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*Now and then it's good to pause in our
pursuit of happiness and just be happy.*

— Guillaume Apollinaire

Guillaume Apollinaire, a French poet, playwright, short story writer, novelist and art critic of Polish descent (1880-1918)



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basic rights of workers must be respected — the
right to productive work, to decent and fair wages,
to the organization and joining of unions, to
private property and to economic initiative."

U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops

SEPTEMBER 11



Faith on campus

Through his new ministry to college students at Mizzou, Father Andrew Auer hopes to create young disciples who are on fire for their faith

- [Jennifer Brinker](#)

Submitted February 1, 2024 |

Father Andrew Auer met up with a handful of students at Shakespeare's Pizza near the University of Missouri-Columbia campus.

Over a couple of extra-large pizzas and salad, the group unwound after a long day of classes, sharing stories and catching up with one another as they anticipated a break the following week for Thanksgiving. Several months into his assignment, Father Auer had eased into his new role as a full-time associate pastor at St. Thomas More Newman Center in Columbia. It's the first time in several decades that a priest from the Archdiocese of St. Louis has been assigned to serve at the Newman Center at Mizzou (*local nickname for University of Missouri-Columbia campus*).

After he was ordained in 2019, Father Auer found himself connecting with college students while he was an associate pastor at St. Clare of Assisi Parish in Ellisville. He and the parish's youth minister made several trips to Mizzou to meet with Catholic students. That expanded to a series of college nights during summer and winter breaks, which continue and are open to any college student.

While priests from the St. Louis archdiocese have long ministered at Newman Centers on campuses in St. Louis, Father Auer researched and found that there are close to 10,000 students (including undergraduate and graduate) from St. Louis at Mizzou each year, far surpassing the number of St. Louis students attending universities here. Those individuals, regardless of faith, are part of the archdiocese's flock, he stressed.

Father Auer said that it's important to be where St. Louis students are, adding that the majority of young Catholics leave the Church in college, even before they make their way back into parish life.

"In the archdiocese, I was seeing that we aren't actually following kids all the way through their young formation," he said. "They're involved in Catholic grade schools, extremely involved in Catholic high schools, and then we would send our college students off to be formed elsewhere and just hope they returned formed and ready to go in our parishes. We need to stop the bleeding before we can treat a different disease. I am big on diagnosing the problem before we can address the solution."

Permission to dream

When Archbishop Mitchell T. Rozanski announced the All Things New pastoral planning initiative, he encouraged Catholics to dream big about the future of the Church in St. Louis. Father Auer took that message to heart.

All Things New drove him to closely examine what he was doing through his unofficial ministry to college students — and why. "It was a hard thing for me to see so many young adults fall away from the faith" during the college years, he said, adding that he watched as friends from his Catholic grade and high schools — including classmates who went on to Mizzou — left the Church.

During a visit to Columbia in 2021, he asked Father Paul Clark, a friend from the seminary ordained for the Diocese of Jefferson City, Missouri, what he thought about having a priest from St. Louis assigned to the Newman Center.

"He was juggling like six jobs and was very overwhelmed," Father Auer recalled. "He told me that it would help a lot," adding that Father Clark was spending much of his time with St. Louis students when he was assigned at the Newman Center.

"That gave me permission to dream about it more," Father Auer said.

Developing a sense of community

Katie Williams visited with friends one morning in November as she waited for the weekday noon Mass to begin at the Newman Center. The junior psychology major from St. Gerard Majella Parish in Kirkwood regularly attended Sunday Mass and was involved in some youth group activities. But when she arrived at Mizzou, she didn't have a specific plan to stay involved in her faith.

While on campus, Katie reconnected with Clare Campbell, a friend she had met during their youth group days. She joined a Bible study that Clare led at their sorority, Pi Beta Phi, and they became friends.

"Clare would invite me every week, and I began to see her more as a friend than a spiritual leader," she said. "She helped me to trust her more with my faith and talk to her more about that." Clare also told her about the college nights that Father Auer was organizing back in St. Louis during the breaks and invited her to attend.

Katie now leads a Bible study at Pi Beta Phi. She said Father Auer "has a heart for college students but also has a huge desire for people to know Christ and to be a disciple and live that every day."

