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**“Baseball is like driving, it’s the one who gets home safely that counts.”**  
**- Los Angeles Dodgers Manager (1976-1996) Tommy Lasorda**

We buried my father a few weeks ago. As I was preparing for his funeral, I recalled what he said to me before my mother's funeral 12 years previous. "Talk about religion, not your mother" was his request. He had attended many funerals in his 93 years, often enduring some eulogies that seemed like they would never end.

But his request was actually spot-on. The funeral is not about the deceased, but about something much greater than one person, much greater than all of humanity. The funeral celebrates the paschal mystery. We could say the Easter mystery. That's the "religion". And that is why Easter is the most important feast of the liturgical year - celebrated for 50 days, culminating with Pentecost. The death and resurrection of Jesus embrace us and give meaning to life as well as understanding, hope, and meaning to our experience of death. Yes, we give thanks to God for our loved ones. But most of all, we thank God for the gift of redemption, of eternal life.

When my father and I got into the car after my mother's funeral enroute to the cemetery, I asked him what he thought of the homily. "I could not hear a word you said. The sound system in that church is atrocious!" We certainly live in an imperfect world. The Easter mystery invites us to anticipate our experience of a perfect world united with God and with all who have gone before us.

May you have a blessed Easter season!

Father Joseph H. Callahan



St. Charles Bridge, Prague  
The Crucifix and Calvary (Virgin Mary on left, John the Evangelist on right)



#### ANNOUNCING –

Hope all our members had a happy and enjoyable Easter!

IF YOU FIND MISTAKES IN THIS  
PUBLICATION, PLEASE CONSIDER THAT  
THEY ARE THERE FOR A PURPOSE.



WE PUBLISH SOME-  
THING FOR EVERY-  
ONE, AND SOME  
PEOPLE ARE  
ALWAYS LOOKING  
FOR MISTAKES!!!

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Age 0 Female	<b>\$115.23/Year 1</b> <b>\$149.65/Years 2-5</b>	<b>\$75.77/Year 1</b> <b>\$98.40/Years 2-10</b>
Age 0 Male	<b>\$126.36/Year 1</b> <b>\$164.10/Years 2-5</b>	<b>\$81.97/Year 1</b> <b>\$106.45/Years 2-10</b>
Age 25 Female	<b>\$196.94/Year 1</b> <b>\$268.75/Years 2-5</b>	<b>\$126.63/Year 1</b> <b>\$164.45/Years 2-10</b>
Age 25 Male	<b>\$225.65/Year 1</b> <b>\$293.05/Years 2-5</b>	<b>\$137.02/Year 1</b> <b>\$177.95/Years 2-10</b>
Age 50 Female	<b>\$383.84/Year 1</b> <b>\$498.50/Years 2-5</b>	<b>\$225.57/Year 1</b> <b>\$292.95/Years 2-10</b>
Age 50 Male	<b>\$406.44/Year 1</b> <b>\$527.85/Years 2-5</b>	<b>\$238.51/Year 1</b> <b>\$309.75/Years 2-10</b>

**For more details and rates pertaining to yourself or others  
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***Remember...** Since we are still offering our "Tell a Family Member or Friend" if you, our member, choose not to take part in this offer, we encourage you to pass it on. In doing so, you are able to receive \$25 for referring, as long as the individual referred completes the application process.*



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### 1 Year Annuity

#### Effective 5/1/23 to 11/1/23 – New Business

- ◇ 4.25% for members only for the first year
- ◇ Must be an insurance member to open annuity accounts
- ◇ Minimum to open account \$1,000
- ◇ After the 1<sup>st</sup> year the interest rate will revert to the prevailing rate at that time

### 2 Year Annuity

#### Effective 1/1/23 – New Business

- ◇ 3.5% for members only with a 3% guarantee
- ◇ 2-year penalty
- ◇ Must be an insurance member to open annuity accounts
- ◇ Minimum to open account \$1,000
- ◇ Additional deposits can be made in increments of \$25 or greater

### 5 Year Annuity

#### Effective 1/1/2023 – New Business

- ◇ 4% for members only with 3% guarantee
- ◇ 5-year penalty
- ◇ Must be an insurance member to open annuity accounts
- ◇ Minimum to open account \$1,000
- ◇ Additional deposits can be made in increments of \$25 or greater

**Effective 4/1/2023 all existing member annuity contracts will earn 3.75% through 6/30/2023.**



**For applications or additional information contact the home office (216) 341-0444.**

## IN MEMORY OF JOSEPH A. KOCAB (MARCH 8, 1932 - DECEMBER 17, 2022)

Born and raised in Cleveland, Ohio, graduating from Benedictine High School, Joe received his B.A. in Zoology and his Master's degree in Educational Administration from Ohio University. Joe was a teacher and department head at John Adams High School in Cleveland, later serving as assistant principal. He was also assistant principal at Rawlings Junior High and South High schools, both in Cleveland.



Joe was the co-founder with Vaclav Hyvnar of the Czech Voice of Cleveland, a radio program he hosted for 49 years. He was the secretary

of Ceska Sin Karlin for more than 45 years. He was a member of the Knights of St. John and of St. John's Men's Club and a member of Sokol Greater Cleveland for more than 50 years. Joe was a member of the Czech Catholic Union for 85 years, serving

as vice-president, president and director till his death.

Joe had a lifelong commitment to advancing the Czech heritage. His knowledge of the history and historic personalities of Cleveland's Czech community was incredible. Joe was a friend to many and will be remembered for his wit, great memory and his well-meaning words of advice. May he rest in peace!!!

## CLEVELAND, OHIO

St. Joseph Society #156 held their December meeting with a Christmas Party on Sunday, December 11, 2022. We had some snow that day, but some of our members made the drive to the office.



St. Joseph Society #156 held their January meeting with a jaternice luncheon on Sunday, January 8, 2023. The officers were sworn in by St. Joseph member, Judge Ralph Perk.

Left to right: Ralph Perk, Bob Cermak, Audrey Schmidt, Kathy Cermak, Jane Milczewski, Karen Hausser and Dennis Kocian.





## CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA

St. Mary's Society #119 would like to thank the Czech Catholic Union for the annual increase in the value of our certificates.

