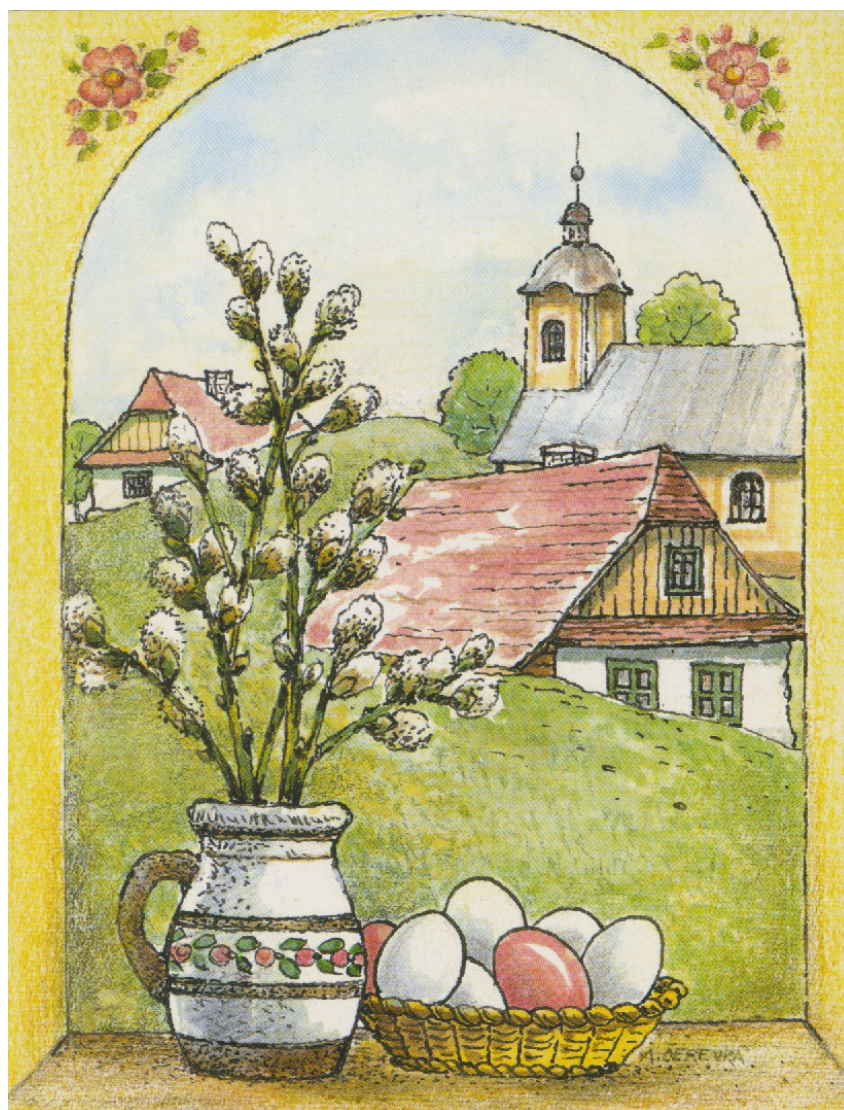


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HAPPY SPRING

May your days blossom with
joy and blessings.



MEMORARE TO SAINT JOSEPH

Remember, O most chaste spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, that never has it been known that anyone who asked for your help or intercession was left unaided. Full of confidence in your power, I hasten to you and beg your protection. Listen, O foster-father of the Redeemer, to my humble prayer, and in your goodness hear and answer me. Amen.



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 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 and harmony 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 2025. May the risen Christ accompany us as we strive to be pilgrims of hope.

Fr. Joseph H. Callahan





50th NATIONAL CZECH & SLOVAK MUSEUM & LIBRARY

ANNIVERSARY

1974 ♦♦ 2024

EXHIBITS

Marj Nejd: Master Folk Artist
Now through 4/21/24,
Anderson Gallery

Exhibit Revisit

Now through 4/14/24,
Petrik Gallery

The National Collection:

50 Years of NCSML
3/16/24–1/12/25, Smith Gallery

Postmark Czechoslovakia:

Every Stamp Tells a Story
3/23/24–5/25/24,
Skala Bartizal Library

**Vaclav Havel: From
Dissident to President**
4/27/24–9/29/24,
Anderson Gallery

**Alphonse Mucha: Master
of Art Nouveau**
5/4/24–9/1/24,
Petrik Gallery

Famous Czech Composers
6/1/24–10/12/24
Skala Bartizal Library

Modern Design

10/5/24–3/30/25,
Petrik Gallery



SIGNATURE EVENTS

CGSI Symposium
4/20/24–4/21/24

**Economic Summit:
Understanding the Past
to Build the Future**
(International Partnership
Forum), 5/2/24–5/3/24

**President's Society
Preciosa Gala**, 5/4/24

**Furdek Special Collection,
Grand Opening**
Mid-May 2024

BrewNost, 9/20/24

**Grand Opening of
Prague-Style ORLOJ**
(Astronomical Clock)
September 2024

Old World Christmas Market
12/7/24–12/8/24



WORKSHOPS

Easter Egg Decorating
Learn traditional Czech meth-
ods of hand-decorating Easter
eggs with beautiful motifs.

