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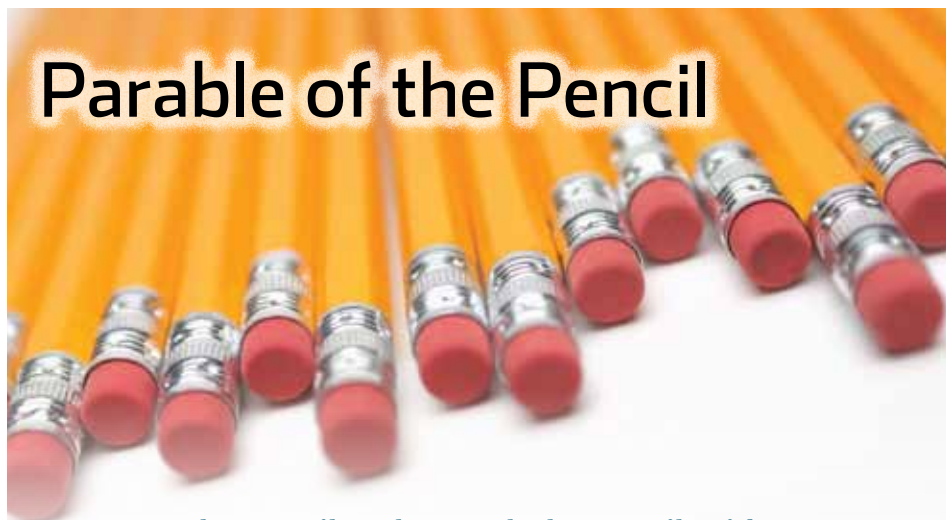
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# Parable of the Pencil



*The Pencil Maker took the pencil aside,  
just before putting him into the box.*

“There are five things you need to know,” he told the pencil, “Before I send you out into the world. Always remember them and you will become the best pencil you can be.”

“**One:** You will be able to do many great things, but only if you allow yourself to be held in Someone’s hand.”

“**Two:** You will experience a painful sharpening from time to time, but you’ll need it to become a better pencil.”

“**Three:** You will always be able to correct any mistakes you might make.”

“**Four:** The most important part of you will always be what’s inside.”

“**And Five:** On every surface you are used on, you must leave your mark. No matter what the condition, you must continue to write.”

The pencil understood and promised to remember, and went into the box with purpose in its heart.

Dear Friends,

This month try replacing the place of the pencil with you.  
Remember these five “points” and you will leave your mark on this world!

**One:** You will be able to do many great things, but only if you allow yourself to be held in God’s hand. Allow other human beings to access you for the many God given gifts you possess.

**Two:** You will experience a painful sharpening from time to time, by going through various problems in life, but you need to experience those problems to become a stronger person.

**Three:** You will always be able to correct any mistakes you might make. Mistakes are often our very best teacher if we are willing to learn from them.

**Four:** The most important part of you will always be what’s on the inside.

**And Five:** On every surface you walk through, you must leave your mark. No matter what the situation, you must continue to always do your best. Let your actions always speak louder than your words!

Until Next Month,  
Warmly, Carolyn

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# **EXTRAORDINARY YEAR OF MERCY: ~ AIDS FOR PROMOTING THE YEAR OF MERCY ~**

**Very Reverend Monsignor Peter M. Polando, D. Min., J.C.L., National Chaplain**

*(Continued from July Issue)*

My dear Sisters and Brothers,

In this Extraordinary Holy Year of Mercy, a daily way to make this Year more extraordinary and holy is to perform the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy. These Works of Mercy are listed below along with the official Vatican logo for the Extraordinary Holy Year of Mercy that was designed by the Reverend Marko I. Rupnik. The logo portrays Jesus, the person of Mercy, who is carrying a “lost man” on His shoulders, their eyes united with each other, connecting all sinners to the tenderness of Christ’s merciful love. Jesus is carrying the man out of the darkness of sin into His wonderful, merciful light contrasted by the dark to light backdrop. “Merciful like the Father” is a quote from the Gospel of Luke 6:36 reminding us that as the Father bestows mercy and forgiveness, so must all followers of His Son do the same.

## **Corporal Works of Mercy**

Feed the Hungry

Give Drink to  
the Thirsty

Clothe the Naked

House the Homeless

Visit the Sick

Ransom the Captive

Bury the Dead



## **Spiritual Works of Mercy**

Instruct the Ignorant

Counsel the Doubtful

Admonish the Sinner

Bear Wrongs Patiently

Forgive Offenses Willingly

Comfort the Afflicted

Pray for the Living  
and the Dead

National President Cynthia Maleski joined in the festivities for the City of Pittsburgh, Bicentennial for a grand parade on July 9, stopping by the Slovak unit made up of performers from the Pittsburgh Slovaks (shown below at left is Joanne Lako, Annie Ondrejco, and two of the Collins sisters). She also stopped by the banner held high for the Kosciuszko Foundation, named for General Thaddeus Kosciuszko, who fought with and aided General George Washington during the Revolutionary War.