On Sunday, December 19, 2022, the society members gathered for the Annual Christmas Party and Fellowship. Karen Sasek, treasurer, spoke about the CCU Convention which she attended last August in Cleveland, which she enjoyed.

Sympathy to the family of Marlene J. Dostal, who passed away on January 6, 2023. Marlene was a life-long resident of the city and had worked in nursing care. Marlene often attended society functions. The organ in St. Wenceslaus Church had been removed over the summer and was reinstalled in September. The organ had been repaired after the 2008 flooding which had damaged it. Now the organ needed to be completely cleaned and restored. Society member, Patricia (Pat) Beer, is the parish organist playing for Mass and other services since she was in school (75 years). We hope she will continue sharing her talent for many more years.



*Czech Republic honors leader of Cedar Rapids museum |  
The Gazette*



*"I was in tears when I got the news": Gratias Agit awards presented Radio Prague International Cecilia Rokusek and the Czech Minister of Foreign Affairs Jan Lipavsky  
Photo: Martin Vanis Radio Prague International*

On a related theme, an organ in St. Wenceslaus Church in Spillville (a Czech community in northeast Iowa) has also been restored. This organ has quite a history. Antonin Dvorak, the Czech composer, played this organ for Mass during the summer of 1893, while he resided in the town of Spillville. Mr. Dvorak wanted to get away from New York City when he was with the National Conservatory of Music. One of his students suggested that Mr. Dvorak come to Spillville. Mr. Dvorak missed the rural countryside of his early life. Mr. Dvorak enjoyed early morning walks in the country listening to the birds singing, whose harmonies he included in the New World Symphony. Mr. Dvorak was also influenced by chants and rhythms of the Kickapoo Native American Tribe and the gospel and spiritual music of the African Americans.

Cecelia Rokusek, President and CEO of the National Czech and Slovak Museum and Library in Cedar Rapids, received the Gratias Agit award in October 2022. In a tradition that dates to 1997, the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic bestows the award "for the promotion of the good name of the Czech Republic abroad and in appreciation of prominent personalities and organizations developing activities in non-governmental fields." Former U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright had been a previous recipient. There were eight honorees and Cecilia was the only American. Cecilia commented in a newspaper interview that the Museum is committed to preserving the culture and history of the Czech people.

Hope that the worst of Winter is past and that we can enjoy a nice Spring.

Joan Sebetka

## A WORD FROM OUR IT CONSULTANTS...

Remember the ‘good old days’ of email (12-15 years ago) when the most menacing thing we had to worry about was too much advertising spam! We still have advertising spam by the virtual truckload but today we have yet another thing to add to our email worries: Phishing attempts. Phishing is a cleverly disguised email, made to look like it came from a trustworthy source, designed to steal your sensitive information, or worse, simply (and naively) convince you to give it away.

Phishing emails try to get you to do one of two things: first, to simply hand over sensitive information and second, to download malware which more often than not contains ransomware. Ransomware is very, very bad. It will literally take ALL THE DATA on your PC (or server) and encrypt (lock) it so as to make it unusable to you. In order to get the “key” and de-crypt the data back to normal, you must pay a ransom. Usually, this ransom payment is around \$500 and must be paid in Bitcoin or other nontraceable methods. So, how can you spot a clean and legitimate email from one that is malicious and harmful. Here are just a few of the many ways to spot a phishing email:



1. If an email is asking you to change passwords, look first at the “From” portion of the email. Be sure it came from **your** IT department, bank or other institution where you have a valid login account.
2. If an email is asking that you log into a web site, be wary. For example, YOURBANK wants you to log in and verify information. The email looks exactly like an email from YOURBANK. To be sure, “mouse over” the link. This means **DO NOT CLICK THE LINK** but put your mouse on the link. Now look at the lower left of your screen. That area will show you the web site that link will take you regardless of the name of the link. If it’s not YOURBANK.COM, its better left alone!  
– More information on “mouse over” can be found at the XLN web site; <https://www.XLNsystems.com/mouseover>
3. Check the email address of the “From” field. You may be expecting an email from support@XLNsystems.com but the field may say support@XLN-SYS.net or something other than the email address you know it should come from.
4. If there are multiple spelling or grammatical errors, chances are it’s a phishing email.
5. Emails that encourage for you to act immediately. - “Urgent Action Require” or “Act now or your Account will be closed”. Again, chances are it’s a phishing email.
6. The IRS or Law Enforcement will **NEVER** email you for information or ask that you call them. The IRS will **ONLY** send letters in the mail. If you encounter such an email, **DELETE IT!!!** Then notify someone in authority so that others can be warned. When told to do so by your IT department, “Empty the Wastebasket” as well as your Trash and Junk folders.

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### College Grant 2022-2023

Society #	Member Name	College	City & State of College
156	Nicole Aveni	Miami University	Oxford, OH
119	Carson Blietz	Coe College	Cedar Rapids, IA
119	Jackson Blietz	University of Texas at San Antonio	San Antonio, TX
10	Justine Hershberger	Ursuline College	Pepper Pike, OH
11	Halle Mihacevich	Mercyhurst University	Erie, PA
46	Aubrey Novacek	Benedictine College	Atchison, KS
46	Lia Rose Reckmeyer	Benedictine College	Atchison, KS
156	Daniel Veselsky	University of Kentucky	Lexington, KY



CZECH CATHOLIC UNION/CCU LIFE  
Annual Statement  
December 31, 2022

ASSETS		LIABILITIES, RESERVES & UNASSIGNED FUNDS	
BONDS OWNED	\$ 18,693,700	LIFE CERT. RESERVES	\$ 17,448,882
PREFERRED STOCKS	\$ 1,307,556	CERTIFICATE CLAIMS	\$ 113,918
COMMON STOCKS	\$ 611,823	ADVANCE PREMIUMS	\$ 14,270
OTHER INVESTMENTS	\$ 34,292	PROV. FOR REFUNDS	\$ 35,000
REAL ESTATE	\$ 74,263	IMR	\$ 24,678
CERTIFICATE LOANS	\$ 73,019	ACCRUED EXPENSES	\$ 50,000
CASH ON HAND	\$ 173,689	FRATERNAL FUNDS	\$ 59,482
ACCRUED INVESTMENT INCOME	\$ 255,202	ASSET VALUATION RESERVE	\$ 405,850
ELECTRONIC DATA PROC. EQUIP	\$ 20,085	DRAFTS OUTSTANDING	\$ 247
		DEPOSIT TYPE CONTRACTS	<u>\$ 122,645</u>
UNCOLLECTED PREMIUMS	<u>\$ 415</u>	<i>TOTAL LIABILITIES</i>	\$ 18,274,972
		UNASSIGNED FUNDS	<u>\$ 2,969,072</u>
<i>TOTAL</i>	\$21,244,044	<i>TOTAL</i>	\$ 21,244,044

**SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS**

PREMIUM CONSIDERATION	\$ 2,082,966	
NET INVESTMENT INCOME	\$ 927,774	
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	<u>\$ 8,197</u>	
<i>TOTAL INCOME</i>		\$ 3,018,937
DEATH BENEFITS	\$ 266,984	
ANNUITY BENEFITS	\$ 789,618	
CASH SURRENDERS & MATURED BENEFITS	\$ 53,310	
INCREASE IN RESERVES FOR LIFE	<u>\$ 1,513,316</u>	
<i>TOTAL</i>		\$ 2,623,228
GENERAL EXPENSES	\$ 304,953	
INSURANCE TAXES, LICENSES, FEES	\$ 13,548	
AGGREGATE WRITE-INS FOR DEDUCTIONS	<u>\$ (21,742)</u>	
<i>TOTAL</i>		<u>\$ 296,759</u>
<i>TOTAL EXPENSES</i>		\$2,919,987
NET GAIN FROM OPERATIONS BEFORE REFUNDS TO MEMBERS		\$ 98,950
REFUNDS TO MEMBERS		<u>\$ 35,000</u>
NET GAIN FROM OPERATIONS AFTER REFUNDS TO MEMBERS		\$ 63,950
NET CAPITAL GAIN		<u>\$ (12,092)</u>
<i>NET INCOME</i>		\$ 51,858

**SOLVENCY RATIO 116%**



**St. Ludmila Society #46, Omaha, Nebraska** - "Thank you so much for the college grant. I really appreciate the financial support through out my college career. I have been blessed with being able to attend a Catholic institution. I know that I have grown as a whole person in every aspect of my life. The next chapter is starting soon and I am eager to see what the future holds. Thank you again for the support! I am praying for you all!"

*Sincerely, Lia Rose Reckmeyer*

**Saint Andrew Svorad Abbey, Cleveland, Ohio** - "On behalf of the monks of St. Andrew Abbey, thank you for your generous contribution. 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*

**Czech-Cultural Garden, Cleveland, Ohio** - "Thank you for your donation to the Czech Cultural Garden in 2022. The Garden is one among 24 nationality gardens in the Cleveland Cultural Gardens. It is a storefront window on the Czech Culture and heritage, often visited by groups and schools."

*Paul Burik*

**National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library, Cedar Rapids, Iowa** - "Thank you for your generous support over the past year. It is because of donors like you that we are able to help preserve, present, and transcend the unique stories of Czech and Slovak history and culture through innovative experiences and active engagement to reach cross-cultural audiences locally, nationally, and internally. We look forward to your continued support next year and sharing NCSML's success with you in the future."

*Sincerely, Jennifer Thiele, Director of Development*

**Notre Dame Cathedral Latin HS, Chardon, Ohio** - "How humbled and honored we are by your generosity and engagement with our mission "to educate leaders who transform the world, as Jesus did, by living the truth in love." Thank you for your recent donation and for your investment in our students and schools. Your selfless generosity transforms our world on this campus."

*Sincerely, Michael Bates, Ed.D, President*

**Saint Augustine Church, Cleveland, Ohio** - "Thank you for acting on your faith and helping to support the many ministries that tell the story of Saint Augustine. And may the peace and blessing of Almighty God bless you abundantly."

*Sincerely yours in Christ, Reverend William O'Donnell, C.P.P.S*

**St. Monica Church, Garfield Heights, Ohio** - "Thank you for your generous donation for the Parish Calendar fundraiser. Your donation is very much appreciated in making this a successful fundraiser for St. Monica Church."

*Sincerely, Fr. John Mullee*



**Sokol Greater Cleveland, Cleveland, Ohio** - "The Board of Directors and membership of Sokol Greater Cleveland would like to thank you for your gift to our capital campaign. Thank you for your support and we hope that you find tremendous satisfaction in knowing that your gift will go a long way in ensuring that the Sokol spirit will be alive and well for generations to come."

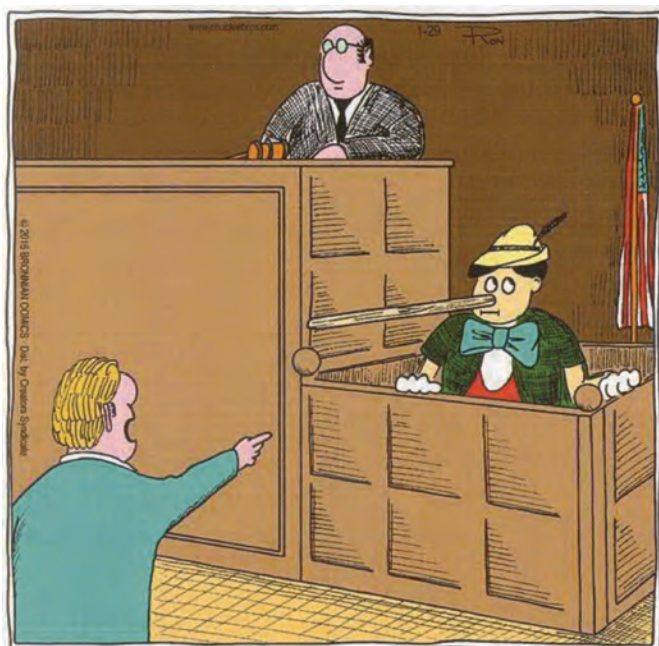
*Nazdar! Board of Directors*

**Trinity High School, Garfield Heights, Ohio** - "On behalf of the Administration of Trinity High School and many students and families we serve, please accept our gratitude for your donation."

*Peace and All Good, William J. Svoboda, President / Principal*

**Veterans of Foreign War, Kansas City, Missouri** - "Thank you for your recent gift to the Veterans of Foreign War (VFW). Your commitment to our nation's veterans is the backbone of our work at the VFW. Thanks to your support, veterans of every generation know they can turn to us for help when they need it the most. You can feel good knowing your contributions have a real impact on the lives of veterans and their families. Your generosity is making life better for the heroes who sacrifice for our country. Thank you once again."