Moravian Folk Art

Join artists from the Moravian
Glory Foundation for a summer
week of decorating t-shirts,
towels, wine glasses, coasters,
paintings, and wooden plaques
with Moravian folk motifs!

Kroj-making Workshop

Basics of designing and
creating a kroj, combining
modern tools and materials
with traditional designs
and patterns.

Slovak Folklore Dance

Learn some of the traditional
dance forms of Slovakia. An
excellent work-out!

Intensive Czech Language Class

Learning Czech, receiving
foreign language credit, is
an excellent way to connect
with the Czech culture with an
expert from the T. G. Masaryk
Czech School.

Czech and Slovak History and Culture

Summer week full of immersion
into Czech and Slovak history
and culture.

**Kolache Baking Class, Foods
to Treasure for Generations**
Learn how to bake traditional
Kolache!

NCSML Zoom

Cooking School Series
Learn from Czech-born
Chef Tom Slepicka.



PROGRAMS

FEBRUARY: Community
Classes on Needlepoint and
Embroidery; Presentation on
Folk Modernism with
Marta Filipová

MARCH: Community
Engagement Series and Events;
Concert by Ambros Duo;
NCSML Book Talks

APRIL: *Spring Melodies
of Antonin Dvorak* by
local musicians

MAY: Music Celebration of
Spring; Colorful People Concert

JUNE/JULY: Week-Long
Summer Classes; Smithsonian
Leaders at the NCSML

AUGUST: A week of Radost
Theatre — Brno puppetry for
children and adults

SEPTEMBER: Discovering Our
Roots Through Music & Dance

OCTOBER: Community
Engagement Series and Events;
Concert by Filip Pogady

NOVEMBER: Community
Engagement Series and
Events; A children's workshop
featuring Czech children's
literature; Buchty and Kolache
demonstration; Community
workshop on Czech music

DECEMBER: Community
Engagement Series and Events
Concerts by local musicians at
Old World Christmas Market

**NCSML SCHOOL TOURS
THROUGHOUT THE YEAR**



GRAND CELEBRATION: NCSML 50th ANNIVERSARY

October 28 and October 31
Immigrants to America video
mapping light show on the
NCSML building

October 29

New World Symphony — new
arrangement for guitar and
piano, concert by Barbora
Kubikova and Ahmad Hedar

October 30 and November 3
Rusalka featuring Ester Pavlu
of the Prague Opera and
Vlado Chmelo, Metropolitan
Opera artist

October 31

Fashion Show: *Our Czech
and Slovak Kroje in the 21st
Century* by renowned Czech
and Slovak fashion designer,
Beata Rajska

November 1

Dvorak and Korngold: a unique
combination — a mezzo
soprano, piano, and violin (a
Czech and Moravian-born
American composer)

November 2

Film documentary on
Peter Dvorsky: Slovak
opera tenor and his story

DETAILS AT NCSML.ORG



A VERY SPECIAL YEAR!

In addition to our normal rich offerings of exhibits, workshops, concerts and other programs, we have a series of special events to celebrate our 50th anniversary.

2024 promises to be an especially exciting year, as the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library celebrates its **50th Anniversary**, marking our founding in the autumn of 1974. We have a superb line-up of programs, workshops, exhibits, and signature events leading to a **Grand Celebration** the week of October 28th.

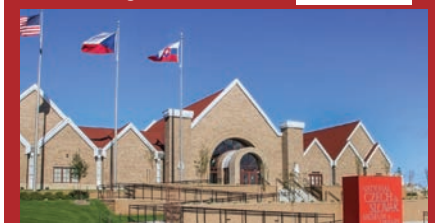
May 2: **Third Economic Summit, Understanding the Past to Build the Future**, with the participation of Miloslav Stašek, Czech ambassador to the U.S., and Radovan Javorčík, Slovak ambassador to the U.S. This event will provide an opportunity to learn more about opportunities for businesses and universities in all three nations, as well as the critically important topics of freedom, democracy and immigration. This coincides with the opening of our exhibit *Alphonse Mucha: Master of Art Nouveau*: 75 works from one of the most celebrated proponents of Art Nouveau.

The **Czechoslovak Genealogical Society International (CGSI)** will be holding a symposium here on April 20th and 21st. This recognizes not

only our 50th Anniversary, but also the excellent work done by NCSML on genealogical research, led by our Library Director Dave Muhlena.

