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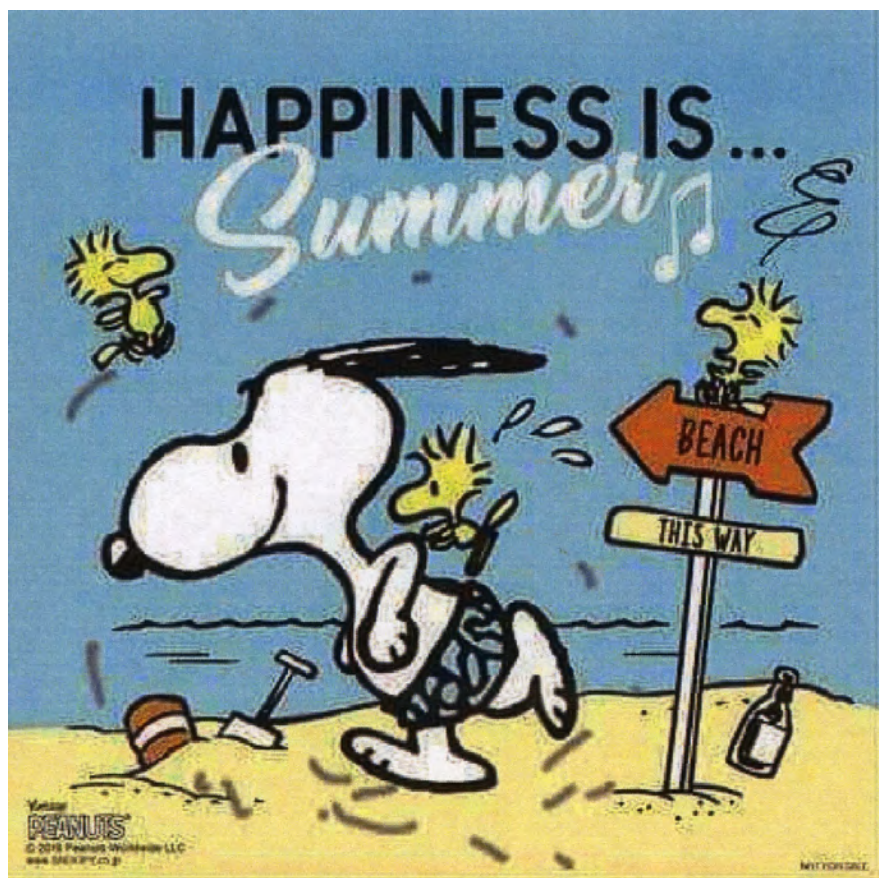
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CZECH PROVERB

Co Cervenec neuvari,
toho Srpen neupece.

What June does not boil,
August will not bake.



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Information on all our products.**



Honoring CCU Member & Officer Victoria Senchak

By Rosemary Graham, Bonnie Maly, and Victoria Soto

Introduction: Rosemary Graham is 90 years old and the only surviving daughter of Victoria Senchak, Bonnie Maly is a granddaughter, and Victoria Soto is a great-granddaughter. They collaborated on this to share their sweetest and most inspiring memories of Ms. Senchak and her contributions to the CCU.

Rosemary Says: My mother, Victoria Rose Rihacek Senchak, was born in Chicago in December, 1898, to Marie Kroc and John Rihacek. She was the oldest of six with three sisters and two brothers. She assumed many responsibilities at a young age and learned to cook, sew, embroider, and crochet. But she always regretted not attending high school because of home and work duties and support she gave her family.

When she married my father, John Senchak, in 1922, she managed their beautiful home very well. Money was spent wisely; she had a place for everything, and everything was always in its proper place. They were married 62 years until both of them passed in 1984. Victoria taught me, as well as my older sisters, Marjorie and Joan, all her special talents and abilities. Her life was dedicated to God and family, and she encouraged us not only to do our very best in learning and reading but also to value our Catholic education. Our family all moved to El Paso, Texas, during the early 1950s.

My sister Marjorie married Richard W. Maly in 1944. They raised eight children, and were married 48 years. My sister Joan was a registered nurse and was always there for the family whenever she was needed. In 1957 at the young age of 29, she sadly passed away from the Asian flu, which was prevalent at that time. I married John P. Graham, Jr. in 1954, and we had four children, who are very loving and caring towards me. We were married 68 years when he passed in 2023.