Community is essential for students building a faith identity beyond high school. But Katie said she's observed Father Auer also meeting students where they are on campus regardless of their involvement at Newman. "I have seen him while I am going to class and on campus, meeting up with students," she said. The Newman Center's community and ministries are important, but "we also need outreach to the people who don't find a home at Newman and to meet them exactly where they're at, and that's what he does."

Prime time

College is a prime time where students have more availability and a willingness to be molded in the faith, which they're encouraged to carry on into adulthood.

"The big word is 'opportunity,'" Father Auer said. "The students are so desirous to learn. They're in a new environment away from Mom and Dad. I find them to be extremely teachable, formable. Every day I wake up and see how much opportunity there is, and that gives me lots of fire."

Studies have shown that a college student's decisions and habits formed during the first weeks on campus can define the rest of their college experience. Students are detaching from their parents, figuring out meals on their own and adjusting to the rigors of their studies.

"They don't necessarily have firm foundations, so what do they have to hold on to?" he asked. "That makes you really [susceptible] to really good things or really bad things."

At the Newman Center, Father Auer works closely with pastor Father Daniel Merz, a priest of the Jefferson City Diocese, and a staff of more than 20 and several Fellowship of Catholic University Students (FOCUS) missionaries. Newman also operates as a parish, drawing in about 850 families from Columbia and surrounding areas while also ministering to students, faculty and staff at Mizzou, Columbia College and Stephens College.

Making the faith their own

Amid a busy fall semester, Abby Obert found herself rising before 7 a.m. to attend a three-day "crash course" on prayer led by Father Auer. The sophomore occupational therapy major from Immaculate Conception Parish in Dardenne Prairie didn't know anyone at Newman when she arrived but has since made connections with others on her own and through Father Auer.

“Faith in college is a lot different — it took a lot of maturing in different ways,” she said. “It’s not ‘having’ to go to things and actually having to choose it. It was also not knowing anyone at the Newman Center, and that was a really big step for me — putting myself out there and trying to make friends and find my place there.”

Beyond helping students connect with one another, Father Auer sees his role as guiding them to make the faith their own as they enter adulthood.

“If you form kids in college, when they get back to their parishes or whatever communities they’re living in ... they should have everything they need: a robust and established prayer life, a love for the sacraments, community in Christ, knowledge of the truth and a readiness to share the Gospel,” Father Auer said. “I hope that coming out of college they have what they need to practice a saintly and virtuous life. It’s absolutely possible — we just have to start dreaming about it and relying on the Lord.”



Father Auer celebrated Mass at the St. Thomas More Newman Center in Columbia. The Newman Center serves Catholic students at the University of Missouri, Stephens College and Columbia College.



Father Andrew Auer spoke to University of Missouri sophomore Isabel Holland, a parishioner at Sacred Heart in Troy, on Nov. 15 outside The Heidelberg in Columbia. Father Auer, a priest of the Archdiocese of St. Louis, is serving at the St. Thomas More Newman Center at Mizzou to connect especially with Catholic students from the St. Louis area.



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Father Auer laughed after a dinner meetup with University of Missouri students outside Shakespeare's Pizza in Columbia

Photograph Credit: Jacob Wiegand

EDITOR'S NOTE: Father Andrew Auer, of Society #7 in St. Louis, Missouri, is a lifelong member of the Czech Catholic Union/CCU Life.

A Tribute to long-time CCU Member Dolores A. Kennedy

DENNIS, MA - Dolores A. Kennedy (Harvanek) 91 of Dennis, MA died Monday, May 20, 2024.

Dolores was born and raised in Chicago, IL. She was a 71 year Member of the Czech Catholic Union. Dolores was originally enrolled as a member of the St. Ann Society #18, by her Mother Marie (Bures) Harvanek. Dolores generously shared the CCU legacy by making sure family and friends, including her son Brian Kennedy and Grandchildren Jeremy Potratz, and Emily and Alexandra Kennedy are proud CCU Members.

Dolores graduated from Nazareth Academy in Chicago, studying at Mundelein College now part of Loyola University of Chicago as well as Aquinas College. Dolores met her husband Gene during a job interview for a position at the Drake Hotel in Chicago. Their first date was lunch in the Cape Cod Room of the Drake. That would be a prophetic lunch to begin their relationship, as Cape Cod became their beloved place many years later.