NCSML AT A GLANCE

- Address: 1400 Inspiration Place SW, Cedar Rapids, IA 52404
- Open Mon.–Sat., 9:30 a.m.–4 p.m.; Sunday, Noon–4 p.m.
- Parking Options: Parking garage entrance is located on 15th Ave. Free to use and handicap accessible. Outdoor parking: Next to the museum on 15th Ave. and across the street in Czech Village.
- Fully ADA accessible. For personal assistance, contact Visitors Services Coordinators at 319-362-8500 or info@NCSML.org before visiting.
- A Smithsonian Affiliate since 2019
- Re-accredited by the American Alliance of Museums in 2023
- Go to NCSML.org for latest info on all programs, events, and event registration.



Progress is being made on our **Orloj** (astronomical clock), patterned after the 15th Century masterpiece in Prague, and featuring 12 figurines collectively celebrating the immigrant experience.

BrewNost, on September 20th, remains the Midwest's premier international beer festival, supporting our educational and cultural mission!

The **Grand Celebration** will feature multiple cultural programs, including a light show, fashion show, and presentation of Dvorak's operatic masterpiece *Rusalka*.

2024 will see the debut of an exciting new vehicle for this work, as we debut **NCSMLTV**, our Vimeo OTT channel, featuring classes including our popular cooking school, concerts, lectures, and exhibit tours. Our goal is to make NCSMLTV attractive to all subscribers, whether they are based in Iowa, nationally, or internationally.

Join us as we celebrate our colorful Czech and Slovak heritage, whether in person or virtually. *Vítáme Vás — Vítáme Vás — WELCOME!*

CZECH CATHOLIC UNION/CCU LIFE HIGH SCHOOL GRANT

At the Executive Committee meeting held on March 6, 2024, the Officers and Directors of the Czech Catholic Union/CCU Life voted to increase the Renewable Grant of **\$500.00** 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 2024-2025 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, 2024**.

NO LATE APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED. MUST BE SUBMITTED ANNUALLY.

Student Information

Date: _____ Society No.: _____ Policy No.: _____

Name: _____ Social Security No.: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Email: _____ Phone No.: _____

Catholic High School Information

Catholic High School: _____

Address: _____

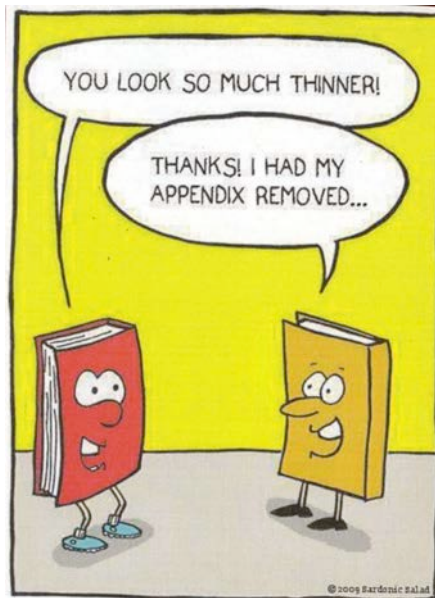
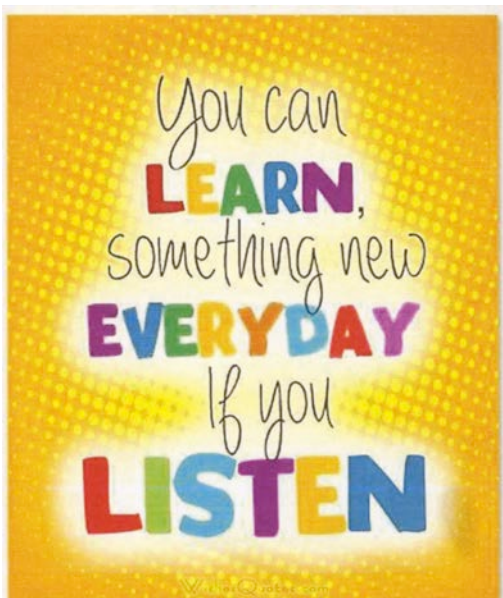
City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone No.: _____ Website: _____

Grade Level for Upcoming School Year: _____

Please mail this application to: Czech Catholic Union/CCU Life
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Cleveland, Ohio 44127

Email: insurance@czechccu.org
website: www.czechccu.org



Cleveland, Ohio



Owen Lipstreu received one of three scholarships from the Ohio Fraternal Association. Owen, majoring in broadcast journalism, is a freshman at Ohio University. Owen has been a member of St. Joseph's Society of the Czech Catholic Union since birth. He is the son of Mark & Leanne Lipstreu, grandson of Audrey & Bill Schmidt and great grandson of Elsie & Fred Malec. Congratulations Owen.



