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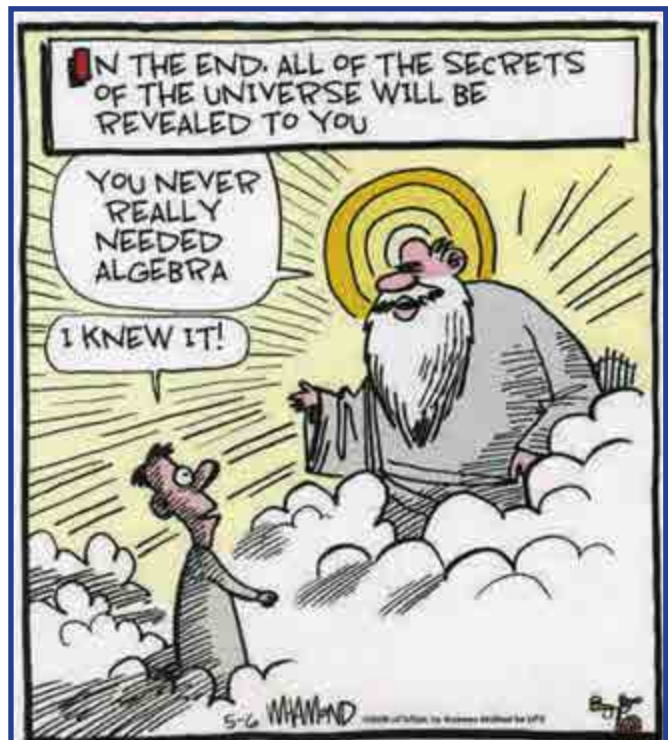
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USAA POPPY WALL OF HONOR



Located in Washington DC, the poppy wall is a tribute to more than 600,000 U.S. service members lost in the line of duty since World War I.

We remember their words, "I'm not afraid to die, I just hate the thought of not seeing you again."

Lt. Tommie Kennedy, Army Air Corps (1923-1945)



This is the sixth year the temporary wall was installed at the National Mall for Memorial Day.

A PASTOR'S COLUMN - OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

The Flea Market is one of my favorite activities.

It brings together people from the whole parish – European American as well as Latinos — and some of our neighbors. God blessed us with perfect weather. The folks that rented tables were very pleased with their sales, especially the many food stands that sold out! I am grateful to the Activities Committee of the Hispanic Community for organizing and facilitating the event.

I would like to share an anecdote from the Flea Market. I asked the parishioner that had about a dozen bicycles (most of which sold), tools, and various household items for sale where these things came from. Cynically, since he is an immigrant, and given the present anti-immigrant sentiment, I jokingly asked if he stole all of this. He laughed and told me no, but that people hire him to clean out their garage or basement and that the items that are in great or good condition he just cannot throw in the dump. In Mexico, he said, I never even dreamt of owning a bike – how could I throw all of these in the dump? The ensuing discussion leaves me with much to reflect on. The US culture is a culture of abundance and waste, and as Pope Francis so frequently said, a "throw-away" culture. Our immigrants come from a culture of survival. For as much as they are demonized at the present moment, they have so much to teach and inspire us. A blessing of the Flea Market and the theme of hospitality that emerged from last Sunday's readings is my own evaluation of how much I take for granted and waste. I am grateful to God for this discussion that challenges me in so many ways.

Sincerely, Father Joseph H. Callahan

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COVER STORY: This statue is located in the Lucerna Palace (Palac Lucerna) in Prague. Installed in 2000, the sculpture was created by artist, David Cerny.



STAINED GLASS WINDOW OF 1930'S STYLE

The Lucerna Palace is an entertainment and shopping complex located in Wenceslas Square in the central district of Prague known as New Town (Nove Mesto). Constructed between 1907 and 1921 by Vacslav Havel (grandfather of former President of the Czech Republic, Vaclav Havel), it was originally intended to serve as a hockey stadium, but was reworked into a large social hall. At the time of its opening, it was one of the first reinforced concrete buildings in Prague.

In addition to its Great Hall, the complex also houses the Marble Hall, the Lucerna Music Bar, a movie theater, a café and a pedestrian walkway. It has been an important cultural and social centre in the former Czechoslovakia and the Czech Republic, housing concerts, balls, conferences, fashion shows and sporting events. Over time, some of the most prominent local and international artists have performed there. The complex has been listed as a cultural monument since 1976. In 2017, it was named a national cultural monument.





