts and butter, symbolic of Christ Himself.

**SUNKA** - The ham is the main dish because of its richness. Symbolic of the great joy and abundance of Easter.

**SEKANINA** - The veal and pork loaf.

**KLOBASY** - A spicy garlic sausage or pork product, indicative of God's favor and generosity.

**SYREK** - The Easter cheese has a rather bland but sweet taste indicative of the moderations Christians should have in all things.

**MASLO** - The butter usually formed into a lamb indicative that Jesus is the Lamb of God.

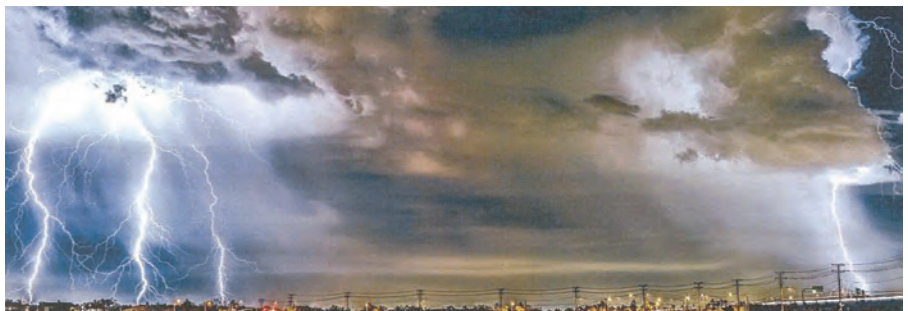
**SUL** - Salt because this is used to preserve food and symbolizes the fact that Jesus preserves us to eternal life.

**KREN** - Horseradish mixed with grated red beets. Symbolic of the Passion of Christ but sweetened with some sugar because of the Resurrection.

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## WEATHER – POCASI

The word pocasi comes from the word cas, which means time. After Winter-Zima, comes Spring-Jaro, and Summer-Leto and warm weather-teple pocasi. We get the occasional rain-dest or wind-vitr, but mostly the sun is shining-sviti slunce. Summer thunderstorms-letni bourky occur along with lightning bolts-blesky and thunder-hrom and sometimes even hail-kroupy.



## MAZANEC

### CZECH EASTER BREAD

- 2 cakes fresh yeast
- 1 cup lukewarm milk
- 1/2 cup butter, melted
- 2 egg yolks
- 1/4 to 1/2 cup light raisins
- 4-1/2 cups flour
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1/2 tsp. grated lemon rind
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 1/3 cup almonds, finely chopped

Place yeast in a bowl, sprinkle with 1 tbsp. sugar and stir until yeast and sugar are like a liquid. Add 2 tbsp. flour and 2 tbsp. warm milk. Mix well. Cover with cloth and let rise in a warm place 5-10 minutes. Add the rest of the ingredients and beat with a wooden spoon until thoroughly blended. Turn onto floured pastry board and knead until the dough is not sticky. Place back in bowl, lightly oil top, cover with cloth, let rise in a warm place until dough is doubled. Then shape dough on lightly floured board into one large round loaf or two smaller round loaves. Place on well greased baking sheet and brush with one beaten whole egg. Sprinkle with more chopped almonds. Cut a cross in the top of each round with scissors. Let rise a bit longer and bake in a 400 degree F. oven 15 minutes. Reduce heat to 375 degrees F. and bake 30 to 45 minutes longer. When baked, cool. You can make a thin white icing and pour over the loaf(s) or just sprinkle with vanilla sugar.

## SMAZENY SYR

### FRIED CHEESE

- 4 slices Swiss or Gouda cheese, cut 3/4 to 1 inch thick
- Salt to taste
- 1/2 cup flour
- 1 egg, beaten
- 2/3 cup bread crumbs
- 1 cup shortening

Sprinkle cheese with salt. Dip cheese slices first in flour, then in beaten egg. Roll in bread crumbs. Fry quickly in hot shortening until golden brown. Serve with mashed potatoes or vegetables. This is one of the few standard Czech dishes not to include meat.