My mother's firm dedication to her faith and family was always apparent. She was an especially proud member of the CCU, for which she competently and happily served as financial secretary during the 1940s. She treasured her beautiful 50-year membership pin. My father drove us to the church of St. Vitus in the Pilsen district, where CCU meetings were held. I enjoyed going there as a child, because I could help "Miss Marian" prepare after-meeting goodies. My father always encouraged my mother to participate fully in the CCU. Even after moving to Texas, Victoria continued to donate lovely items for the CCU's gift program for children every Christmas. Mom and Dad were wonderful parents and will live in our hearts forever.

Bonnie Maly, who was a California attorney for 40 years, says: I always believed my Grama Vicki was named after Queen Victoria of England, who was well known and much admired when Grama was born. The Queen was appreciated not only for her clear sense of women's right to fairness and social justice but also for her compassion, wisdom, and strength. It's almost like having the Queen's name gave Grama her own version of all those virtues. Grama lived through the 1918 pandemic, World War 1, the Great Depression, and World War 2. When very young, she was a farmworker in rural suburbs of Chicago to help support her family. But she never cultivated bitterness or lost her compassion, wisdom, and strength.

When I was a youngster, I always remembered Grama as being the bearer of much love, understanding, candy, great bakery goods, and wonderful hugs!!! She loved her family and frequently gave us encouragement and emotional support! She believed that women and girls deserved to be well educated, and she often told me, "Get your education; nobody can take it away from you!"

And so, when I was 26 years old (living in Berkeley, California), and about to assist with a program on a hippie radio station in 1974 for International Women's Day, I thought of interviewing Grama. She had perspective like no one else I knew. Grama enthusiastically agreed to be on the air, and I was thrilled. One thing she emphatically said during the interview that I never forgot was, "We should have more women in the government; I wish there was a woman president!" The year after hearing that, I entered law school.

During that interview, when I inquired about what advice she'd give to a new mother, she replied: "The only thing is, ... take care of yourself, because at that time your whole body has changed." Surprising how much that will mean "when your baby is here, when it's in the crib."

Then I asked Grama, "Don't you think the Lodge, the Czech Union that we all belong to in our family for life insurance is a pretty good example of how women can organize a business and take care of it for a long time?" She agreed and said how much she appreciated some CCU women who understood investment; when the CCU came out with different ways of investing their members' money, Grama wondered, "where did they learn that? They didn't just think that up; they had to have some kind of instruction about that, and it couldn't be school, either. And I used to admire them!"

Grama also said, for the CCU, "I was a financial officer for about 11 years, and . . . then I was the President for 3 years. I was so surprised they wanted me to be in Cleveland, if I thought I would be able to move down there, [but] I thought that was way out of my way " So she stayed in Chicago, despite the offer that showed so much appreciation for her skills.

For me, the most remarkable thing Grama expressed during our interview was about the women's suffrage movement, which she did not know about until later in its development. "I wish I could have known there was such a thing when I was 12, because we never had any newspapers, and we didn't have radio. I'm telling you that I think if we had, *maybe it would have changed my life altogether* [emphasis added], because like I said, I liked school." Fortunately, our 1974 interview was recorded, and I recently shared it with friends and relatives, including my niece, Victoria Soto, who was named after Grama Vicki.

Victoria Soto, who is a well respected educator in Texas, says: "It was so uplifting to hear the voices of my Aunt Bonnie and Great Grandma Vicki. It's amazing that their conversation in 1974 is still so relevant today. I'm grateful to have come from a long line of brave Czech women. I acknowledge their contributions to create a more equitable society."



L to R: Rosemary, Joan, Marjorie,
Victoria, John



May 1922 - Victoria's wedding photo



1979 - around their wedding anniversary



1972 - Victoria, 50th anniversary,
a couple of years before her
radio interview with Bonnie!

Five Generations of a Czech American family.



Rosemary
89th birthday in '23



Bonnie in her
cowgirl hat!



Victoria Soto



Ana Lilly
Victoria's daughter

EDITOR'S NOTE: I want to give a big thank you to Bonnie Maly, a member of Society #18, for submitting this article along with the pictures. After many emails and texts back and forth, the article all came together. Thanks again, Bonnie!!!