Dolores was an active participant in supporting her husband's career that took her to Grand Rapids, MI; Syracuse, NY; South Bend, IN; Silver Spring, MD; and Chatham, NJ raising her four children and volunteering in the community. As her children grew, she returned to employment as a boutique sales representative for Bloomingdales, The Basket Shop and the Armchair Cottage among others.

After falling in love with Cape Cod during a family vacation in 1970, Dolores and her husband moved to Dennis in 1985. Dolores was active in the community, at Our Lady of the Cape as a Eucharistic minister, minister of the word and St. Vincent de Paul Society volunteer, a board member of the Friends of Dennis Senior Citizens, a volunteer receptionist at the Cape Cod Museum of Art and an election poll worker among others.

Dolores enjoyed spending time with family and friends. Visits with her family always included a good drink, oysters on the half shell, and a sweet chocolate treat. A competitive game of dominos was on her list after time spent on Cold Storage Beach with family. On Sundays after church, she would drive to the beach to enjoy the view and some time for reflection. She loved watching sports, especially golf and ice hockey. With friends, Dolores enjoyed reading, playing mahjong, doing yoga, and was always on the hunt for a treasure at thrift stores and estate sales. She was kind to everyone that entered her circle and loved a good laugh.



Dolores is predeceased by her husband Gene, her granddaughter Alyssa Potratz, her parents Frank and Marie Harvanek, her sister Marie (Harvanek) Kelleher and her brother Robert F. Harvanek, S.J. Dolores is survived by her four children. Brian F. Kennedy of Kensington, MD, Kyran P. (Mary Beth) Kennedy of Bethesda, MD, Neil R. (Chuck Spence) Kennedy of Sedona, AZ and Maria A. (Dan) Potratz of Mt Prospect, IL as well as her grandchildren Emily and Alexandra Kennedy and Jeremy Potratz.

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SAINT LUDMILA



O Glorious Saint Ludmila, you served
God in humility and confidence on
earth and are now in the enjoyment of
his beatific version in heaven because
you persevered till death and gained
the crown of eternal life. Remember
now the danger that surrounded me in
the valley of tears, and intercede for me
in my needs and troubles (especially...)
mention intention. Amen.

Feast Day September 16

SAINT WENCESLAUS



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O good Wenceslaus, Saint and Martyr,
you were educated in the true faith
and held a special devotion
to the Blessed Sacrament.
As a brave and pious King,
you provided for all the needs
of your people,
and were merciful to your enemies.

O great Saint, assist me
in my service to God and neighbor.
Help me to find the same compassion
and mercy that you
so freely bestowed upon others. Amen.