## BARANEK EASTER LAMB CAKE



- 1/2 c butter
- 3 egg yolks
- 3 c flour
- 2 c sugar
- 3 tsp. baking powder
- 3 egg whites
- 1 tsp. vanilla

Cream butter, sugar and egg yolks until smooth and light. Sift flour, baking powder several times, and alternately add to butter mixture with milk. Add flavoring. Last, fold in the stiffly beaten egg whites. Pour dough into well greased and flour dusted lamb form. Bake in a 350 oven for about 45 to 50 minutes, having form face down on cookie sheet.

Frost and decorate with raisins for eyes and a colorful ribbon tied around the neck.



At Easter, Czech homes feature eggs decorated with colored wax, switches with ribbons, pussy willows in traditional vases and baked braided wreaths.





German Lutherans created the character of the “Easter Hare” that is the basis for the modern day Easter Bunny. Their version of the bunny judged whether children had been good or bad during Easter time season, with well-behaved children getting a treat. Rabbits and hares

have long been associated with springtime, rebirth and fertility, so perhaps the leap from gentle backyard visitor to keeper of Spring’s naughty or nice was inevitable.

## PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,  
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

To you God entrusted his only Son;  
in you Mary placed her trust; with  
you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too, show  
yourself a father and guide us in the  
path of life. Obtain for us grace, mer-  
cy and courage, and defend us from  
every evil. Amen.

St. Joseph Feast Day is March 19th



*Wishing all our members a  
Blessed and Joyful Easter!*

From the Executive Committee and Office Staff



*“May your  
blessings outnumber  
the shamrocks that  
grow. And may  
trouble avoid you  
wherever you go”*

—Irish proverb

Family Circus | Bil Keane







**Fridays**

## DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?

### *In the words of Pope Francis*

Fast from hurting words and say kind words.  
 Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.  
 Fast from anger and be filled with patience.  
 Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.  
 Fast from worries and have trust in God.  
 Fast from complaints; contemplate simplicity.  
 Fast from pressures and be prayerful.  
 Fast from bitterness; fill your hearts with joy.  
 Fast from selfishness and be compassionate.  
 Fast from grudges and be reconciled.  
 Fast from words; be silent and listen.



St. Adalbert Feast Day is April 23rd

### The Czech "Last Supper"



Left to right: St. Adalbert, St. Procop, St. Norbert, Our Lord, St. Wenceslaus, St. Cyril and St. Methodius

## CZECH TO ENGLISH

S chuti do toho, pul hotovo!  
 Vesely mysl pul zdravi.  
 Zkusenost jest nejlepsi ucitel.  
 Stari prateli jsou nejlepsi.  
 Zdvorilost nestoji nic.  
 Vsechno ma svůj cas.

Enthusiasm itself halves the job!

Happy thoughts are half your health.

Experience is the best teacher.  
 Old friends are the best.  
 Courtesy costs nothing.  
 Everything has it's time.





“Freedom is the open window through which pours the sunlight of the human spirit and human dignity.”

- Herbert Hoover



## NOTICE TO MEMBERS

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



## 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
Philip Bohac	Chicago, IL	Our Lady of the Mount	143	05-01-1946	10-29-2021	75
Gary Strnad	Cleveland, OH	St. Joseph	156	04-01-1954	11-03-2021	67