THE OYSTER AND THE EAGLE

When God made the oyster, he guaranteed him absolute economic and social security. He built the oyster a house - a shell - to protect him from his enemies. When hungry, the oyster simply opens his shell and food rushes in for him.



He has no worries. He doesn't fight anybody. He's not going anywhere. But, when God made the eagle, he gave him the sky as domain.

The eagle then nested on the highest crag, where the storms threaten every day. For food he flies through miles of rain, snow, sleet and wind. He screams his defiance at the elements and goes about his own business, building his own life. When he's aroused, he's a vicious foe to his enemies.

KEEP IN MIND :

The eagle, not the oyster, is the emblem of America.



50-YEAR PIN RECIPIENTS - 2024

Society	First Name	Last Name
2	Margaret	Gattuso
2	Mary Frances	Gattuso
3	James	Paveza
3	Lori	Kucera
7	Tina	Bobbish
7	Terri	Nienhaus
10	Claudine	Meaney
10	Jean	Mix
10	Christina	Roberts
16	Jamie	Gedeon
18	Julie	Mate
117	Sharon	Fox
119	Kimberly	Vondracek
143	Jed	Fortuna
143	Christopher	Jaros
143	David	Kucera
143	Suzanne	Lebavitz
156	Kathleen	Cermak
156	Peter	Dusek Jr
156	Raymond	Grabow
156	Raymie A.	Walsh
156	Jennifer	Wissman

Editor's Note: Kathy Cermak of Society #156 received her 50-year pin at the Communion Brunch on March 10, 2024. All other pins were mailed to the recipients.

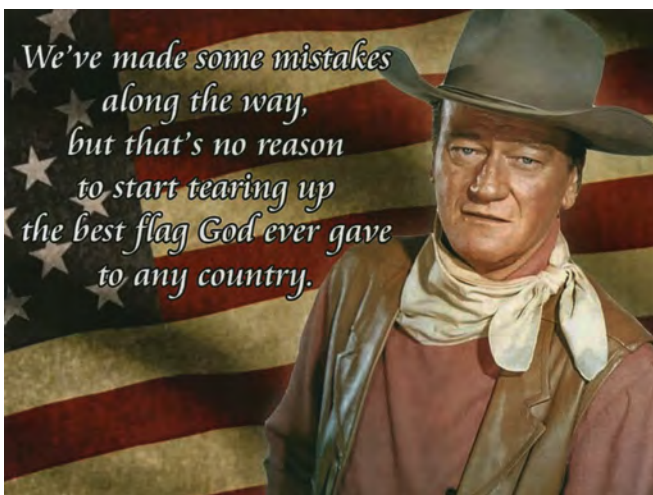
FLASHBACK FOTO



MAY 1, 1966

Cardinal Josef Beran of Prague visits the Czech Cultural Garden in Cleveland, Ohio.

Note: The priest is Fr. Anzel, Pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, at the time. Next is Cardinal Beran with hand on his chest. Between them is Joseph Kocab. Next to Cardinal Beran is Ralph Perk, county auditor in 1966, later mayor of Cleveland from 1971-1977.