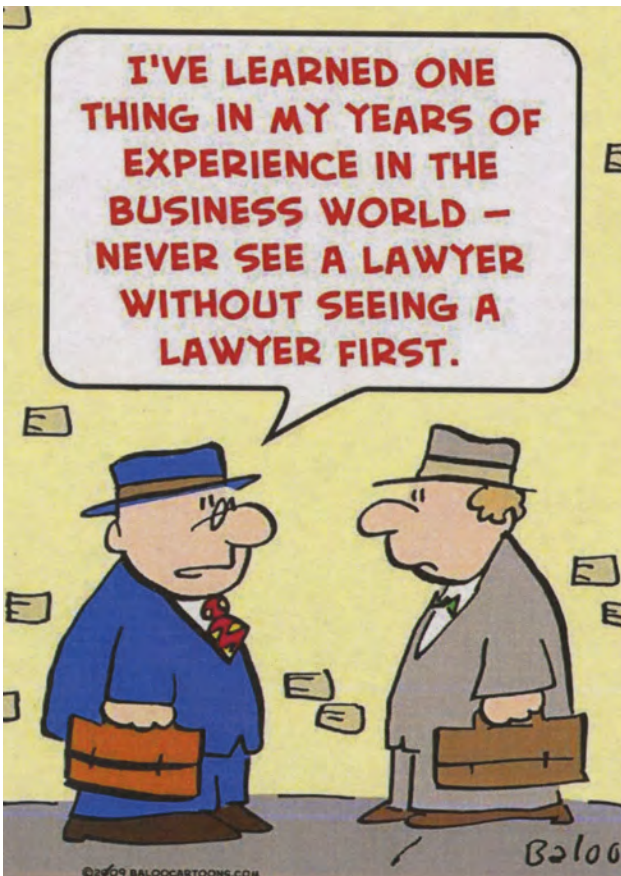
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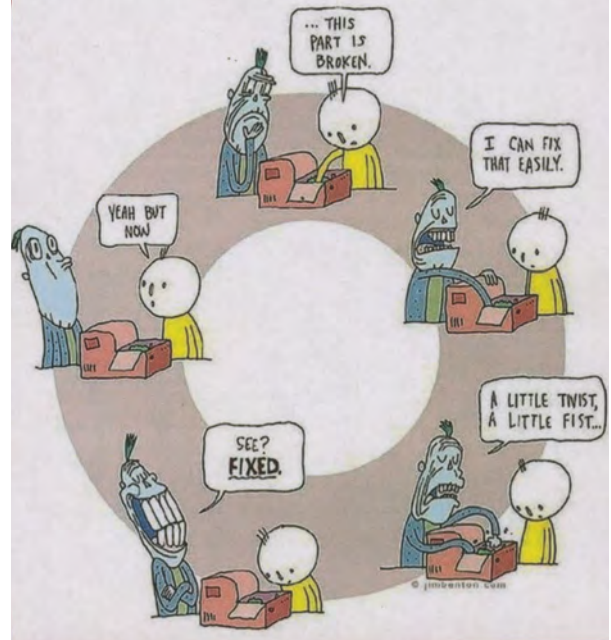


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Programmers Day - September 12

The Coding Cycle



National IT Professional Day - September 17



Accounting Day - November 10





NCSML Prepares to Host the

Reprise of the Presidents

in Cedar Rapids as we dedicate the
Buresh Immigrant Clock Tower

Friday, September 27, 2024 at Noon



PETR PAVEL
President,
Czech Republic



PETER PELLEGRINI
President,
Slovak Republic



On October 21, 1995, Presidents Václav Havel (1936–2011) of the Czech Republic and Michal Kováč (1930–2016) of the Slovak Republic, along with then U.S. President Bill Clinton, were present for the dedication of our new building. In 2024, the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library celebrates its 50th anniversary. It continues to fulfill 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 major focal points of this year's celebration is the renovation of the clock tower that was severely damaged by the 2020 storms. It is now being repaired and enhanced with the addition of an astronomical clock (astrolabe), modeled after the famous Prague Orloj. As the renovation nears completion, the museum has received confirmation that **two heads of state will be in Cedar Rapids to dedicate our new attraction.**

The astrolabe's electronic systems and fully digitized inner workings have been developed by the SPEL Company from Prague — the same firm that maintains Prague's 15th-Century astrolabe. The Buresh Immigrant Clock Tower will feature 12 statues carved by Andrej Haršány of Bratislava, Slovakia. They 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.

The project, a long-time dream of the late Ernie Buresh, for whom the tower is named, is made possible not only by his original contribution, but by the generous support of many in the community, across the country, and the world. Join us at this historic event on Friday, September 27. If you would like to contribute to this beautiful and meaningful project, please visit our website at <https://tinyurl.com/3cykcbjs>, or scan this code.

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Ester Pavlů
Mezzosoprano



Markéta Vydrová
Children's book
illustrator



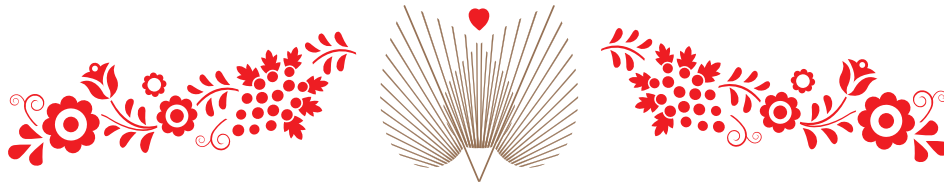
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Classical guitar & piano concert
Selected works by A. Dvořák, B. Smetana and V. H. Voříšek
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NOV 1ST 7PM / NCSML

WHO LOVES WHO?