*Sincerely Kelly J. Jones, Director, Development*



"Your honor, let the record show that the witness has perjured himself, yet again."

## HOT DOGS



Why do buns come in packages of eight, when hot dogs come ten to a pack? Hot dogs are sold by weight and since standard wieners are 1.6 ounces each, ten make an even pound. The buns are baked in pans that hold eight. This is according to the National Hot Dog and Sausage Council, which does exist.



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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.

Ceremonies for graduating students date from the first universities in the 12th century. At the time, Latin was the language of scholars.



**Congratulations to all our graduates!**



## CZECH CATHOLIC UNION/CCU LIFE HIGH SCHOOL GRANT

At the Executive Committee meeting held in November 2014, the Officers and Directors of the Czech Catholic Union/CCU Life voted to establish a Renewable Grant of **\$300.00** to members who will be enrolled in the 9<sup>th</sup> grade of a CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL or are already attending a CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL during the 2023-2024 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/CCU Life 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/CCU LIFE HOME OFFICE NO LATER THAN **JUNE 1, 2023**.

NO LATE APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED. **MUST BE SUBMITTED ANNUALLY.**

### Student Information

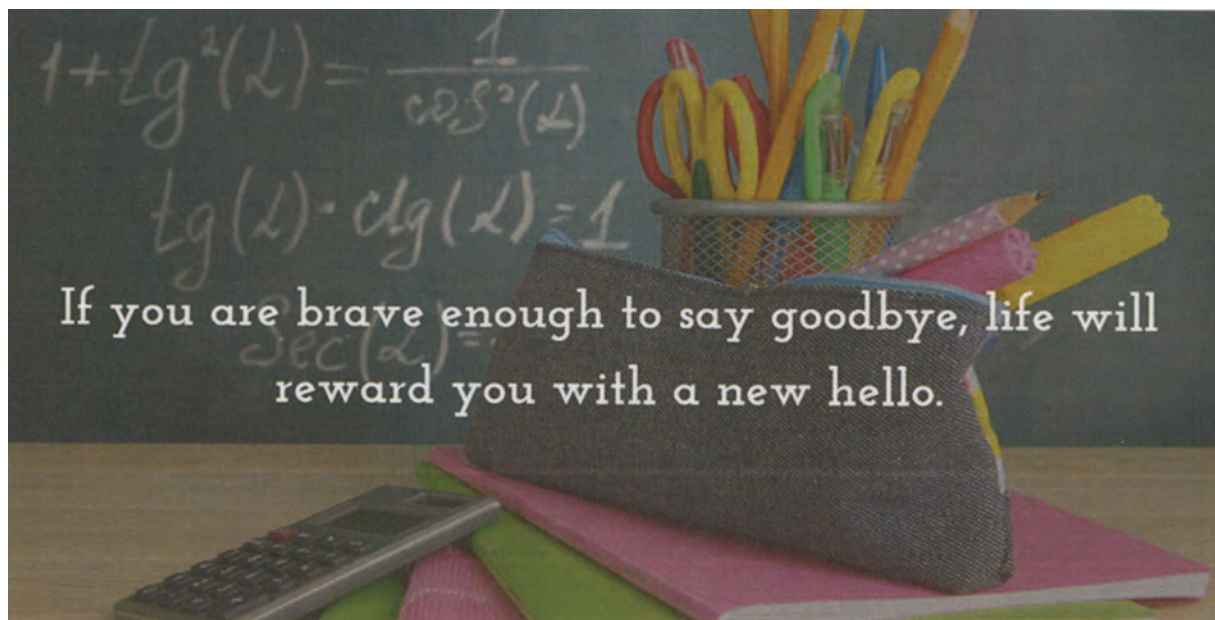
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City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Grade Level for Upcoming School Year: \_\_\_\_\_

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Email: [insurance@czechccu.org](mailto:insurance@czechccu.org)  
website: [www.czechccu.org](http://www.czechccu.org)







## RAISED ROLLS "MAYOR" (KYNUTE ROHLICKY "PRIMATOR")

3 c. flour  
6 oz. butter  
1/4 lb. almonds  
1 oz. yeast  
1 t. sugar  
1 c. milk  
rind from 1/4 lemon  
handful of flour

Sift flour. Add salt. Work in butter and lemon rind. Blanch and grate almonds, then roast on a pan. Mix yeast with sugar and milk. Let set a short while, then add to dough. Sprinkle cloth with flour and put dough on it. Tie cloth around dough. Put in a pot of cold water. Remove dough in 2 hours. Wipe dough dry. Place on floured board. Shape dough into little horns. Place on pan. Bake until brown in 400 degree oven. Sprinkle heavily with powdered sugar.

## OYSTER SOUP (OJSTR SOUP)

Bring a quart of milk to full boil. Add quart of oysters, a tablespoon of butter, salt and pepper. Remove from fire the minute the oysters begin to curl around the edges. Serve with oyster crackers.

## HOT DISH (SVITEK)

3 c. diced cooked meat (any kind)  
4 c. cubed bread or hamburger buns  
1 1/2 c. milk  
2. eggs  
2 cloves garlic, crushed  
1 t. marjoram  
2 T. celery, finely diced  
3 T. melted butter salt and pepper  
Soak bread in milk. Combine with the remaining ingredients. Place in well greased 8x12 pan. Top with melted butter. Bake 30-40 minutes in 350 degree oven.

## BEAUTIFUL ROSES



Beautiful roses grow in heaven's garden,  
Down to earth for us they will fall.  
The thorns and the teardrops,  
They no longer matter,  
For the beautiful roses make up for it all.  
Wishes and miracles, a symbol of love,  
A gift of great beauty sent from above.  
A rose is so precious, so fragile and fair,  
A message that God has answered your prayer.  
God gives us crosses mixed with blessings,  
But He gives us courage to conquer our fears.  
Along with the sunshine, you will see rainbows.  
He sends only crosses He knows you can bear.  
Beautiful roses I grow in my garden,  
They still need God's sun and showers to grow.  
The most beautiful thing in all creation,  
Only God's greatness can match that of the rose.  
Beautiful roses grow in heaven's garden,  
Down to earth for us they will fall.  
The thorns and the teardrops,  
They no longer matter,  
For the beautiful roses make up for it all.  
God's beautiful roses make up for it all.