IN HONOR OF FLAG DAY - JUNE 14

THE 7 DWARVES OF FATHERHOOD



Cleveland, Ohio

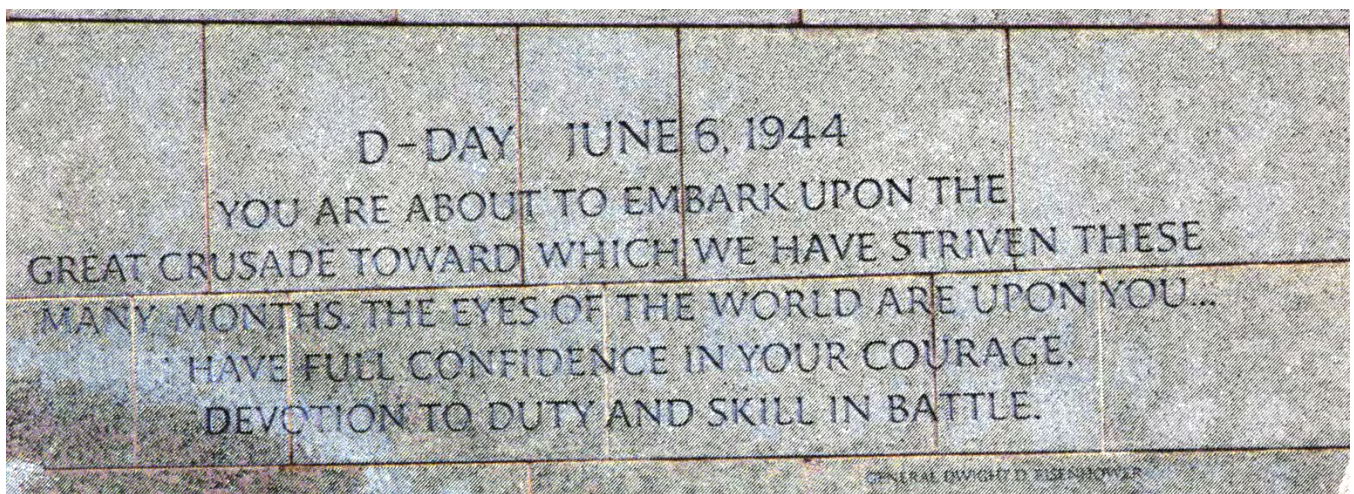
THANK YOU TO KARLA MAHONEY –

Karla was the only CCU member who showed up at the Czech Garden on April 20, 2024. Unfortunately, only four other people showed up. Pictures taken by Karla Mahoney



Cleveland, Ohio

The Czech Catholic Union participated in the Annual Easter Ham Contest put on by the Neighborhood News, which is a local suburban newspaper. The winner of the \$25 gift card was Jesse Norris, a Cleveland resident.





Starting July 1, 2024, we are collecting new (unwrapped) toys for our Christmas Toy Drive benefiting Toys for Tots. Toy Drive will end November 30, 2024.

Here's How to Participate:

- If local, toys can be dropped off at the Home Office during regular business hours, Monday through Friday 8 AM to 3 PM
- If not local and prefer to mail toy(s), contact Home Office for further instructions
 - We will be happy to shop for you, please make checks payable to CCU Life

We encourage donations for 5 to 15 years old. Any questions please contact the Home Office.

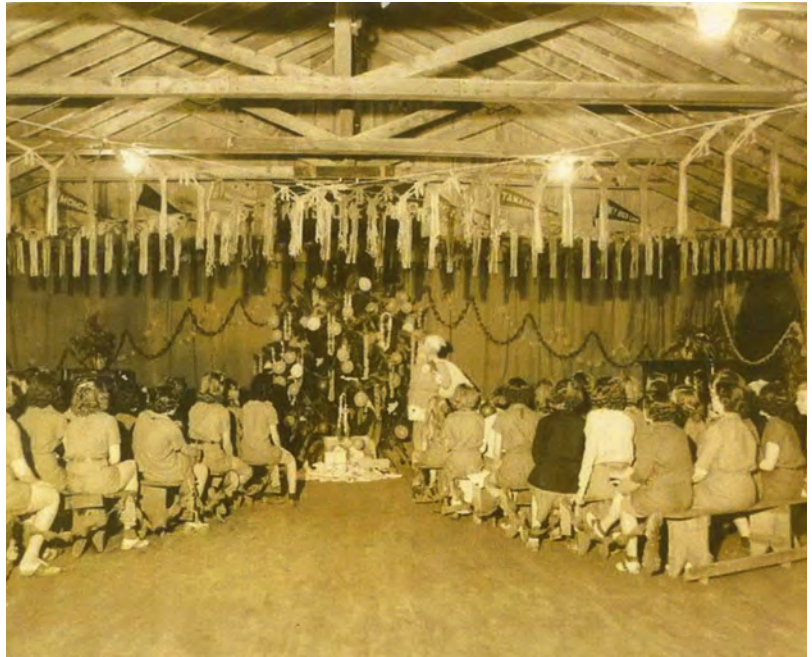


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CHRISTMAS IN JULY

This started 84 years ago on July 24th and 25th in 1933 at a girls' camp in North Carolina. One of the camp's co-founders started it. The first Christmas in July included carolers, a Christmas tree, Santa Claus, presents and fake snow made of cotton. Campers used laundry bags as makeshift stockings. Eventually, elves, reindeer and Mrs. Claus joined the act.