Sent in from a member –
My favorite thing about the good old days, I wasn't good and I wasn't old.

REFLECTIONS OF A BOOMER

I've seen fire and I've seen rain.
I've been through the desert on a horse with no name.
I've gone to Kansas City, I've sang in the sunshine,
I've been on the road again, with Georgia on my mind.
Like a rolling stone, I've given peace a chance.
I've put my camel to bed, and danced the last dance.
Mr. Tambourine man played a song for me.
I've whispered words of wisdom, let it be.
I've fell into a burning ring of fire, and walked the line,
To all the girls I've love before,
you were always on my mind.
I've been everywhere, I've been so lonesome I could cry.
I've driven my Chevy to the levee when the levee was dry.
I've been to Itchycoo Park in a yellow submarine.
I've made the scene in a time machine.
I've done the Hokey Pokey and turned myself around.
I've welcomed baby back to the poor side of town.
I've followed the tracks of my tears down a long and winding road. I've kept on searching for a heart of gold.
I've sought shelter from the storm.
I've sat on the dock of the bay.
I've rocked around the clock on a sunshiny day.
I've knocked on Heaven's door, blowing in the wind.
Joy to the world, those were the days my friend.
Lay lady lay, in crimson and clover.
It's been a hard day's night, the party's over.

Let's Agree...

Age is the acceptance of years. But the maturity is the glory of years."

Martha Graham, American Dancer
(1894-1991)

...to Disagree

"Age is a high price to pay for maturity."

Tom Stoppard, Czech Playwright



TOM STOPPARD

This Czech-born British playwright and screenwriter, whose original name is Tomas Straussler, was born on July 3, 1937 in Zlin, Czechoslovakia, but left as a child refugee fleeing imminent Nazi occupation. He settled with his family in Britain after the war in 1946, having spent the previous three years in a boarding school in the Indian Himalayans.

He has been a playwright of the National Theatre and is one of the most internationally performed dramatists of his generation. He was knighted for his contribution to theatre by Queen Elizabeth in 1997.

Stoppard has co-written several screenplays including Shakespeare in Love (1998) and Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade (1989).

In 1998, Tom Stoppard returned to Zlin for the first time in over 50 years and currently resides there.

FLASHBACK FOTO

This foto is the cover of a greeting card found at the Home Office with the greeting written inside, "Blessed Christmas Holidays and a Happy New Year" 1949.

LEFT TO RIGHT -
St. Wenceslaus,
St. Cyril and
St. Methodius



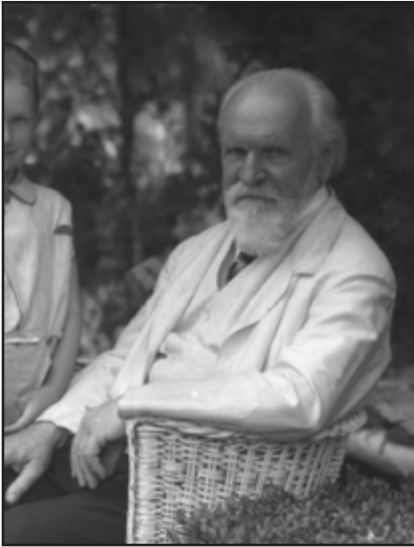
English Translation -
A race will not
perish if it does not
cease to believe:
O Lord, preserve for us
the inheritance
of our fathers.

St. Wenceslaus,
Svaty Vaclav
Feast Day
September 28



FALL FOLIAGE ON A STREET IN PRAGUE, CZECH REPUBLIC

FRANTISEK BILEK



SCULPTURE OF MOSES

A Czech sculptor, artist and architect, Frantisek was born on November 6, 1872 in Chynov, a town in the South Bohemian Region of the Czech Republic. He designed numerous ceremonial objects and small sculptures for various congregations.



12 Crowns = \$.60
Prophets coming out of
the wilderness (1918)

Frantisek Bilek died on October 13, 1941 in Chynov. He is buried with one of his own statues (Prayer Over the Grave 1905) serving as a monument. In his will, he expressed the wish that his villa be used for a museum. In 1963, his widow donated the property and today there is a permanent exhibition. The family home was donated by his granddaughter and has been devoted to his works.