*Cecilia Edwards-Stacey*



## POSSIBLY THE 5 BEST SENTENCES YOU WILL EVER READ

1. You cannot legislate the poor into prosperity by legislating the wealthy out of prosperity.
2. What one person receives without working for, another person must work for without receiving.
3. The government cannot give to anyone anything that the government does not first take from someone.
4. You cannot multiply wealth by dividing it
5. When half of the people get the idea that they do not have to work because the other half is going to take care of them, and when the other half get the idea that it does no good to work because someone else is going to get what they work for, that is the beginning of the end of any nation.

## BASEBALL PARK STYLE CANDIED CASHEWS

1 Whole Egg White, Beaten  
1 teaspoon Ice Cold Water  
2 cups Whole Cashews  
3/4 cups Granulated Sugar  
1/2 teaspoon Cinnamon Powder  
1 pinch Salt To Taste

Preheat oven to 250°F. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper. Beat egg white and water in a bowl until nice and frothy. Add nuts to the bowl, along with sugar and spices, and mix very well.

Lay nuts evenly on the baking sheet and place in preheated oven for about 30 minutes or until everything begins to caramelize and get nice and toasted. Once that is achieved, remove from oven and slide those nuts into a serving bowl. Let cool for about 5 minutes (if you can resist), and dig in.

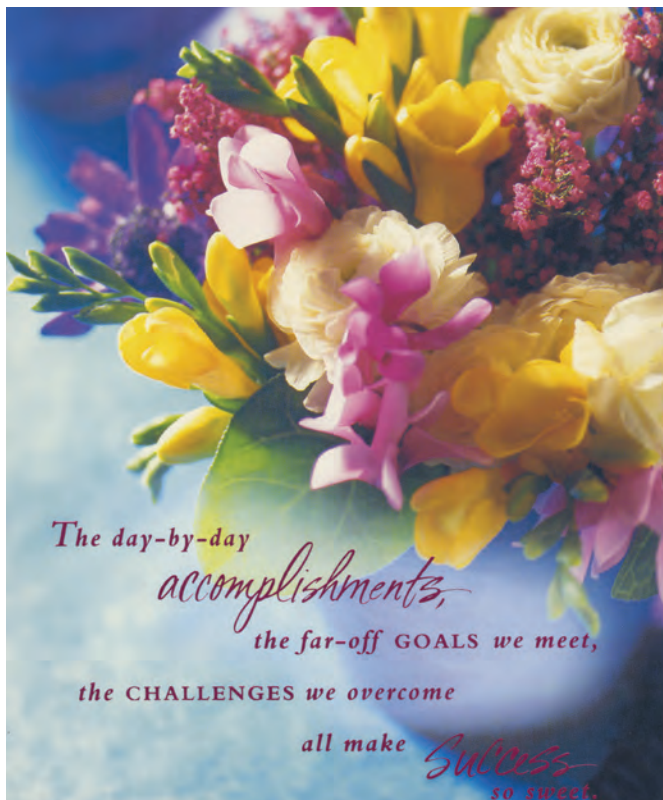


## BASEBALL QUOTES

"When you start the game, they don't say, 'Work ball!' They say, 'Play ball!' – Willie Stargell

"Baseball is like church. Many attend, but few understand." – Leo Durocher

"I really love the togetherness in baseball. That's real true love." – Billy Martin



### Czech Catholic Union/CCU Life

#### ***Offering Protection for the Whole Family!!!***

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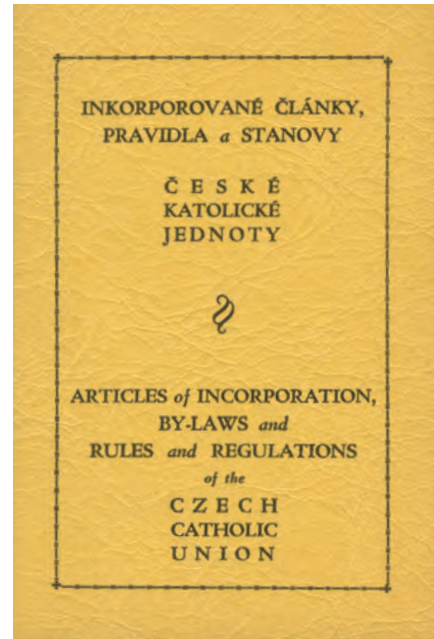
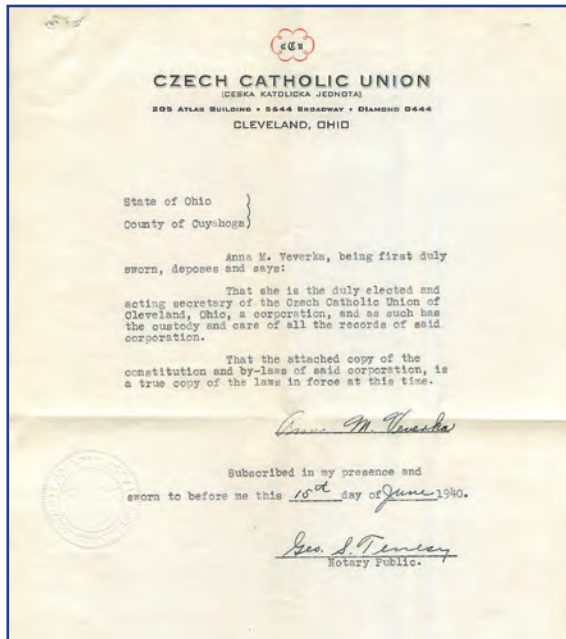
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# Flashback Facts

In 1942, the Czech Catholic Union/CCU Life had 46 societies: one in Minnesota, one in New York, one in Pittsburgh, two in Detroit, two in Nebraska, four in St. Louis, fourteen in Cleveland and twenty-one in Chicago. Today the Czech Catholic Union/CCU Life has 20 societies.