A 1940 movie called, Christmas in July, brought the phrase to the country's attention. In 1942, a Washington DC church started a summer donation drive to gather gifts to send to missions around the world in time for Christmas, calling it Christmas in July. The U.S. Post Office started a similar drive during the World War II years to gather and mail gifts to overseas soldiers. Retailers started using the event and in 2012, the Hallmark Channel began broadcasting Christmas movies the whole month of July, showing old favorites and giving a peek of upcoming premieres.



ATTENTION MEMBERS!!!

If any member has a Trust designated as their beneficiary, does the Home Office have a current copy of the Trust?

Please contact the Home Office to check on this.



Thank you!!!

CZECH CATHOLIC UNION/CCU LIFE
Annual Statement
December 31, 2023

ASSETS		LIABILITIES, RESERVES & UNASSIGNED FUNDS	
BONDS OWNED	\$ 17,784,184	LIFE CERT. RESERVES	\$ 16,056,644
PREFERRED STOCKS	\$ 1,294,313	CERTIFICATE CLAIMS	\$ 82,688
COMMON STOCKS	\$ 316,270	ADVANCE PREMIUMS	\$ 3,786
		PROV. FOR REFUNDS	\$ 35,000
REAL ESTATE	\$ 71,441	IMR	\$ 16,449
CERTIFICATE LOANS	\$ 59,752	ACCRUED EXPENSES	\$ 50,000
CASH ON HAND	\$ 107,975	FRATERNAL FUNDS	\$ 66,455
ACCRUED INVESTMENT INCOME	\$ 242,486	ASSET VALUATION RESERVE	\$ 345,515
ELECTRONIC DATA PROC. EQUIP	\$ 18,016	DRAFTS OUTSTANDING	\$ 274
		DEPOSIT TYPE CONTRACTS	<u>\$ 140,622</u>
UNCOLLECTED PREMIUMS	<u>\$ 1,773</u>	<i>TOTAL LIABILITIES</i>	\$ 16,797,433
		UNASSIGNED FUNDS	<u>\$ 3,098,777</u>
<i>TOTAL</i>	\$ 19,896,210	<i>TOTAL</i>	\$ 19,896,210

SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

PREMIUM CONSIDERATION	\$ 199,096	
NET INVESTMENT INCOME	\$ 876,961	
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	<u>\$ 547</u>	
<i>TOTAL INCOME</i>		\$ 1,076,604
DEATH BENEFITS	\$ 184,451	
ANNUITY BENEFITS	\$ 1,904,849	
CASH SURRENDERS & MATURED BENEFITS	\$ 45,226	
INCREASE IN RESERVES FOR LIFE	<u>\$(1,392,239)</u>	
<i>TOTAL</i>		\$ 742,287
GENERAL EXPENSES	\$ 294,660	
INSURANCE TAXES, LICENSES, FEES	\$ 13,571	
AGGREGATE WRITE-INS FOR DEDUCTIONS	<u>\$ 5,500</u>	
<i>TOTAL</i>		<u>\$ 313,731</u>
<i>TOTAL EXPENSES</i>		\$ 1,056,018
NET GAIN FROM OPERATIONS BEFORE REFUNDS TO MEMBERS		\$ 20,586
REFUNDS TO MEMBERS		<u>\$ 35,000</u>
NET GAIN FROM OPERATIONS AFTER REFUNDS TO MEMBERS		\$ (14,414)
NET CAPITAL GAIN		<u>\$ 108,799</u>
<i>NET INCOME</i>		\$ 94,385

SOLVENCY RATIO 118%

Mailing Checks in your local Mailbox

In many cities across the nation including Cleveland and Columbus, thieves are stealing the keys from the mail carriers in order to open up public mailboxes. They are not after your mom's Mother's Day card or graduation cards; they are looking for checks that people are sending via the United States Postal Service. But they aren't looking to cash those checks, so why are they taking them? They're looking to steal the account and routing numbers written on the bottom of each check. From there, the thieves create their own checks using your account numbers and hence drain your checking account. The solution: If you have to mail a check, do not use the mailbox. Instead, go to the post office and deposit that letter containing the check at the post office.

Grand/Parents receive call from Grand/Children needing Money ... they are in jail.