*Wishing you a happy holiday season
and a wonderful 2024!*

Joe, Colleen, Maggie (8), and Andrew (6)

Jennifer Schaefer Photography

The Tonges Family, all members of
Society #156



St. Joseph Society #156 held their annual Memorial Service for deceased members at the November 2023 meeting. The deceased members were: Albert Hanzlick, Edward Henry, Daniel Hrdlicka, Claire Hunek, Arthur Jedlinski, Margaret Kahoun, Joseph A. Kocab, Joseph C. Kocab and Michael Perk.



St. Joseph Society #156 held their December meeting and Christmas party on December 10, 2023. For something different, a potluck dinner was put together. Santa Claus even showed up and was able to be in the picture.

Cedar Rapids, Iowa

Karen Sasek, Treasurer, arranged for members of the Society to meet at a local restaurant in May 2023 for members to socialize.

Patricia Beer, a member of the Society, was honored on Saturday, September 3, 2023 for seventy years of dedication as an organist for St. Wenceslaus Parish. Pat plays the organ for masses and special events with the adult choir. Pat had taken piano and organ lessons from the Sisters of Mercy who had taught at the school. Pat had started playing the organ at church at the age of twelve.

After the 4:00 PM Mass that Saturday, there was a reception and buffet for Pat's family, friends and parishioners to express appreciation for Pat's talent and the enjoyment she has contributed to the religious ceremonies.

The Annual St. Wenceslaus Czech Goulash Day was held on Sunday, September 25, 2023. It was a pleasant Autumn day for attendees to enjoy food, kolaches and music. The church was open for people to tour the church, visit with greeters, learn about the history of the parish and relate memories of attending the church and former school.

Thanks for the interesting article published in the Posel about the display of garnets at the Czech and Slovak Museum and Library in Cedar Rapids. It was informative. Besides the display of garnets and their uses, there were portraits of women adorned with garnet jewelry. It is well worth a visit to the Museum to view the garnet display, the national gem of the Czech and Slovak people, while it is still in Cedar Rapids.

The Most (Bridge), a newsletter from the Museum which gives notice of upcoming events, had an article about Czech and Slovak fraternal societies. They had been organized by immigrants to help assimilate into American life and still retain their cultural identities. The Czech Catholic Union was spotlighted.

Joan Sebetka, Secretary
Blessed Virgin Mary Society #119

Flashback Fotos 1942

This is the Boeing Flying Fortress, the famous high-altitude, daylight precision bomber operating in war theatres throughout the world. This fortress has 4 engines, a wing span of approximately 104 feet and a top speed exceeding 300 miles an hour. It carries a bomb load up to 10 tons, has a service ceiling above 40,000 feet, is heavily armed with thirteen 50 caliber machine guns and is capable of operating over a long range. The Flying Fortress was designed and developed by the Boeing Aircraft Company, with plants located in Seattle and Renton, Washington, Wichita, Kansas and Vancouver, British Columbia.



This truck was dedicated by the U.S. Government to the members and their families of the Czech Catholic Union, in recognition of their splendid and unselfish contribution to the war effort of World War II.



MORAVIAN RED CABBAGE

- 1 1/2 lbs. red cabbage, shredded or sliced
- 1 onion, chopped
- 1 c. water
- 1/3 c. apple cider vinegar
- 1 t. salt
- 4 t. sugar
- 1/2 t. caraway seed
- 1/3 c. butter
- 1/3 c. flour

Put first seven ingredients in large pot. Bring to boil, then simmer about an hour, stirring frequently. Drain but save liquid. Melt butter in small pot. Stir in flour and gradually stir in saved liquid to maintain a smooth paste, but barely bring to a boil. Stir the thickened liquid into the cabbage.

PICKLED PORK LOAF (SULC)

- 2 lbs. pork hocks
- 2 lbs. pork head
- 1 lb. lean pork
- Tongue or heart may also be added.

Wash all meat well. Cover with water. Add 1 t. salt. Boil till done but not too soft. If liquid boils down too much, add water. Should have at least 3 cups liquid when cooked. Remove meat from bones and cut into about 1 in. pieces. If use tongue, peel it. Strain the liquid and skim off fat. Add salt, if needed, 1/2 t. pepper, 1 large onion, finely chopped and 1/2 c. vinegar. Place the meat into the liquid and again bring to a boil. Pour into a bowl and place in refrigerator to set. Serve cold, sliced with vinegar. This may be placed into fruit jars and sealed. May be kept in a cold place indefinitely.

DAFFODIL SPONGE CAKE

- 1 c. egg whites
- 1 c. sugar
- 1 t. cream of tartar
- 1 c. sifted cake flour
- 1/2 t. salt
- 4 egg yolks
- 1 t. vanilla extract
- Grated rind of 1/2 orange

Beat egg whites until frothy. Add cream of tartar, salt and vanilla. Beat until whites begin to hold their shape. Gradually add sugar. Beat till stiff and glossy. Fold in flour gradually. Beat egg yolks until thick and lemon-colored. Divide batter. Fold egg yolks and rind into one-half. Put by tablespoons onto ungreased 9x10 inch tube pan, alternating yellow and white mixtures. Preheat oven to 300 degrees f. Bake for about one hour. Invert on rack to cool. Frost with butter cream frosting.