BILEK MUSEUM

COLD WAR MUSEUM MUZEUM STUDENE VALKY



This museum is in a former nuclear fallout shelter under the Jalta Hotel on Wenceslas Square in Prague. The hotel was built on a former residential building accidentally destroyed in 1945. Part of the shelter includes a surgery room. The Association of the Czechoslovak Armed Forces made a deal with the Jalta Hotel on having a Cold War Museum in the shelter. Exhibits tell the stories of the Communist Czechoslovakia, the Armed Forces and the Jalta Hotel. Some of the rooms are: Room of Border Guards, Room of Public Security, Spying Room and Operator Room. The museum is open for tours.



PRAGUE'S SAPA VIETNAMESE MARKET



Known as Little Hanoi, in the southeast corner of Prague, lies a hub for the third largest group of immigrants in the city, surpassed by Ukrainians and Slovaks. With an authentic market, people can sample the sights, sounds and various food offerings of Vietnam.



COLUMBUS DAY



PRAGUE GHOST TOUR



Through the winding streets of Prague's Old Town, you will hear of its history, legends, and local ghosts. Explore the lesser-known secrets of magical Prague. Learn about the dark side of the Golden City. Some of the sights and ghost stories: Old Town Square (27 noblemen), Astronomical Clock (Master Hanus), Tynsky Dvur (Turk with head in a box) Anezsky Klaster (nun's ghost), Liliova (headless Templar), St. James Church (the thief who lost his arm), Mala Stuparska (butcher with a flaming ax), House of the Golden Well (drowned maid, headless knight, and lady) Karlova (burning miser), Ovocny Trh (skeleton begging for money), Celetna (two prostitutes), Parizska (Jewish girl), Old Jewish Cemetery (Rabbi Low), Church of St. Martin in the Wall (the young woman whose father was executed). You will end the tour at a local hangman's pub near Old Town Square.

Editor's Note: Sounds like a fun time!!! Maybe a trip to Prague is in order.

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101	Kathryn Pokorny	Padua Franciscan, Parma, OH
127	Kaitlyn Wesely	Pius X, Lincoln, NE

FYI: In response to "The Neighborhood" article in the last issue, we received an answer to the question, "Where was Streeter located?" Streeter is now East 100th Street. This was in a Czech neighborhood known as East Cleveland. The Czech Parish there was St. Adalbert. The Nova Vlast lodge was located on Streeter near Quebec Avenue.

CZECH CATHOLIC UNION/CCU LIFE COLLEGE GRANT

At the Executive Committee meeting held in September 2021, the Officers and Directors of the Czech Catholic Union/CCU Life voted to expand this Grant to members attending a non-Catholic College/University as a full-time student. If attending a Catholic College/University, the member would receive \$500.00. If attending a non-Catholic College/University, the member would receive \$300. The Grant will be payable directly to the applicant.

To be eligible for this Grant, applicant

- Must be a member in good standing of the Czech Catholic Union/CCU Life for three years
- Must be between the ages of 18 - 25
- Must have 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
- Must forward an official transcript from Fall 2025
- Must have at least a 2.5 GPA
- Must be working towards an undergraduate degree

Please complete application below and submit along with the transcript to the Czech Catholic Union/CCU Life Home Office no later than **January 31, 2026**.

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PERNSTEJN CASTLE



This castle is located in the South Moravian Region of the Czech Republic approximately 145 miles from Prague. It lies on a rock above the village of Nedvedice and the rivers Svratka and Nedvedicka. The castle came to be known as the marble castle because of the marble-like stone used to frame the doors and windows. Founded probably between 1270 and 1285, Pernštejn is one of the best preserved castles in the Czech Republic. This castle was never occupied by enemies. The different rooms contain weapons and hunting trophies along with wall and ceiling paintings. Due to the spooky atmosphere, Pernštejn Castle has been used as a backdrop of several movies including "Van Helsing" and "Joan of Arc".



Cleveland, Ohio

Cameron Koch, a member of St. Joseph Society #156 since birth, is a 2025 graduate of Highland High School in Medina, Ohio. Cameron graduated with Honors and was a Varsity Starter for both basketball and baseball. He will be attending Youngstown State University this Fall to study civil engineering in their Honors College. He is the great grandson of the late Fred and Elsie Malec (former CCU President), grandson of Bill and Audrey Schmidt (current CCU Vice President) and son of Kurt and Molly Koch of Wadsworth, Ohio.