This game affects over 100,000 annually and is usually directed towards grandparents. Primarily because grandparents are not as in tune with technology as younger generations are. Continuing, the scammer will call the grandparent and ask for money because the scammer (posing as the grandchild) is in trouble with the law or has a health issue. The scammer will say, "Grandma I need your help". Nine times out of 10 Grandma will say, "Is this Joseph (or another name of the grandchild)?" Of course, the scammer will say yes and plead for money. Usually, payment is with gift cards or debit cards. The solution is to have a family pass code! Yes, this way grandma could say, "If you give me the passcode, I will know that you are part of the family". If not, I will hang up.

Sheriff/Law Enforcement calls you they want payment in debit cards.

In a similar event a scammer will call random numbers and pose as the sheriff or law enforcement threatening to come and arrest you unless, of course, you come up with enough money to pay the scammer so he won't come over and arrest you. Again, they usually want money in terms of debit cards, gift cards or even bitcoin. Don't fall for this as the Sheriff/Law Enforcement will never call you and tell you in advance they're coming to arrest you. Again, once someone mentions gift cards or debit cards as payments, you know it's a scam. Simply hang up. If you feel better about it, go ahead and call your local Sheriff's Department and let them know that someone is posing as them.

Buying and Selling on Facebook Marketplace No profile from the buyer/seller.

In this scam, one is usually looking at Facebook Marketplace to buy an item. For example, a new bicycle for your child. However, you've found a terrific brand new bicycle which retails normally for \$499, but they only want \$150.00 for it. Almost too good to be true. There is a very good chance the bicycle is stolen and they're using Facebook Marketplace as a way to sell it. Another thing to look for is the profile from the seller. If there is no profile, or very little information about the seller, chances are this transaction should not be made and chances are the item to be sold is in fact stolen or doesn't even exist. If you are buying or selling on a website, always meet in a public place (like a police station) and NEVER at your own home.



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JUNK FOOD & ICE CREAM

Summertime in the Czech Republic is full of fairs, day trips, swimming and eating summer foods. At the fair, called a pout, a person can get a grilled smoked sausage, called a klobasa, with mustard. The drinks are soda pop, called limonada, or a beer, called pivo. At the pool, a fried cheese, called syr, is served. This is hard cheese coated in bread crumbs and deep-fried.

Another fair treat is zuzu. a sweet, bright colored candy made of fruit sugar, egg-whites and 50% air.



Zuzu

There is also cukrova vata, which is candy floss (cotton candy).



Ice cream is mainly sold at confectionaries, called cukrarna. Scooped ice cream is called kopeckova zmrli-na. A sundae with whipped cream is called zmrzlinovy pohar se slehackou. Ice cream on a stick is called nanuk,

which comes from the U.S. French film, "Nanook of the North."

TRDELNIK (CHIMNEY CAKE)

This is a sweet bread-like dough wrapped around a hot iron tube over a hot coal. When done it is rolled in sugar, cinnamon sugar or ground nuts. It can also be filled with fruit, ice cream or other sweets. The name comes from the original wooden, but nowa-days stainless-steel stick, which is used for wrapping the dough round.



Wizard of Id | Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



PRAGUE ASTRONOMICAL CLOCK – PRAGUE ORLOJ

This medieval clock is attached to the Old Town Hall in Prague. Installed in 1410, the clock is the third-oldest astronomical clock in the world and the oldest clock still in operation.

The clock consists of various parts. One part is an astronomical dial, representing the position of the Sun and Moon in the sky.

Another part is the four figures flanking the clock. These are set in motion on the hour. They represent four things despised at the time of the clock's making. The first is Vanity, (a figure admiring himself in a mirror).

Next is Greed or Usury (a miser holding a bag of gold).

Across the clock stands Death (a skeleton that strikes the time upon the hour). Finally, there is a Turkish figure representing Lust and earthly pleasures.

The third part of the clock is the "Walk of the Apostles" where every hour of the day, statues of the Twelve Apostles with their attributes appear at the doorways above the clock.

Lastly, the clock has a calendar dial with medallions representing the months.



Policy Changes...

The Home Office has received many requests for beneficiary and name changes from our members. Many forms have been sent out and not many have been returned to make the necessary changes. If your beneficiary is deceased at the time of your death, your death benefit is made payable to the estate. We are asking our members to check their certificate; your information should be current. You may contact the Home Office for forms or the forms are available on our website.