BUTTER CREAM FROSTING

- 1/2 c. butter
- 1 1/2 c. powdered sugar
- 2 T. cream or evaporated milk
- 1/2 t. vanilla

Cream butter. Sift sugar. Combine all.

Cream until well blended and fluffy. Will cover two 8 in. layers .



REMINDER

Our 123123+ Life Special continues through June 30, 2024.

Our "Tell a Family Member/Tell a Friend" continues.

Our 1 Year Annuity continues to May 1, 2024.

Our 2 & 5 year Annuities continue with competitive rates.

For information, contact the Home Office!!!

ZDENEK POHLREICH

Zdenek Pohlreich is a Czech chef and cookbook author, born April 10, 1957 in Prague. After living in the Netherlands and then in Australia, he returned to Prague where he became chef at the Renaissance, Villa Voyta, Radisson SAS and Marriott hotels. Zdenek teaches at a hotel in Prague and also at the Prague Culinary Institute.



One of Zdenek's recipes:

GRILLED OCTOPUS WITH TAHINI SAUCE (GRILOVANA CHOBOTNICE TAHINI OMACKOU)

Octopus
Toasted Bread
Tahini Sesame Paste
Walnuts
Lemon
Parsley
Chili Peppers, 2 pcs.
Garlic, 2 cloves
Olive Oil
Salt & Pepper

Put the octopus in lemon juice and olive oil and leave to marinate in the fridge for about 2 hours. Then slowly cook the meat in salted water for about 20-30 minutes.

Meanwhile, prepare the sauce: blend the toasted bread, tahini, chopped nuts, lemon juice, salt, pepper, chili peppers and parsley. If necessary, dilute with water and combine.

Clean the octopus, season with salt and pepper. Heat the olive oil in a grill pan and fry the meat on all sides. Add the garlic cut into slices, cook till garlic are tender.

Pour a little water over the pan, serve with the tahini sauce, drizzled with olive oil.

A POPULAR CZECH HYMN TISICKRAT POZDRAVUJEME TEBE

Tisickrat pozdravujeme Tebe - o Maticko Krista Jezise - Ty jsi okrasou celeho nebe - tobe se kori cela rise - Ty jsi u Boha ta nejprvnejsi - tobe cest a chvalu nejprednejsi - andele a svati vzdavaji - kralovnou tebe nazvaji.

Prispej nam take o Matko nase - vsickni s vroucnim srdcem zadame - tys jedine otociste nase - po Kristu nad tebe nemame - at chvaloypev tobe prozpevovat - muzem tvoje jmeno zvelebovat - bychom se zalibi Bohu - chceme te chvalit kazdou dobu.

ENGLISH TRANSLATION THOUSAND TIMES WE SALUTE YOU

Thousand times and more do we salute you Dearest Mother of our Lord Jesus Christ. You are the most beautiful of all in heaven. All its realm pays deepest homage to you. In God's wisdom you rank first and foremost. Saints and angels give you honor highest (You they praise and hold in high esteem And they hail you as their sovereign queen).

Help us please our dearest Mother. With a fervent heart we all implore you. After Christ, you are the only refuge. Under him, we have no stronger champion. May we always sing your highest merit. Magnify your name with all due credit

(Knowing that God will be pleased with us always as we shall proclaim your praise).



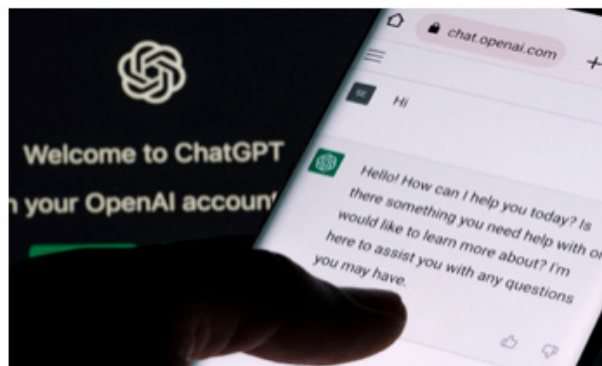
ChatGPT: Does it Contribute to Plagiarism?

The popular online tool known as ChatGPT (Generative Pretrained Transformer) has one of the broadest applications, such as creating artwork, music, writing essays, solving equations, and much more. The work itself does not directly plagiarize from the works of others but rather responds to queries following its pre-trained vocabulary from development; this does not necessarily mean that work produced by ChatGPT is inherently plagiarism-free, since it can produce content that exists elsewhere already. Nonetheless, the issue surrounding the use of ChatGPT for putting forth work that does not come from a person's own ideas remains widespread.