Chicago, Illinois

Sent In From A Member –

I would like to share the following two announcements for publication in the Posel. As a member since birth, I am proud to make two announcements:

In January, I retired after over twenty years from First Logistics as Executive Vice President. First Logistics is a privately held supply chain service provider in the Chicago area, providing warehousing and transportation services to manufacturers, distributors, and online retailers. Before that position, I was employed by other supply chain service provider companies, in positions that included Operations, Information Technology, Human Resources, Administration, Sales, Reverse Logistics, and Project Management. I was also involved in Board of Directors positions at the Warehousing Education and Resource Council, Council of Supply Chain Management Professionals, and was awarded the International Warehouse Logistics Association's coveted Executive Warehouse Logistics Professional designation. To continue my involvement in the profession, I am providing consulting services to manufacturers and service providers.



I am proud to announce that Dennis, my husband of 56 years, graduated from Southern Illinois University on May 10, 2025, Doctor of Education Administration, as a member of Phi Kappa Phi, the honors fraternity. Chancellor Austin Lane called him out during his commencement speech as SIU's oldest graduate, at the age of 78. Chancellor Lane also mentioned that Dr. Ryan was the oldest Master's degree graduate three years earlier at 75, and is an example to all students. As a 100% disabled US Navy veteran, Dennis created a college-level course entitled "A course of study instructing the importance of amateur radio in times of disasters and emergencies for his dissertation, and will be doing lectures and conducting training for public service agencies such as police and fire for volunteers as well as officers. Dennis, a ham radio operator for over 50 years, has retired as a police sergeant and continues to volunteer for Emergency Management Agencies in Illinois. Here is a picture of him in his graduation regalia.

Thank you for publishing this!
Noreen Ryna, St. Ann Society #117

PRAGUE METRONOME



This is a 75 feet tall kinetic sculpture in Letna Park, overlooking the Vltava River and the city center of Prague. This sculpture was erected in 1991 on the site left vacant by the late 1962 demolition of an enormous monument to the former Soviet leader, Joseph Stalin. Officially named “Time Machine”, this metronome may be the largest in the world. The plaque at the base reads, “In time, all things pass.” It is functional, but not always in operation. The definition of metronome is: a device that produces a regular sound or motion.



CZECH CULTURAL GARDEN



The Cleveland Cultural Gardens are a major part of the city's 254-acre Rockefeller Park. The land was donated to the city by oil magnate and philanthropist, John D. Rockefeller, in 1896. The Gardens were born in 1916 with the establishment of the Shakespeare Garden.

The Czech Garden was completed in 1935.

There are two full size statues of Jan Amos Komensky and Tomas Garrigue Masaryk, which stand in the middle of the garden. There are busts of Frantisek Palacky, Karel Havlicek Borovsky, Jindrich Simon Baar, Bedrich Smetana, Antonin Dvorak, Jan E. Purkyne, Bozena Nemcova and Dr. Miroslav Tyrs, which surround the pathway around the garden.

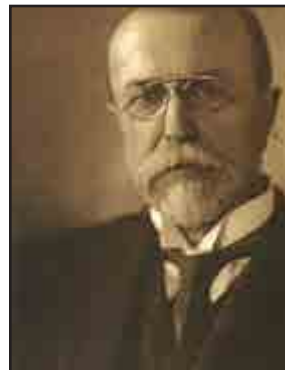
At the back of the garden is a monumental wall with a mural showing the arrival of Czech people in Bohemia and later in America.

JAN AMOS KOMENSKY



Born in the Margraviate of Moravia in the Bohemian Crown on March 28, 1592, Jan was a bishop and educator. He is considered the father of modern education. Komensky died in Amsterdam on November 15, 1670 and is buried in Naarden (the Netherlands).

TOMAS GARRIGUE MASARYK



Born in Hodonin, southeastern Moravia, on March 7, 1850, Tomas was a politician, statesman, sociologist and philosopher. As the first president of the Czechoslovak Republic, serving for 17 years, he worked tirelessly for the independence of his people and the establishment of the joint Czech and Slovak state. He was the Father

of Czechoslovakia. Masaryk died on September 14, 1937 in Lany, which is about 20 miles from Prague.

CZECH CULTURAL GARDEN, CONTINUED

FRANTISEK PALACKY



Born in Hodslavice, Moravia on June 14, 1798, Frantisek was a Czech historian and politician. He was the most influential person of the Czech National Revival, called "Father of the Nation." Palacky died in Prague on May 26, 1876.