# Flashback Fotos



1970 - Executive Committee of the Czech Catholic Union  
 Front Row Left to Right: Marie Huckestein (Pittsburgh), Marie Konicek (Detroit) Mildred Janda (Chicago) and Marie Prusa (Chicago)  
 Back Row Left to Right: Elsie Filous (Cleveland), Anna Veverka (Cleveland), Ralph Perk, Monsignor Korav (St. Richard Parish, North Olmsted, Ohio) and Frances Hejl (New York)



Not sure of exact date, but somewhere between 1998-2004 - Board of Directors of CCU  
 Front Row Left to Right: Pauline Kveton, Elsie Malec, Archbishop Kucera, Mary Ann Mahoney and Loretta Moravecek  
 Back Row Left to Right: Joseph Kocab, Lillian Kopecky, Edward Babor, Maryann Langevin, Elizabeth Trodden and Olga Jahn



## ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH (CIRKEV SV. JIRI)

St. George's Church, built in 1352, sits on a hill in the village of Lukova, almost 100 miles east of Prague, Czech Republic. This church has become known as one of the world's scariest churches. The church has been abandoned since 1968, when the roof collapsed in the middle of a funeral service. Inside the church are eerie-looking ghosts made of plaster and phosphorescent material (glow in the dark). These ghosts are supposed to represent Sudeten Germans (Sudeten Bohemians) from before WWII who resided in Lukova and prayed there every Sunday.



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## SAINT GEORGE

It is uncertain when Saint George was born, however his death date is estimated to be April 23, 303. Several stories exist about George fighting dragons. The western version is when the princess was to be offered to the dragon, George appeared, faced the dragon, protected himself with the sign of the Cross and slayed the dragon.



Saint George Feast Day April 23





## THE GREENHOUSE AT LEDNICE CASTLE



The Lednice Castle is one of the grandest castles in the Czech Republic, located in the South Moravian countryside near the border with Austria. The Greenhouse at this castle, built 1843-1845, sits on the location of the former wooden orangery founded in 1717. An orangery is a room or a building where orange and other fruit trees were protected during the winter.

The greenhouse measures about 302 feet in length, about 43 feet in width and is almost 25 feet high.



Down Memory Lane . . . . Advertisement used by the Czech Catholic Union Before 1958!

### CZECH CATHOLIC UNION~FAMILY PROTECTION *for Men and Women who look ahead!*

#### WHAT IS PERFECT PROTECTION? Perfect Protection Must Do these Six Things

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| <p><b>1 IT MUST GUARANTEE</b><br/>the completion of our plans in the event we are called away prematurely—it must guarantee the accumulation of a sinking fund if we are NOT called away. It must guarantee security both now and later.</p> | <p><b>3 PERFECT PROTECTION MUST</b><br/>be the type of protection that leaves nothing to chance—it must protect both your family and you—it must build up reserves—it must adapt itself to the individual's activities of the present as well as his plans for the future. It is "no-zay" protection.</p> | <p><b>5 IT MUST REMOVE</b><br/>the spectre of poverty, hardship and embarrassment from the lives of those dependent. It must remove the possibility of miscarriage of plans for the loved ones.</p>                                      |
| <p><b>2 IT MUST PROVIDE</b><br/>money for loved ones in the hour of distress and grief. It must provide money to educate children—pay off mortgages—furnish income during the readjustment period after the loved one is called away.</p>    | <p><b>4 IT MUST ACCOMPLISH</b><br/>the things unable to accomplish if death steps in to disrupt plans. It must be a means by which it makes certain that the obligations and responsibilities to loved ones will be carried out without fail.</p>   | <p><b>6 IT MUST DEMONSTRATE</b><br/>affection and thoughtfulness for those that are near and dear to us. It must demonstrate foresightedness in recognizing that the unexpected may happen and in preparing for such an eventuality.</p> |

**. . . and the Czech Catholic Union DOES THEM ALL**

# FROM THE NATIONAL CZECH & SLOVAK MUSEUM & LIBRARY IN CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA

## Brilliant Bohemian Garnets June 17, 2023 – January 14, 2024 Petrik Gallery

A one-of-a-kind exhibition of priceless antique and modern garnets from the National Museum in Prague, Czech Republic is only making one stop in America - and that's in Iowa. Over 300 objects that feature the fiery red gemstones will be on display. Many pieces are garnet-decorated jewelry, but others are household items like eyeglasses, mirrors, or picture frames. Mining and cutting equipment will also be featured.

Bohemian garnets are an important and beloved part of the cultural heritage for people of Czech and Slovak descent. After this special showing at NCSML, the garnets will be put on permanent display at a special new gallery at the Czech National Museum, never to leave the Czech Republic again.

**Sponsored by:** *Betterlife, Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs, and the City of Cedar Rapids Hotel-Motel Tax.*

Note: For more information, here is the website - <https://ncsml.org/exhibit/brilliant-bohemian-garnets/>



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## Compliments of the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library

The Skala Bartizal Library, which is an integral part of the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library (NCSML) in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, supports the mission of the NCSML by collecting, preserving, and making available library materials that document Czech and Slovak history and culture within both the European and American contexts. These materials can be used for research and information purposes and to support the NCSML's exhibits, programs, or publications.

The types of materials we collect include books, periodicals, archival materials, oral histories, sheet music, musical recordings, and films and documentaries. Areas of interest include history and politics, literature (fiction and non-fiction), local history, genealogy, immigration, folk and fine art, customs and traditions, religion, music, and cooking.

Most of the historic publications or archival materials in our library and archives are donated by individuals or organizations that want to ensure that these items are preserved and made available for future generations. We are especially interested in collecting materials that document the Czech-American or Slovak-American experience. These include minutes books kept by fraternal lodge or branch secretaries, the journals issued by the home office, and the materials produced by other Czech-American and Slovak-American organizations. We preserve these materials in acid-free archival folders and boxes and secure them in a temperature- and humidity-controlled environment. These materials can be discovered by searching the library's online catalog, archival finding aids, and portals to digitized materials.

The library is open Tuesday through Saturday and is staffed by two professional librarians who manage the library's resources and provide reference services to the public in person, over the phone, and via e-mail. We assist families researching their family history, authors writing novels, organizational histories, and scholarly articles, and those who have questions about a variety of historical or cultural topics. We also refer inquirers on to our network of other libraries, archives, scholars, and subject matter experts as needed.