Soprano, violin & piano concert; selected works by A. Dvořák,
B. Smetana, E. W. Korngold, B. Martinů, and V. Kaprálová
E. Gattringerová, soprano /CZ/, J. Mráček, violin /CZ/, L. Klánský, piano /CZ/

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NOV 4TH 7PM / ST. WENCESLAUS

SPILLVILLE

AN EVENING OF CZECH MUSIC IN THE LAND OF DVOŘÁK

Violin and piano concert

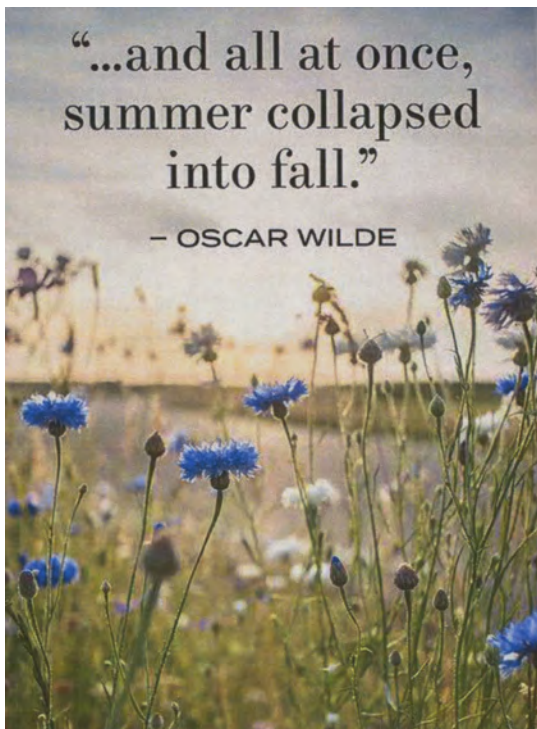
J. Mráček, Czech Philharmonic concert master violinist /CZ/, L. Klánský, piano /CZ/

All events are open with suggested donations to each event. Program subject to change.



CHINESE PANGOLIN – PRAGUE ZOO

On July 11, 2024, the Prague Zoo in the Czech Republic announced the birth of another Chinese Pangolin, the second in less than two years. The first Chinese Pangolin was born at the Prague Zoo on February 2, 2023. Prague is only the second zoo in Europe to keep the species in hopes of helping their numbers grow. They are hunted heavily for their scales and meat. The scales are used in traditional medicine in Asia and elsewhere. There are eight different species of Pangolin and all are considered critically endangered.



Oscar Wilde
(poet and playwright, 1854 - 1900)



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FLASHBACKS

Memorable Visit with President Johnson at the White House

Our president Lyndon B. Johnson paid a swell compliment to the membership of all fraternal organizations when he invited their officers to attend a conference and be his guests at the White House reception September 21. This invitation pleased all the Fraternalists including our grand president Marie L. Kral and secretary Anna Veverka. However due to circumstances Mrs. Kral could not make the trip and so Mrs. Anna Veverka represented our Union. Her impressions of the wonderful trip and visit with president Johnson were very much like all the others.

It was a thrill to enter the White House at 4:30 p. m. with full color and music. It was an exciting experience and especially to sit with approximately 200 Fraternal Leaders of this country and have the President enter for this conference. With greetings from the President all listened to several cabinet members briefly report on finances, budget and defense, which proved very interesting.

Remarks relating to the Fraternal Organizations of America were made along the lines that the President was not interested in partisanship but in leadership. His first duty being to a 180 million Americans, private and public servants. Remarks further included mention of our prosperity being better than ever before. Also the fact that we are now better prepared for any emergency than ever before and more determined to preserve peace than ever before.

We were warned that unity of our society is a tyrant of every tyrant. This challenge is brought

to each and every one of us. Reference was made to the fact that Fraternalists provide the spirit of brotherhood and to the needy scholarships, education, hospital welfare, medical services and an association of happy Americans.

The fact that Fraternalists in the United States grew to a number of 200 in insuring 10 million people was emphasized.

After such comment the President mingled with the crowd and stressed many things applying to the Fraternal world, particularly leadership under God versus Communism. Such thought apparently is looming large in the officials minds in Washington.