KAREL HAVLICEK BOROVSKY



Born in Borovia, Bohemia, Austrian Empire on October 31, 1821, Karel was a writer, poet, critic, politician, journalist and publisher. As a journalist, he was a "liberal nationalist" politically, but refused to allow a "party line" to inform his opinions. He used his talents to educate Czech people about freedom and democracy. His intellectual

fight for freedom earned him a lasting recognition in national history. Borovsky died in Prague, Bohemia, Austrian Empire on July 29, 1856.

JINDRICH SIMON BAAR



Born in Austria-Hungary on February 7, 1869, Jindrich was a Czech Catholic priest, realist, writer and author of the so-called country prose. As a priest, he strived, unsuccessfully, for reforms in the church. He earned his place in the hearts of Czechs with numerous novels describing life in the Bohemian countryside.

Baar died in Klenci pod Cerchovem, Czechoslovakia on October 24, 1925.

BEDRICH SMETANA



Born in Litomysl, east of Prague, on March 2, 1824, Bedrich was a Bohemian composer known for his operas and symphonic poems. He is considered the father of Czech music and the founder of the Czech School of Music. In his later years he became completely deaf leading to a mental collapse early in 1884 which led to his incarceration in an

asylum. Smetana died in Prague on May 12, 1884.

ANTONIN DVORAK



Born in Nelahozeves, a village on the Vltava River north of Prague on September 8, 1841, Antonin was the first Czech composer to achieve worldwide recognition, most notably for turning folk material into 19th century Romantic music. In 1892, he accepted the post of director of the

newly established National Conservatory of Music in New York. His many travels to the U.S. inspired many musical pieces, including "The New World Symphony" and "Slovakian Dances". The Cleveland Orchestra often performs his works. He returned to Prague in 1895. Dvorak died in Prague on May 1, 1904.

JAN E. PURKYNE



Born in the Kingdom of Bohemia, then part of the Austrian monarchy, now the Czech Republic, on December 17 or 18, 1787, Jan was a Czech anatomist, physiologist and one of the best-known scientists of his time. In 1839, he coined the term "protoplasm" for the fluid substance of a cell. Purkyne died in Prague, Austria-Hungary on July 28, 1869.

CZECH CULTURAL GARDEN, CONTINUED

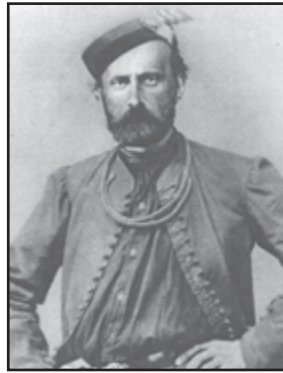
BOZENA NEMCOVA



Born in Vienna on February 4, 1820, Bozena was a Czech writer of the final phase of the Czech National Revival Movement. She is best known for her novel, *Babicka*, (The Grandmother), first published in 1855, which is considered a classic of Czech literature for its portrayal of rural village life through the eyes of a young girl.

Nemcova died in Prague on January 21, 1862.

DR. MIROSLAV TYRS



Born in Decin, a city in the Ústí nad Labem Region of the Czech Republic on September 17, 1832, Miroslav was a Czech philosopher, art historian and co-founder of the Sokol Movement. Sokol, meaning Falcon, was founded in 1862. The founders believed that a nation must be physically fit, moral and intelligent to secure its independence and retain it.

He went to Otztal alpine valley in Austria on holiday in the summer of 1884 and was declared dead on August 8, 1884. Tyrs' body was found thirteen days later in the Otztaler Ache River in Austria.

MORINA

This is a municipality and village in Beroun District in the Central Bohemian Region of the Czech Republic, which is about 9 miles southwest of Prague. It lies on the border between the Horovice Uplands and Prague Plateau. The highest point is the Vyska hill at 1,394 feet above sea level.



The name Morina is derived from the Slavic goddess Morana. Morina is known for Velka Amerika, a former limestone quarry with a pair of lakes on the bottom. The quarry is 2,600 feet long, 660 feet wide and up to 330 feet deep, with two lakes about 59 feet deep each on the bottom. Thus, Morina is nicknamed "Czech Grand Canyon."