TOTAL DEATH CLAIMS PAID IN 2021 \$192,516.00

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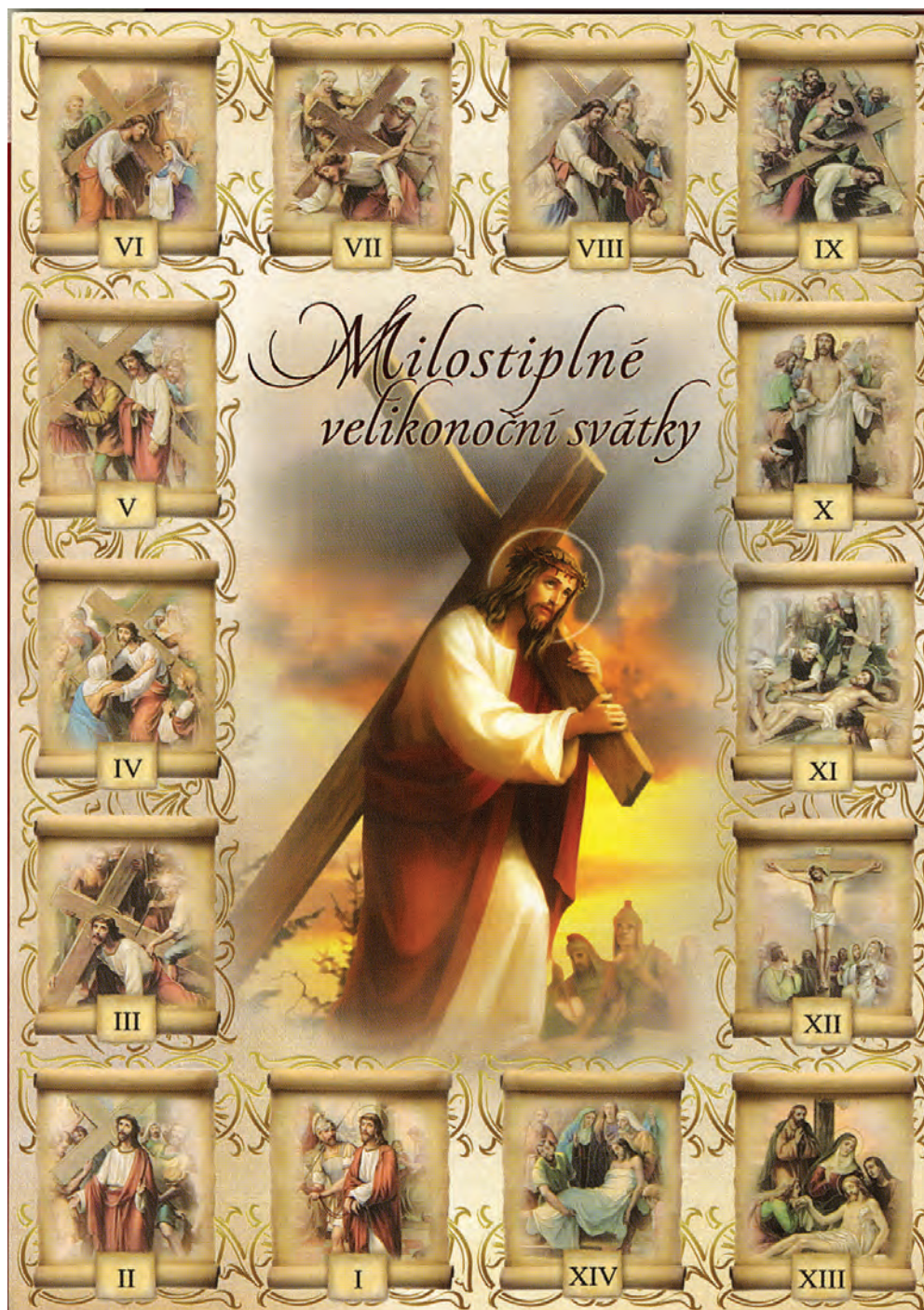


WE PUBLISH SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE, AND SOME PEOPLE ARE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR MISTAKES!!!

### CCU LIFE - ANNUITY/IRA

Annuity Rates are set at 3% for members and 1.5% for non-members on new business with a guarantee of 1%, 2 year contract. Interest rates are reviewed quarterly and subject to change.

Contact the Home Office for additional information on our Annuity and IRA products available.



**MERCIFUL EASTER HOLIDAY**