The conference could not be classed exactly as political but government is politics and the president was talking about the importance of good government responsibilities to be dedicated in the nature of creating unity rather than disunity; love instead of hate, progress instead of decline, good leadership rather than poor.

Stress was laid on the fact that wars are not won by numbers but by systems and soundness of government. With such presentation his appeal was to all preachers, ministers and priests of the Lord for help to government.

Emphasis was laid on that fact that progress and good government are good for all political parties. It was a very informal conference with President Johnson discussing phases of government and finance of the future for possibly an hour.

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FLASHBACKS

On September 28, 1930, members of St. Procop Parish on Cleveland's west side celebrated St. Wenceslaus with a religious procession. Here they are seen marching down West 41st Street, passing their church.

St. Procop Parish closed August 30, 2009.



CHURCH OF ST. HAVEL VOSTEL SV. HAVEL



This church, also known as St. Gall, is located in Old Town, Czech Republic. It was established by King Wencelas I in 1232. This was one of the four main churches in the city at that time. The current church building was built between 1732 and 1738.



Building on the right is the former Prague Town Savings Bank

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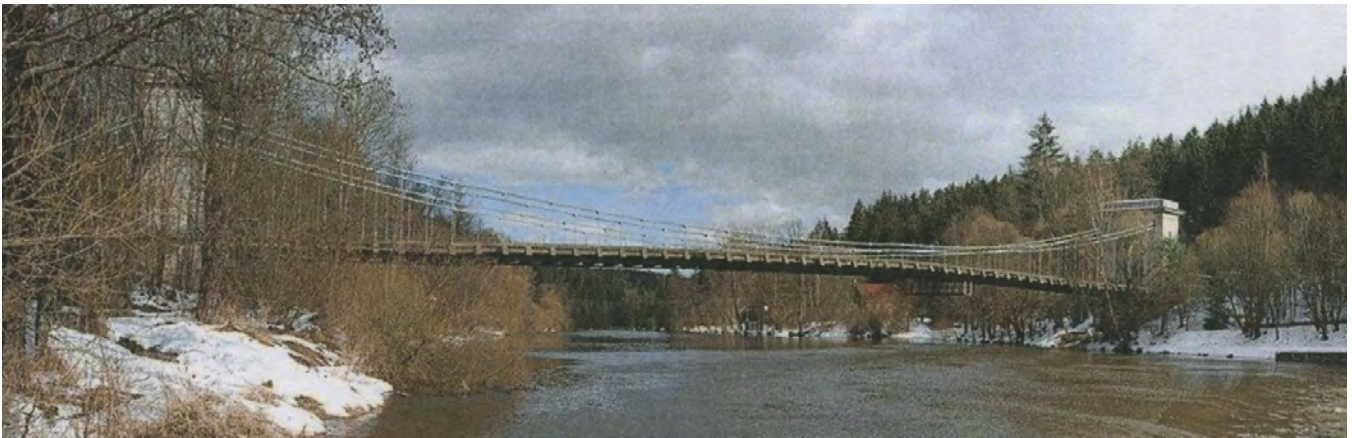
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STADLEC SUSPENSION BRIDGE



This bridge is presently the only surviving Empire style chain bridge in Bohemia. It is located on the river Luznice between Stadlec and Dobrejice, in the Southern Bohemian Region of the Czech Republic. Designed between 1847-1848, the bridge spanned the Vltava River in Podolsko, also in the Southern Bohemian Region of the Czech Republic. Between 1960 and 1975 the bridge was dismantled and moved to the Luznice. Two thousand granite blocks with a total weight of 1,000 tons and 1,100 steel parts which weighed 100 tons were gradually relocated from the valley of the Vltava to the valley of the Luznice. Only passenger cars less than 7 feet wide can cross it. Since 1989 the Stadlec Bridge has been protected as a national cultural monument.