RED WINE CRANBERRY SAUCE

2/3 c. sugar
 ¾ c. dry red wine
 ½ cinnamon stick (optional)
 12 oz. fresh cranberries (about 3 cups)
 2 long strips tangerine or orange zest (optional)

In saucepan over medium heat, combine sugar, wine and cinnamon. Bring to boil. Reduce heat to medium-low, simmer, stirring occasionally till sugar dissolves (about 4 minutes). Add berries. Simmer till berries soften and sauce thickens (about 10-12 minutes). Remove from heat. Remove cinnamon if used. Set aside to cool for at least several minutes and up to several hours. Serve warm or at room temperature. Notes: May substitute pomegranate juice for the wine, but then increase sugar to ¾ cup. The sauce may be made and refrigerated up to 2 weeks in advance.

BEEF-NOODLE-MUSHROOM CASSEROLE

HOVEZI-NUDLOVY-HOUBY KASTROL

About ¼ c. each of onion, celery and green peppers
 ½ pint fresh cleaned mushrooms
 1 lb. ground beef
 ¼ lb. ground pork
 Saute vegetables in butter. Add the 2 meats. Cook until meat is tender. Add 1 pint canned tomatoes or tomato juice. In a casserole, alternate meat mixture with cooked noodles. Sprinkle with grated cheese. Bake at 350 degrees for 1 hour or until heated through and a crust forms on top. Note: Broad noodles work the best, just follow directions on package.

BACON WRAPPED TURKEY

Approximately 12# turkey
 12 slices bacon
 10 small fresh rosemary sprigs
 Butter mixture – Combine together:
 ½ c. unsalted butter, softened
 2 t. smoked paprika
 2 t. minced fresh garlic
 2 t. finely chopped fresh rosemary
 1 T. finely chopped fresh sage leaves
 1 t. finely chopped fresh thyme
 1 ½ T. lemon juice
 Preheat oven to 500 degrees. Clean turkey. Loosen the skin. Rub all but about 2 T. of the butter mixture under the skin. Tie turkey with butcher's twine. Place turkey breast side up on rack in pan. Roast about 15 minutes. Use basting brush to spread rest of butter mixture on turkey. Continue to roast until skin is golden brown (about 10 minutes). Remove from oven and reduce heat to 350 degrees. Turn turkey over. Add bacon slices, using rosemary sprigs to hold in place. Return to oven. Turkey should be done in about 2 hours, though ovens vary. If getting too brown, cover loosely with foil. After removing from oven, wait 20 minutes before carving.





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Benedictine High School, Cleveland, OH – “On behalf of the entire Benedictine High School Community, I want to thank you for your generous gift. Your investment plays a crucial role in helping us fulfill our mission of providing an outstanding education to the Men of Benedictine.”

Sincerely, Mr. Chris Lorber '04, Chief Operating Officer

Bohemian National Cemetery, Chicago, IL – Thank you for supporting our restoration projects at Bohemian National Cemetery.”

Best regards, Friends of BNC, Chuck Michalek, President

Czech Cultural Garden, Cleveland, OH – “I received the donation for the Czech Garden for 2025.”

Many thanks, Paul Burik

Czechoslovak Genealogical Society International, St. Paul, MN – “On behalf of the members of CGSI, I would like to thank you for your annual donation. Please know how much we appreciate your support to help people learn about and share their heritage.”

Sincerely, Marcy Jacko Namespetra, Corresponding Secretary

National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library, Cedar Rapids, IA – “On behalf of the board of directors, members and staff at the NCSML, I would like to personally thank you for your contribution. Without generous supporters like you, NCSML would not be where we are today. We are truly grateful.”

Sincerely, Luis Flores, Membership & Database Manager

Notre Dame-Cathedral Latin High School, Chardon, OH – “Thank you for your gift in support of our students and engagement with our mission. Your gift to the NDCL Fund ensures that quality Catholic education continues and makes possible innovative programming to prepare our 1,211 students to transform the world. May you continue to know the blessings of our Good and Provident God.”

With all our gratitude, Dr. Jacqueline Hoynes, President

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Cleveland, OH – “A belated thank you on behalf of the parish of Our Lady of Lourdes for the generous donation. This will be used for the many needs of our parish. Thank you for your ongoing and generous support.”

Sincerely, Rev. Joseph H. Callahan, Pastor

St. Andrew Abbey, Cleveland, OH – “I and the Benedictine community offer our sincere thanks for your continued support. We are grateful for your consideration to assist with the needs of our community.”