The NCSML ORLOJ Clock Tower

In 2024, NCSML is celebrating its 50th anniversary of fulfilling its mission to “engage the global community with unique Czech, Slovak, and American stories to inspire individuals with universal themes of culture, freedom, democracy, and immigration.”

One of the focal points of the celebration relates to the renovation of the NCSML clock tower that was built in 1995. The existing clock tower will be repaired and enhanced with the addition of an orloj clock. The NCSML Orloj will be modeled after the famous Prague Orloj that is attached to the Old Town Hall in Prague. It is the oldest, functioning astronomical clock in the world dating back to medieval 15th century AD.

This renovation includes the complex astronomical and clock mechanism called an astrolabe. All astrolabe parts that are in contact with the outside environment are made of stainless steel. The astrolabe graphics, such as numbers, lines, and symbols are gilded with 24-karat gold. The renovation also includes adding 12 figurines (each almost 4 feet tall) on two carousels that awaken on the hour to mesmerize viewers who can watch them rotate to the music of Czech composers Antonin Dvorak and Bedrich Smetana. The twelve figurines express the stories of immigrants, with a farmer, a coal miner, a meatpacker, and other sculptures representing those who came to the United States from Czech, Slovak, Moravian, and other lands.

Andrej Harsany of Bratislava, Slovakia, is sculpting the 12 figurines, and the SPEL Company from Prague, Czechia, who is engaged with the development and production of clock electronic systems, reconstruction, and maintenance of outdoor clock types, is building the fully digitized inner workings of the NCSML astronomical clock. Neumann Monson Inc., with offices in Iowa City and Des Moines, is the project architect, and Graham Construction of Cedar Rapids is the construction manager.

The NCSML Orloj Clock Tower is going to be a major tourist attraction for the entire historic and cultural district of Cedar Rapids. This unique destination is just one more way NCSML can share the universal themes of culture, freedom, democracy, and immigration to all who visit it.





CZECH STYLE ROASTED PORK BELLY VEPROVE VYPECKY

2# pork belly, half lean, half fat,
cut into 2 1/2 inch pieces
1 large onion, chopped
4 cloves garlic, sliced
fresh ground pepper
salt

Mix all ingredients. Place all in pan and cover with lid or foil. Roast in 250 degree oven for 2.5 hours. No need to stir.

After the 2.5 hours, stir well.

Return to oven without the lid. Turn oven to 390 degrees. Roast for 30-40 minutes until all liquid evaporates. Mix at least 3 times during this time so the meat does not stick to the bottom of pan.

BRAINS WITH EGGS SMAZENE MOZECKY

2 calf brains
4 eggs
1 T. butter
1 onion, chopped fine
Parsley and salt

Blanch brains and peel off the membranes. Fry chopped onion in butter until golden brown. Add the brains and cook gently for about 10 minutes. Add the beaten eggs, season with salt and stir until eggs curdle and set. Serve with chopped parsley on top.

REFRIG PICKLES

6 c. cucumbers, sliced paper thin
1 c. onions, sliced thin
1 c. red and green peppers, sliced thin
1 c. vinegar
2 c. sugar
1 t. celery seed
2 T. salt

Combine vinegar, sugar, celery seed and salt in saucepan. Bring to a boil. Let cool. Pour over vegetables. Pack into jar. Keep in refrigerator. Will keep for a year in refridgerator.



Why do pickles pair so perfectly with Deli sandwiches?

- The taste provides a refreshing counterpoint to the rich, savory flavors. The crunch adds a delightful textured element.
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CHURCH OF SAINT MARY MAGDALENE

KOSTEL SV MARI MAGDALENY

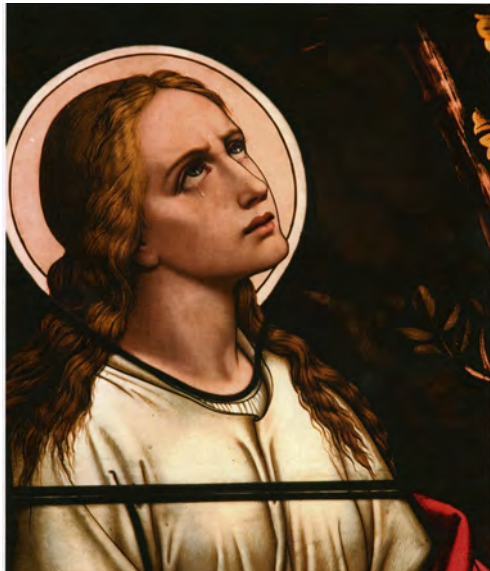


This church is located in Bozanov in the Nachod District of the Hradec Kralove Region, about 120 miles east of Prague.