It is incredibly easy to ask ChatGPT to write an essay for you on quantum mechanics for example; all the user needs to do is type the question "Write an essay explaining quantum mechanics." Perhaps it is the fact that ChatGPT does not use any specific person's ideas that makes the appeal so strong; this can motivate people into thinking that presenting the work as one's own does not count as plagiarism. Considering also that ChatGPT responds differently to each person's requests further complicates how to determine if a work is original or developed by ChatGPT. According to a survey by BestColleges.com, about one in five college students say they use ChatGPT in completing their schoolwork, so there are major concerns about these hypotheticals and how dangerously easy it is to ask a chatbot to do all the work for you.

OpenAI, the company behind the development of ChatGPT, has declared a commitment to stop AI plagiarism. Attempts to implement trademarks on works that have been AI-generated have taken shape but have never been accurately sustained. It reminds people of the dangers of plagiarism even when unintentional. Other organizations such as Grammarly and Turnitin have stated that they can detect whether something has been AI-generated, which discourages such work from being submitted.

AI-generated work is a new dynamic that can be confusing when trying to understand when it is okay to use. A comparison can be made between ChatGPT and Wikipedia, in that both sites contain work that can be great starting places for research but should not be cited as a primary source of information. Most college students seem to be aware of this; in the same survey mentioned earlier, a majority (51%) of college students agree that using AI tools for schoolwork does constitute as plagiarism. Using work that has been AI-generated and using AI to paraphrase existing content can both be considered plagiarism. It is the user's responsibility to determine that the work taken from AI generation does not contain plagiarism or plagiarized content.



Daniel Barrera, Technical Specialist - For more information, visit xlnsystems.com/ChatGPT

COLLEGE GRANT 2023-2024

Society #	Member Name	College	City & State of College
7	Isaac Lee	Auburn University	Auburn, AL
7	Tabitha Lee	University of Missouri-Columbia	Columbia, MO
10	Rebecca Vober	Gannon University	Erie, PA
45	Alexis Heinz Saenz	University of St. Thomas	St. Paul, MN
46	John Nemmers	Franciscan University of Steubenville	Steubenville, Ohio
46	Aubrey Novacek	Benedictine College	Atchison, KS
119	Carson Blietz	Coe College	Cedar Rapids, IA
156	Daniel Veselsky	University of Kentucky	Lexington, KY

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Access to members records is limited to employees who work on your member files. However, if required by civil or criminal litigation or audit to disclose information on your records, we must comply.



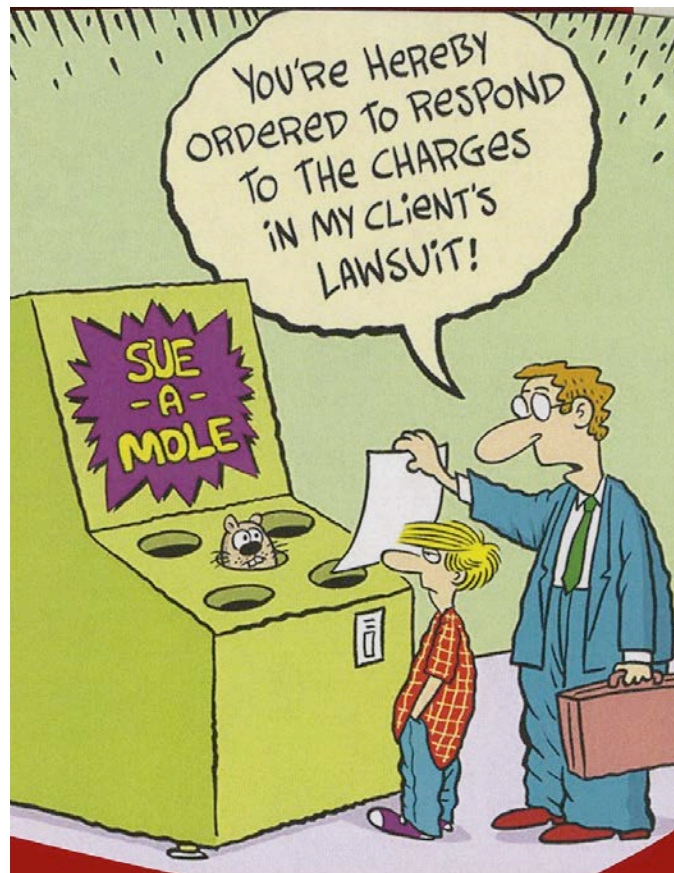
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Note: Christina is the legal counsel for the Czech Catholic Union and has graciously offered to extend a 10% discount to any of our members who mention this article.