Yours sincerely, Rt. Rev. Gary A. Hoover, OSB, Abbot

St. John Nepomucene Parish, Cleveland, OH – “Thank you for your donation towards our parish mission. Your kindness was appreciated more than words can say. God Bless.”

Gratefully, Fr. Robert Jasany, Pastor

St. John Nepomuk, St. Louis, MO – “We are so grateful for you remembering the Chapel in your generosity. Last year we had the exterior of the church painted and all the stained-glass window frames painted. This year we are working to have the interior of the church plaster repaired. This will help us with that project. I pray that you and your group will continue your good work. May God bless you.”

In His Name, Deacon Charlie Bacher, Director

Sokol Greater Cleveland, Cleveland, OH – “The Board of Directors and membership of Sokol Greater Cleveland would like to thank you for your gift to be used for the roof replacement. 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, Sokol Greater Cleveland

Velehrad California Czech Catholic Mission, Placentia, CA – “Thank you for your support! God bless you!”
Fr. Libor

9/11 Memorial & Museum – New York, NY
American Cancer Society – Dublin, OH
American Heart Association – Cleveland Area
American Red Cross of Northeast Ohio
Boys & Girls Clubs of Northeast Ohio
Children’s Cancer Research Fund – Washington DC
Covenant House – Topeka, KS

Greater Cleveland Food Bank – Cleveland, OH
Guiding Eyes for the Blind – San Rafael, CA
Ronald McDonald House Charities – Northeast Ohio
Special Olympics – Westerville, OH
St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital – Memphis, TN
The City Mission – Cleveland, OH
VFW – Kansas City, MO

OTHER DONATIONS THANK YOU’S -

Broadway School of Music & the Arts, Cleveland, OH – “Thank you for supporting our May 9, 2025 benefit concert. Thanks to supporters like you, we reached our fundraising goal for the event. Thank you again for your support!”

Sincerely, Ann E. Knuth, President

Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, Washington DC – “I want to express my heartfelt gratitude for your recent donation. Your support means the world to us. Your contribution is truly helping to save lives and make a lasting impact. Thank you again for being such a vital part of our community and the fight against blood cancer!”

With deep gratitude, Anna Adams / Matching Gifts

National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library, Cedar Rapids, IA – “Thank you for your sponsorship at our Preciosa Gala in May. We had an amazingly successful evening and we could not have done it without the generous support of folks like you. We look forward to working with you again next year.”

Very Sincerely, Andy Whiting, MS, BA Director of Community Outreach & Development

National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library, Cedar Rapids, IA – “On behalf of the board of directors, members and staff at the NCSML, I would like to personally thank you for your BrewNost Sponsorship.”

Sincerely, Luis Flores, Membership & Database Manager

Polish American Congress – Ohio Division, Parma, OH – “Thank you for your generous support of the 75th Anniversary Polish Constitution Weekend Celebration in Parma, Ohio. Your sponsorship helped us honor a vital part of Polish and American heritage while bringing our community together.”

With sincere appreciation, Tomasz Kacki, President

Saint Paschal Baylon, Highland Hts., OH – “On behalf of Saint Paschal Baylon, and the students and faculty of our award-winning Catholic school, thank you for your generous sponsorship of our 16th Annual Spring Fling Festival/Parish Family Day! We really appreciate it and are so grateful for your commitment to Catholic education! Let us continue to pray for each other!”

*In Christ our Eucharist, Very Rev. John Thomas Lane, SSS, '79, Pastor & Provincial Superior
Mr. Mario Mazza, '10 & Mr. Jon Detzel, '95, Parish Family Day Co-Chairs*

St. Therese Parish, Garfield Hts., OH – “We would like to thank you for your continued generosity in supporting our annual church picnic. Your donation helps us provide a family friendly event that is enjoyed by many.”

God bless – St. Therese Picnic Committee

Cleveland, Ohio – “Thank you so much for the high school grant! I am so excited to be attending Archbishop Hoban as an incoming freshman and this grant has truly helped to achieve my dream. Thank you very much!”

Love, Margaret (Maggie) Koch, St. Joseph Society #156

A THANKSGIVING MESSAGE

Many people say they appreciate Thanksgiving more than Christmas celebrations. Less commercialized, Thanksgiving is about family and friends in a simpler, yet profound way.