The Skala Bartizal Library serves the Czech-American and Slovak-American communities. We actively preserve their stories and accomplishments while also documenting the universal values of peace, democracy, and freedom that Czechs and Slovaks abroad hold so dear. We encourage you to explore our collections, discover what we have to offer, and learn more about your cultural heritage. We welcome your inquiries. Learn more about us at [www.NCSML.org](http://www.NCSML.org) or contact us directly at [library@NCSML.org](mailto:library@NCSML.org).

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## VOZNICE (NATIONAL NATURE RESERVE)

This reserve lies in the eastern part of the Krivoklatsko Protected Landscape Area in the Central Bohemia area of the Czech Republic. The name of the reserve is identical with the name of the stream that flows through the protected area. The ruins of Jencov Castle are in the area. This castle is one of the smallest castles in the Czech Republic, located in the territory of Belec (about 16 miles west of Prague). It is unknown of the exact date the foundation of this castle was established, but research confirmed its existence at the turn of the 13th and 14th centuries.



**JENCOV CASTLE RUINS**



The protection of the Voznice Reserve was declared with the aim of preserving the natural forest communities containing native tree species, plant life, animal life and natural water bodies. The entire territory of the Krivoklatsko Protected Landscape Area is a Site of Community Importance in Voznice.



Memorial linden tree (Czech Republic national tree) and statue of St. John Nepomuk at the bridge over Voznice (stream) in Belec (village in Kladno District in the Central Bohemian Region of the Czech Republic).

### CZECH TO ENGLISH TREE TERMS

Strom	Tree
Buk	Beech
Linden	Czech National Tree
Smrk	Fir
Dub	Oak
Briza	Birch
Topol	Poplar
Jasan	Ash
Jilm	Elm
Javor	Maple
Borovice	Pine
Jablon	Apple Tree



**St. John Nepomuk Feast Day is May 16**



## KOST CASTLE



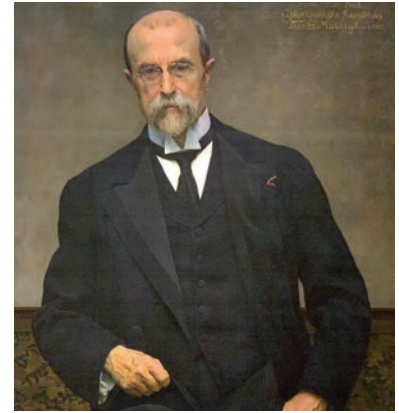
This castle is a Gothic castle located in Libosovice municipality in Jicin District in the Hradec Kralove Region of the Czech Republic. The castle lies in the nature region of Bohemian Paradise, a landscape of forests and sandstone rocks. Founded in 1349, Kost Castle is known for its Donjon Bilavez (white tower), protected by two circles of fortress walls. Standing on a highland over a set of fishponds whose dams were broken over time, changed the castle into a moated castle with walls as hard as bone.

The Czech word for bone is kost (the Bone Castle).



## TWO CZECH SONGS

These two songs were mentioned in the article in the last Posel about the Czech concert in St. Louis. The songs were favorite folk songs of Tomas Masaryk, the first president of Czechoslovakia, (March 7, 1850 - Sept. 14, 1937)



### ACH SYNKU, SYNKU

Ach, synku, synku, doma li jsi ?  
Tatieek se pta, oral li jsi ?  
Oral jsem, oral, ale malo  
Koleeko se mi polamalo  
Kkyz se ti zlamalo, dej ho spravit  
Naue se, syneeku, hospodait!

### OH SON, SON

Oh, son, son, are you home?  
Dad asks, did you plough?  
I plowed, plowed, but little  
My wheel broke.  
If it breaks, fix it.  
Learn how to farm, son!

### TECE, VODA, TECE

Tece voda, Tece od potoka k rece,  
Namluvil si mlady hulán modrooke devce.  
Ach, matko, matko ma, nevím si s tím rady,  
Naucil se za mnou chodit jeden hulán mlady.  
Ach, dcero, dcero ma, zanechej hulana,  
Hulanido poleodjedou, ty zustanes sama.

### WATER IF FLOWING

Water flows from stream to river,  
Young uhlan paired off with blue eye girl.  
Oh, my mother, I don't know what to do,  
One young uhlan started to meet me.  
Oh, my daughter, leave the uhlan,  
Uhlans will leave to battlefield and  
You will stay alone.

Note: Uhlan is a Prussian cavalry officer/soldier.

Editor's Note: This is one variant of this song.



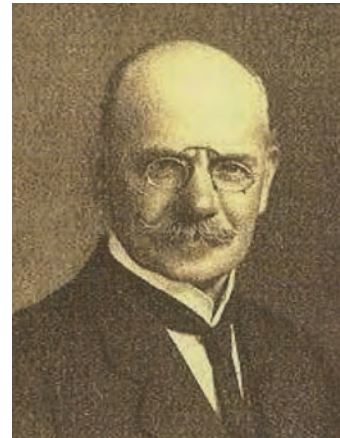
## CHURCH OF ST. PETER AND PAUL



This Roman Catholic Church, located in Melnik, Czech Republic, is one of the oldest churches in Bohemia. The church is dominated by a 197 feet high square tower overlooking the Elbe and Vltava rivers. The beginnings of the church date back to the period around the year 1000. The tower was built in 1483-1488.



Underneath the church is a crypt originally intended for Bohemia's royal ladies. In the 1520s a plague swept through the area, creating a huge demand for burial ground. The corpses occupying the cemeteries surrounding the church were dug up and some 15,000 corpses were cleaned and dumped into the vault. In the 1780s, when ossuaries (room where bones of dead people are placed) were declared a health risk. The vault was bricked up and forgotten about for some 130 years, until Jindrich Matiegka decided to take a look.



**Jindrich Matiegka (1862-1941)**

Considered one of the fathers of Czech anthropology, Matiegka studied skeletons, crypts and ossuaries throughout the then Czechoslovakia. In the 1910s, he reopened the entrance to the crypt and began assembling the bones into his very own ossuary. Matiegka stacked the bones into orderly piles and meaningful patterns. As a signature Matiegka wrote the Latin inscription "Ecce mors" ("Behold death") spelled out in bones.



The church and ossuary are still open.