2024 HIGH SCHOOL GRANT RECIPIENTS

NAME	SOCIETY	HIGH SCHOOL	CITY, STATE
Javier Fernandez	101	Marist School	Atlanta, GA
Alexis Kabat	156	Roncalli High School	Indianapolis, IN
Adam Noga	11	St. Ignatius High School	Cleveland, OH
Garett Novacek	46	Aquinas Catholic High School	David City, NE
Emmett O'Donnell	156	St. Edward High School	Lakewood, OH
Kaitlyn Wesely	127	Pius X High School	Lincoln, NE



GIZZARD SOUP

POLEVKA Z DRUBEZICH DRUBKU

6 c. cold water
 gizzard, neck, wings and back of duck, goose, chicken or turkey
 salt to taste
 2 carrots, cut up
 1 parsnip, cut up
 1/2 medium celery root, cut up
 1 medium onion, cut up
 1 T. parsley, minced
 dash of mace
 1/4 c. very thin noodles or rice

Put well-cleaned gizzard, neck, wings and back into water. Add salt and vegetables. Simmer for 2-3 hours or until tender. Strain soup, puree vegetables through strainer, remove meat from bones and dice. Return all to soup. Thicken soup by adding noodles or rice. Cook until done. Add mace and parsley before serving. Serves 4.

APPLE CUTS JABLKOVE REZY

2 T. butter
 2 T. sugar
 3 t. baking powder
 3/4 c. milk
 2 T. Lard
 3 c. flour
 2 eggs
 sliced apples
 cinnamon, sugar, ground nuts

Combine butter, lard, sugar, flour and baking powder. Add eggs and milk. Mix well. Divide dough into two pieces and quickly roll. Line bottom of 13x9 inch pan with one piece, bringing dough up the sides. Fill with the apples, sugar, cinnamon and ground nuts. Sprinkle with butter. Place other piece of dough on top. Seal edges with water and make slits in top. Bake for 45 minutes at 350 degrees. Dust with powdered sugar and cut into squares. Cherry filling may be used.

MUSHROOM STROGANOFF

2 t. olive oil
 1 onion, finely chopped
 1 T. sweet paprika
 2 garlic cloves, crushed
 2 1/2 c. mixed mushrooms, chopped
 3/4 c. low-sodium beef or vegetable stock
 1 T. Worcestershire sauce
 3 T. sour cream
 small bunch of parsley, chopped
 1 1/4 c. cooked wild rice

Heat oil in large pan. Soften onion about 5 minutes. Add paprika and garlic. Cook for 1 minute more. Add mushrooms. Cook on high heat, stirring often, about 5 minutes. Pour in the stock and Worcestershire sauce. Bring to a boil, bubble for 5 minutes until sauce thickens. Turn heat off. Stir the sour cream and most of the parsley. Make sure pan is not on the heat. Heat the rice. Stir in remaining parsley and serve with the stroganoff.

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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.



CLEVELAND, OHIO CZECH CULTURAL GARDEN



Pay tribute to the homeland and enjoy the Ohio fall

On Oct. 28 we celebrate the foundation of Czechoslovakia, for many years a wreath was placed at the statue of T.G. Masaryk in the Czech Cultural Garden. We will do it again on Sunday Oct. 27 at 2pm followed by the “Sokol Run/Walk” and light refreshments. The Sokol Run has been initiated by Sokols in Czechia to commemorate this important holiday – here in Cleveland we modified it to “walk” – that is more our speed. Last year we had participants from CCU, Ceska Sin Sokol and Sokol Greater Cleveland walk short, level ground, paved surface route passing the Carpatho-Rusyn, Slovak and Italian gardens. CCU has been a great supporter of the Czech Cultural Garden, come and enjoy the great fall colors, fresh air and spirited camaraderie!

By Paul Burik

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Society #18, Berwyn, IL— “Hello Erin, my entire family is thrilled with the Posel we each received in the mail this week. I can’t thank you and Jane enough for inviting us to contribute and being so generous with not only your time but also the large space in the Posel. I hope it inspires other members to contribute about their families. Happy Summer. Best wishes.”

Bonnie Maly

Polish American Congress — Ohio Division, Parma, OH — “We sincerely thank you for your generous support that helped make the 2024 Polish Constitution Day Celebration a success. We are excited to announce that next year will mark the 75th anniversary of Polish Constitution Day. Please save the date for this special celebration: May 2-4, 2025. We hope to see you there and look forward to your continued support. Thank you once again for being a sponsor of Polish Constitution Day.”