Built in 1735-1740, the interior has murals dating back to around 1300.

The Church of St. Mary Magdalene stands as a testament to centuries of faith, art and cultural heritage. Its walls hold stories that resonate through time.

St. Mary Magdalene traveled with Jesus as one of His followers and was a witness to His crucifixion and resurrection.



Feast of St. Mary Magdalene July 22

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!!!

A Student's Prayer (by St. Thomas Aquinas)

Come,
Holy Spirit,
Divine Creator,
true source of light
and
fountain of wisdom!
Pour forth your
brilliance upon my
dense intellect,
dissipate the
darkness which
covers me,
that of sin and of
ignorance.

Grant me a penetrating mind to understand,
a retentive memory,
method and ease in learning,
the lucidity to comprehend,
and abundant grace in expressing myself.
Guide the beginning of my work,
direct its progress,
and bring it to successful completion.
This I ask through Jesus Christ,
true God and true man,
living and reigning with You and the Father,
forever and ever.
Amen.





St. Monica Church, Garfield Hts., Ohio — “We wish to take this opportunity to extend a sincere ‘Thank You’ for your generous donation to St. Monica Parish Calendar Fundraiser. All proceeds will benefit the shortfall in the parish budget. Please be assured of our best wishes and prayerful support.”

*Sincerely yours in Christ, Reverend John J. Mullee,
Pastor*

Society #156, Cleveland, Ohio — “Sorry for the late payment...was injured in a fall down accident and only now is up and about; give my best wishes to all in the St. Joseph Society of which I was just the recipient of a 50 YEAR MEMBERSHIP PIN - THANK YOU TO ALL.”

Raymond J. Grabow, North Royalton, Ohio



CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE VIRGIN MARY KOSTEL NANEBEVZETI PANNY MARIE



This church is located in Usti nad Labem, a city about 40 miles north of Prague. Built in 1318, the church is well known for its leaning tower. The tower is 213 feet high and its deviation, caused by bombing at the end of World War II, is a little over 6 feet. It is the most leaning tower north of the Alps.



Feast of the Assumption August 15

EDITOR'S NOTE: As you can probably tell, the Posel is coming out less often. In going to four issues a year, we are reverting back to the issue coinciding with the four seasons. We thank our readers for their understanding.





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.

GROWING UP

Was it yesterday I laced his shoes
 Wiped his nose and bemoaned each bruise,
 Fastened the buttons he couldn't reach
 And build sand castles on the beach?
 Taught him to count on his ten pink toes,
 Listened with care to his little-boy woes,
 Plied him with Spinach as part of a game,
 Guided his hand as he printed his name,
 Spanked his bottom and dried his tears,
 Scolded and cuddled and calmed his fears,
 Tried to explain why the stars twinkled?
 (No wonder my brow is perpetually wrinkled!)
 Was that yesterday? Why, how time flies!
 Today he's a scholar and worldly-wise;
 He's not much amused at the jokes we make
 And scorns Santa Claus as a silly old fake,
 Scoffs at the once-loved Easter rabbit
 And terms good-night kisses a babyish habit,
 For now he's grown up and so utterly cool...
 Today, you see, he started to school.

PAYMENTS OF MORTUARY DEATH CLAIMS

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

Member Name	Society Number	Society Location	Date of Death	Years a Member
Christopher Gonwa	143	Cicero, IL	06-28-2023	59
Catherine Fernandez	117	Chicago, IL	03-12-2024	66
Joanne Isenberg	7	St. Louis, MO	03-26-2024	67
Judith Pokorny	117	Chicago, IL	03-29-2024	69
Beverly Wolf	156	Cleveland, OH	03-31-2024	37
Dorothy Johnson	143	Cicero, IL	03-06-2024	75
Rita Traska	10	Cleveland, OH	09-16-2023	96
Angela Zerad	143	Cicero, IL	03-25-2024	102