Monument to Holy Trinity  
Olomouc, Moravia  
Czech Republic  
14 crowns = 45 cents



**Feast Day of St. Peter and Paul is June 29.**





### WHAT IS A MOTHER?

A mother is a lot of things  
 All molded into one,  
 With special parts to fit her needs  
 And make her motor run.  
 Her brakes are lined with patience  
 To save on wear and tear.  
 For lubrication she relies  
 On tender loving care.  
 Her gas tank's never empty,  
 Her wheels are set to go  
 In bright and sunny weather,  
 In rain or sleet or snow!  
 Her chassis is constructed  
 To take life's hardest knocks.  
 Her cool is seldom dented.  
 She's sort of like the family car  
 Except it's very clear  
 You wouldn't want to trade her  
 For a new one every year!!



St. Adelbert Feast Day is April 23

### A SPECIAL PRAYER FOR OUR MOTHERS



O God our Creator, pour forth Your blessings on those with whom You have shared the gift of creation. Hear our prayerful pleas for the women who loved us into being. Intercede for all mothers this day, so that they may learn to draw their children to You. Teach them how to remain close to their children, even their sons and daughters who have gone astray. Bless our mothers with good

health, long life and the reward of eternal life in Your Divine Presence. Amen.



Birthday wishes to our Chaplain, Father Joseph Callahan, who will celebrate his birthday on May 18. "Wishing you everything that makes you happy on your birthday and always."





## BANANA DAY APRIL 21



This day is similar to both April Fool's Day and Halloween, without the trick or treating, with some healthy eating thrown in. The bananas we enjoy today are much better than the original wild fruit it first was and are popular mainly because they are loaded with energy boosters.

What do bananas say when they answer the phone?  
"YELLOW?"

## BANANA FRITTERS

- 1 1/4 c. sifted all-purpose flour, divided
- 2 t. baking powder
- 1 1/4 t. salt
- 1 T. granulated sugar
- 1 large egg, beaten
- 1/3 c. milk, plus 3 T.
- 1/2 t. vanilla extract
- 2 t. melted butter
- 2 firm bananas, peeled, cut into 4 pcs.
- 1 1/2 c. oil for frying
- Powder sugar for garnish

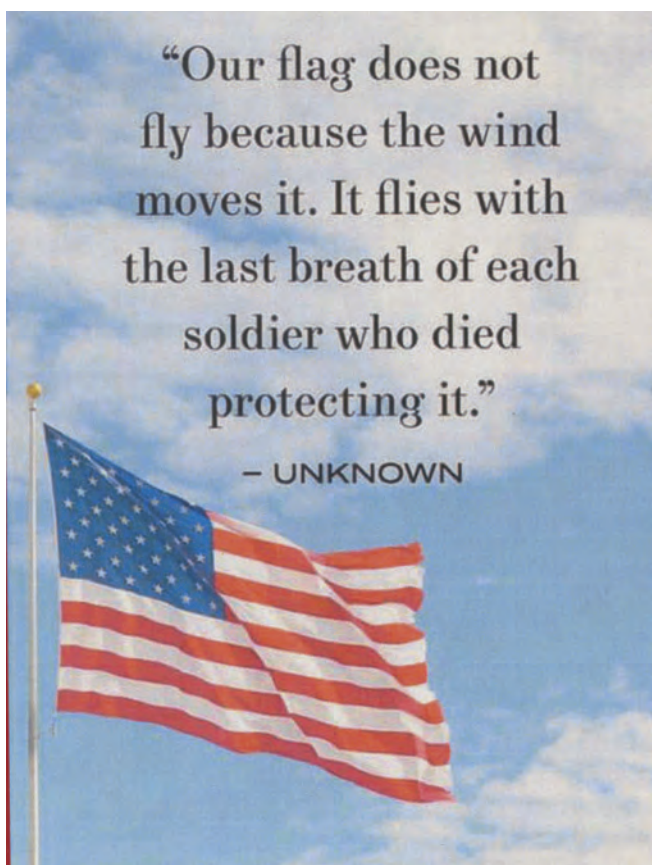


Sift 1 cup of flour with baking powder, salt and sugar. Combine egg, milk and melted butter until smooth. Add to dry ingredients. Mix until smooth, yet stiff. Roll banana pieces in remaining 1/4 c. of flour. Dip into fritter batter, completely coating pieces. Fry in 375 degrees oil until golden brown. Turn fritters to brown evenly. Drain on paper towels. Sprinkle powder sugar while hot.

## MEMORIAL DAY



In the end, we will remember not the words of our enemies, but the silence of our friends.



## FLAG DAY

Born in Philadelphia on June 14, 1777, the flag of the United States of America symbolizes the patriotic ideals of a nation "conceived in liberty" and admired around the world. From the dawn's early light to the twilight's last gleaming, we proudly display our flag.





## Notice To Members

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

# PAYMENTS OF MORTUARY DEATH CLAIMS

The Czech Catholic Union/CCU Life 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
Jennifer Burke	Cedar Rapids, IA	Blessed Virgin Mary	119	06-01-1985	11-07-2022	37
Katherine Waldecker	Detroit, MI	St. Ann	5	11-01-1943	04-23-2020	77
Rose Ruzicka	Cedar Rapids, IA	Blessed Virgin Mary	119	09-01-1964	05-03-2022	73
Mildred Schranz	Pittsburgh, PA	St. Ann	16	09-01-1934	12-15-2022	93
Barbara Mayer	Cleveland, OH	St. Ann	1	11-01-1940	01-02-2023	83
Charlotte Gerber	Chicago, IL	St. Ann	3	03-01-1950	01-02-2023	90
Daniel Hrdlicka	Cleveland, OH	St. Joseph	156	04-01-1952	10-05-2021	69
Arlene Rayer	Cicero, IL	Our Lady of the Mount	143	12-01-1947	05-18-2021	91
Joseph A. Kocab	Cleveland, OH	St. Joseph	156	08-01-1957	12-17-2022	90
Joseph Kocab had 6 insurance certificates						
Margaret Kahoun	Cleveland, OH	St. Joseph	156	07-01-1994	02-01-2023	74
Marlene Dostal	Cedar Rapids, IA	Blessed Virgin Mary	119	02-01-1950	01-06-2023	73
Albert F. Hanzlick	Cleveland, OH	St. Joseph	156	07-01-1949	02-09-2023	91

DEATH CLAIMS PAID IN 2023 \$99,159.00