Sincerely, Polish American Congress — Ohio Division



THE FRIENDLY CZECH WATER GHOST

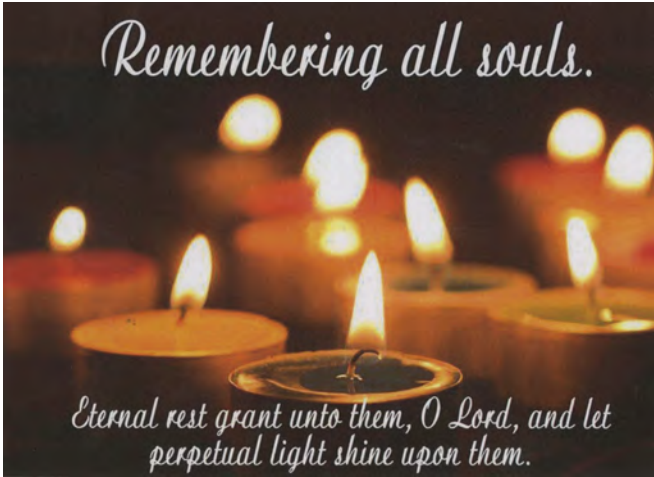


Karbourek is a friendly water ghost, popular in Czech folklore. He is believed to live in the Certovka Stream, part of the Vltava River, and can allegedly occasionally be seen appearing from the surface and asking passersby to bring him a mug of beer. Certovka can be translated as the Devil's Stream or Devil's Canal. The stream takes its water from the Vltava River and after almost a half a mile, flows back into the Vltava. During the olden days, he is said to have visited the local pubs to drink beer with the people.

VELVET REVOLUTION

The "Velvet Revolution" was a comparative bloodless revolution in Czechoslovakia that saw the overthrow of the communist government there. It started on November 17, 1989, when a peaceful student demonstration in Prague was severely beaten back by the communist riot police. The event sparked a popular uprising that prompted people to take to the streets. By November 20, the number of peaceful protestors assembled in Prague swelled from 200,000 the day before to an estimated half-million. Then, with other communist regimes falling all around it and with growing street protests, the Communist Party of Czechoslovakia announced on November 28 they would give up their monopoly on political power. Democratic elections held on December 29, 1989, brought the first non-communist government to Czechoslovakia in more than 40 years.





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2024 Czech Holiday Fair
Saturday, November 9 10:00 - 3:00

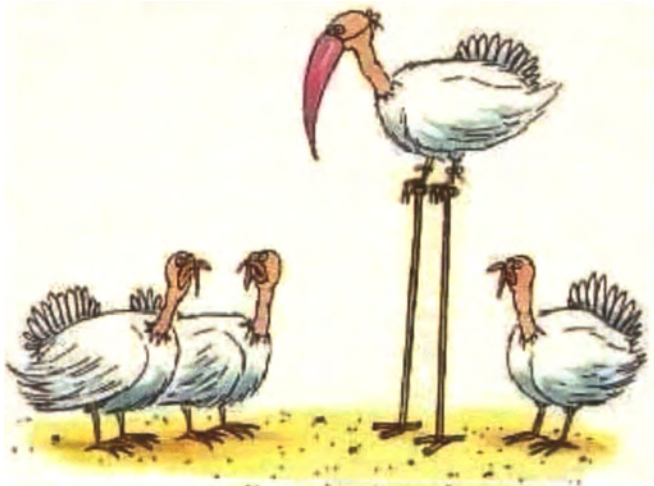
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Once again CCU will participate at the Czech Holiday Fair. Baskets to be raffled off upon your donation. All monies collected donated to a local food pantry. Come join in this event. What a great way to start the Holiday Season!!!



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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
Dolores Kennedy	18	Chicago, IL	05/20/2024	89
Rev. Emil Wcela	2	New York, NY	05/21/2022	27
Mary Jane Gaffney	45	St. Paul, MN	04/19/2023	75
Joyce Bican	156	Cleveland, OH	01/07/2024	93
Sr. Charlotte Rohrbach	143	Cicero, IL	03/21/2021	80
Emma Jones	143	Cicero, IL	04/15/2023	28