The biblical, and thus original name for the celebration of Holy Mass is Eucharist. In the Greek language, the language of the New Testament, it means "thanksgiving". So, the early Christians would refer to their worship as "thanksgiving". Regardless of our life situation, our first attitude in approaching God in prayer and especially Mass should be gratitude. Then we present Him with our burdens and worries.

This year, at Our Lady of Lourdes parish, several couples returned for their 50th wedding anniversary. One couple returned for their 55th anniversary. The life experience and wisdom acquired through the years moves us to gratitude for basic, foundational things. Fond memories of the parish, school, and neighborhood are shared. God's faithful presence is recognized. Hearts are full of gratitude.

As our culture becomes more casual and less formal, we tend to take things and people for granted and forget to thank others. The traditional thank you note is a relic of the past. As we celebrate Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's, let's be mindful of thanking God and the people who serve us, help us, and encourage us. May we never tire of saying, in a genuine way, "thank you".

May God bless you and yours!

Father Joseph H. Callahan

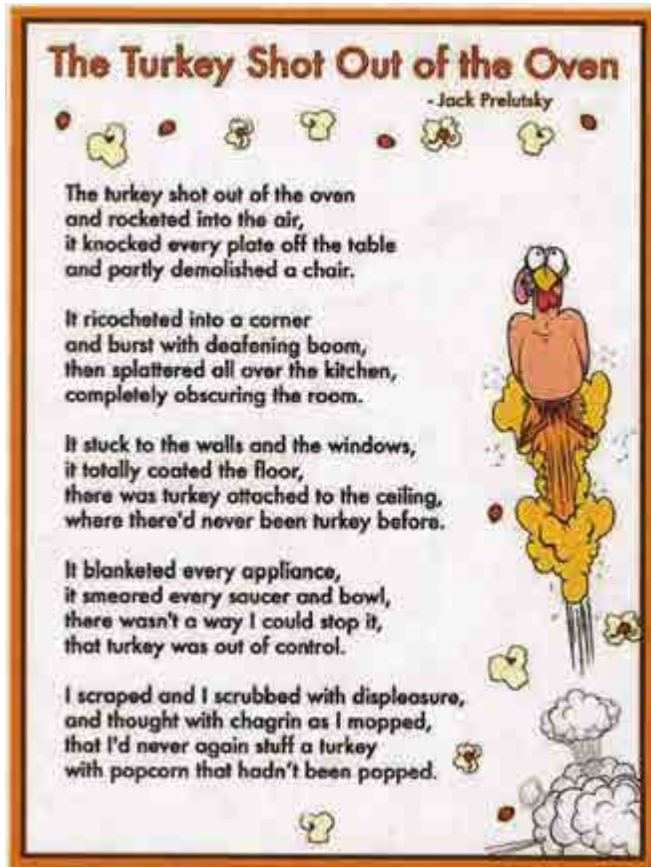
TIC TAC TOE

The history of this game goes back to ancient civilizations. Historians found it was not limited to one culture. The true history of the name remains a piece of an unsolved puzzle.

As for a tie being called "cat's game", there is no real answer. Some think it may be because cats play with things like string, but never really win.

Another theory being it is like a cat chasing its tail, constantly moving in circles without ever winning.





JACK PRELUTSKY – American poet born in 1940, known as one of the most popular and beloved poets for young readers.



TO ALL OUR MEMBERS



ENJOY THE HOLIDAY

WILD TURKEY FACTS

- They hear very well.
- They see best in the daytime.
- They can fly 55 mph for short distances.
- They can walk 20 mph.
- Males are “toms” or “gobblers.”
- Females are “hens.”
- Babies are “poults.”
- They have between 5,000 to 6,000 feathers.
- Poults eat insects, berries and seeds.
- Adults eat insects, acorns and small reptiles.
- They roost in trees at night.



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!!!



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.

UNFORGOTTEN

They were there for us and for our country. Some couldn't wait to come home to the families they loved...others gave the ultimate sacrifice. This Veterans Day, as every day, they remain forgotten.

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
John D. Gattuso	2	New York, NY	03/12/2025	16
Kathleen Neudorfer	16	Pittsburgh, PA	05/17/2022	61
Joan Witcher	18	Chicago, IL	05/30/2025	91
Gregory Vlasek	119	Cedar Rapids, IA	04/18/2025	56
Thomas Dytrych	3	Chicago, IL	07/08/2025	62