TROSKY CASTLE



This castle is one of the most well-recognized landmarks of Bohemian Paradise (Cesky Raj) in the region of Liberec in the Czech Republic. The ruins of the 14th century castle rest on the summit of two volcanic vents. During the Thirty Years' War (May 1618-October 1648), the castle was burned to the ground by the Imperial Army and abandoned. In the 19th century, the castle underwent a series of repairs. Visitors may climb to the top of the lower peak, Baba (Old Woman), and an outlook tower, Panna (Virgin).

Liberec, about 50 miles northeast of Prague, is the 5th largest city in the Czech Republic. The city lies on the Lusatian Neisse in a basin surrounded by mountains.

RABI CASTLE



These crumbling ruins are of the Rabi Castle, located on a prominent hill by the central course of the Otava River, in the Bohemian Forest Foothills. This is the largest castle in the Czech Republic. Despite surviving some of history's most turbulent periods, Rabi Castle was severely destroyed during the Thirty Years' War and ordered not to be repaired. Over time, it became a graveyard of stone and resources for the local villagers.

Rabi, about 81 miles from Prague, is in the region of Plzen. The castle was proclaimed a national cultural monument in 1978.

ST. ADALBERT (SVATY VOJTECH)



Born around 956, St. Adalbert was a Czech missionary and Christian Saint. He was the Bishop of Prague and a missionary to the Hungarians, Poles and Prussians. Later St. Adalbert was declared patron saint of the Czech Republic, Poland and the Duchy of Prussia.

St. Adalbert died on April 23, 997.

CHAPEL OF ST. ADALBERT



This chapel is located in the village of Vesce Ceske Budejovice, in the South Bohemian Region of the Czech Republic, about 57 miles south of Prague.

ST. ADALBERT FEAST DAY IS APRIL 23

WE APPRECIATE OUR CONSULTANTS

In Honor Of:



National Financial Advisor Day – April 18



National Web Designer Day – May 31

What Is Our Heritage?

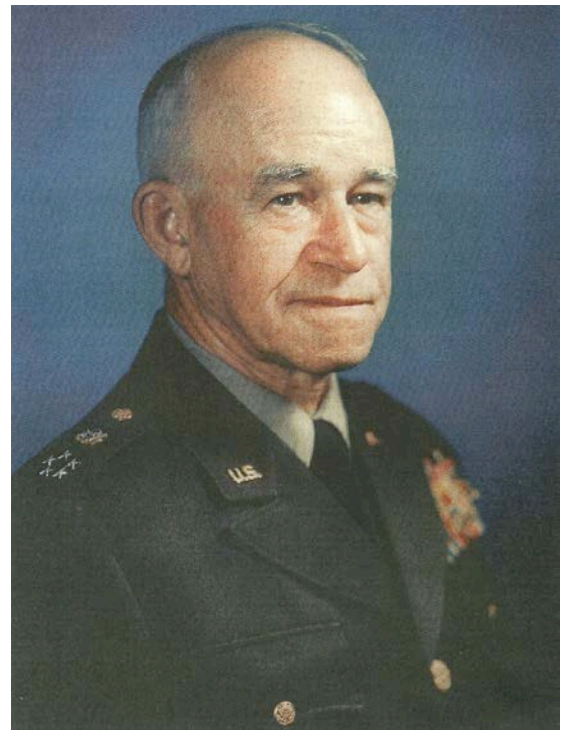
As I see it, it is the nobility of purpose which guided our founding fathers when they pledged their lives, their fortunes, their sacred honor to the support of a nation then unborn. It is the tingling thrill of pride when we step upon the hallowed grounds of Independence Hall, the Liberty Bell or right here where George Washington and his beleaguered troops survived a critical period of our Revolutionary War.

It is the reverence and humility with which we look upon the handiwork of God when we view the Grand Canyon, the Rockies, the Great Plains and the mighty rivers of our land.

Nobility, pride, humility, reverence ... these are America's virtues.

This is her heritage.

General Omar Nelson Bradley



General Bradley (February 12, 1893-April 8, 1981) was Senior Officer of the U.S. Army during and after WWII, rising to the rank of General of the Army, who became the first Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.



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

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

ATTENTION MEMBERS OF ALL AGES

Looking for volunteers...



CCU Life is partnering
with Bohemian
National Hall
to clean up the
Czech Cultural Garden.
We are meeting
Saturday,
April 20, 2024 at 10:00
AM.

Rain date is April 27.
If interested,
please contact
the Home Office
via phone:
216-341-0444
or via email:
Insurance@czechccu.org

**Thanks for your
help!!!**



THANK YOUS RECEIVED



- American Parkinson Disease Association – Staten Island, New York
- American Red Cross – Northeast Ohio
- Boys & Girls Club – Cleveland, Ohio
- Children's Cancer Research Fund – Minneapolis, Minnesota
- Christian Appalachian Project – Paintsville, Kentucky
- Cleveland Central Catholic High School – Cleveland, Ohio
- Cleveland Diocesan Union of Holy Name Societies – Garfield Heights, Ohio
- Coalition to Salute America's Heroes – Williamsburg, Virginia
- Covenant House – New York, New York
- Czech Mission – Brookfield, Illinois
- Czechoslovak Genealogical Society International – St. Paul, Minnesota
- Lake Catholic High School – Mentor, Ohio
- Malachi House – Cleveland, Ohio
- Misericordia Foundation – Chicago, Illinois
- Our Lady of Lourdes Parish – Cleveland, Ohio
- Ronald McDonald House Charities – Northeast Ohio
- Salvation Army – Eastern Territory
- Sokol Greater Cleveland – Cleveland, Ohio
- St. Andrew Abbey – Cleveland, Ohio
- St. John Nepomucene Parish – Cleveland, Ohio
- St. John Nepomuk Parish – St. Louis, Missouri
- St. Procopius Abbey – Lisle, Illinois
- St. Stanislaus Parish – Cleveland, Ohio
- University Settlement – Cleveland, Ohio
- Velehrad California Czech Catholic Mission – Placentia, California

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MOTHER'S DAY LAUGH

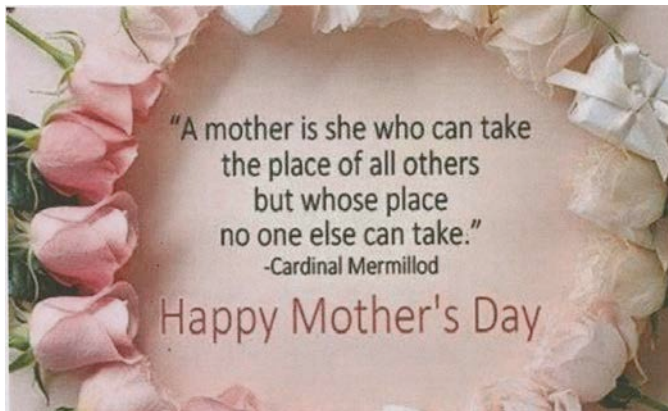
What happened to the baby?

For weeks a six-year old lad kept telling his first-grade teacher about the baby brother or sister that was expected at his house.

One day the mother allowed the boy to feel the movements of the unborn child. The six-year old was obviously impressed, but made no comment. Furthermore, he stopped telling his teacher about the impending event.

The teacher finally sat the boy on her lap and said, "Tommy, whatever has become of that baby brother or sister you were expecting at home?"

Tommy burst into tears and confessed, "I think Mommy ate it!"

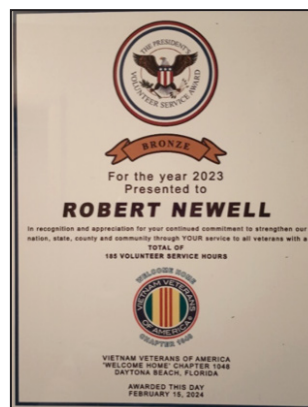


Note: Cardinal Mermillod (1824-1892), Swiss Cardinal

Congratulations to our members, Bob & Sharon!!!



Bob Newell and Sharon Smich, both members of St. Joseph Society No. 156, recently received plaques for their volunteer hours for Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 1048 in Daytona Beach, FL. This is the PVSA (Presidential Volunteer Service Award) which was originally Points of Light, established by President George H.W. Bush. In five years, members of this chapter donated over 81,000 hours in helping Veterans and others in their hour of need...



Submitted by Sharon Smich.



St. John Nepomuk Feast Day is May 16

**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

**Mail to Czech Catholic Union/CCU Life
5349 Dolloff Road, Cleveland, Ohio 44127
or email at insurance@czechccu.org**



**BIRTHDAY WISHES ARE SENT TO
FATHER CALLAHAN, OUR CHAPLAIN,
CELEBRATING HIS BIRTHDAY
MAY 18 - ENJOY YOUR DAY!**





Josef Lada (1887-1957) Czech Writer & Painter



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
Thomas Oest	Chicago, IL	St. Ann	18	06-01-1953	09-17-2023	69
David Busch	Cleveland, OH	St. Elizabeth	10	01-01-1994	10-05-2023	76

DEATH CLAIMS PAID IN 2023 \$188,489.00

Frances Palmer	Detroit, MI	St. Ann	5	06-01-1943	09-28-2023	92
Patricia Doyle	Chicago, IL	St. Ann	3	09-01-1951	01-14-2024	89
Joanne Reardon	Cleveland, OH	St. Elizabeth	10	02-01-1949	01-17-2024	91
Allen Reed	Cleveland, OH	St. Ann	1	08-01-1977	12-28-2023	76
James Perk	Cleveland, OH	St. Joseph	156	07-01-1960	12-05-2023	79
Charles Wolf	Cleveland, OH	St. Joseph	156	04-01-1990	12-24-2023	85

DEATH CLAIMS PAID IN 2024 \$45,162.00