*Photos taken by Andrzej Groch*



# Message from our National President

## CYNTHIA M. MALESKI



Dear fellow members,

The August issue of the magazine is always a favorite of mine, since it highlights our annual scholarship winners. First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association has awarded hundreds, if not thousands, of scholarships annually for many years and it is a joy and honor to be part of an organization with such lofty, benevolent goals in assisting

our young members to become educated and prepared for the challenges of today's world!

The time we spend leading this association is primarily devoted to finding critical pathways and follow up action steps for our continued growth and success in both the short and long term. The strategic planning process in which we engage is essential to this endeavor. One goal is to continue to provide lasting financial security to our members with quality insurance products and great fraternal benefits.

A second and equally important goal is to find ways to grow our membership through sales by our producer

force and home office and through relationships with other like-minded fraternal benefit societies with common bond and common purpose.

We anticipate that in potentially welcoming members of the Polish Union of the United States of North America (based in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania) and Polish Women's Alliance of America (based in Chicago, Illinois) to our society, an increase in the number of members of common bond and heritage at the same time will lead to greater economies of scale, a growth spurt and new markets, versus a one-member-at-a time approach over many, many years.

For me, these opportunities are exciting so that we can share our common stories as children and grandchildren of immigrants who came to the United States to bring about a new life for generations to come. We can also share our common hopes and dreams for our children and grandchildren as we continue our journey together well into the 21st century!

### Slovak Heritage Programs

The Slovak Heritage Programs are held at Mt. Lebanon Library, 16 Castle Shannon Blvd., Mt. Lebanon, PA from 7-9 p.m. It is free.

#### OCTOBER 3, 2016 — DISCOVERING YOUR SLOVAK ROOTS

Lisa A. Alzo, a specialist in Eastern European genealogy, will show you how to discover your Slovak roots. She will discuss the best resources to consult and how to overcome the most common pitfalls and obstacles associated with tracing ancestors back to Central and Eastern Europe.

### Attention Sr. Branch 172 Wilkes-Barre, PA

All seasons luncheon free to all members Sunday, September 25, 2016 at 12:00 noon Genetti Hotel and Conference Center reservations required before September 16, 2016 call Bernadette Yenchka at 570-822-9843 or Magdalen Iskra at 570-824-0216.

## FCSLA Annuity Rates

### Rates for our Elite Annuities:

#### SILVER ELITE (5 YEAR)

**3.00% APY\***

#### GOLD ELITE (7 YEAR)

**3.25% APY\***

#### PLATINUM ELITE (10 YEAR)

**3.50% APY\***

\*This rate is in effect 7/1/2016 thru 9/30/2016.

The credited rate is reviewed quarterly by the Board of Directors and will never go below the minimum guaranteed rate. The guaranteed minimum rate for Elite Silver and Gold contracts issued in 2016 is 2% APY and for the Platinum Elite is 2.5% APY.

# Congratulations Marilyn K. Sestak 2016 FCSLA FRATERNALIST OF THE YEAR!

Marilyn K. Sestak has been a member of FCSLA Branch W093, Tabor, SD for the past 20 years.

**Society Leadership:** In the past year, she has been directly involved in a successful soup kitchen fundraiser, raising money to help toward expenses due to illness for a teenage member of the organization. Over the years, Marilyn has served in various fundraising soup kitchen events which were raising funds for the youth activities.



She presently serves as the Treasurer of the Scholarship Committee which awards scholarship money to college student members.

Marilyn has directly assisted at the District #13 FCSLA meeting held last November in Tabor, SD with the setup, serving and cleanup of the meeting; also serves with kitchen preparation at the monthly branch meetings.

Marilyn attends funerals of departed members of branch W013 and furnishes food to the family.

Branch W093 is involved with their local ethnic celebration, Czech Days. Marilyn helps in building the parade float and is one of the ticket takers at the dances held each year during the celebration of Czech heritage.

**Service to others:** Marilyn is a current and very devout member of the St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church and its Altar Society. She works and bakes kolaces for the annual Czech Days celebration, works and donates toward the annual church bazaar, and contributes towards the advent baby shower. She and other members of the society assist the nursing home residents with bingo and help serve at the Banquet Communal Meal which the Society hosts in Yankton, SD. She also helps deliver canned goods to the local food pantry.

This past year, Marilyn was directly involved in Team Tate Foundation 5K run/walk, which is a fundraiser to educate infant caregivers about Sudden Infant Death Syndrome and to promote safe sleep for babies.

She is a volunteer for Chamber activities, working at and providing food for the annual Chamber Down Home Christmas event in appreciation to the community. She also works the annual 4-H Chicken Barbeque.

Marilyn is a very generous and dedicated member of FCSLA and is always willing to lend a helping hand by donating, volunteering or helping wherever needed. She is very deserving of the FCSLA 2016 Fraternalist of the Year award. Congratulations!



I was searching the internet one day and I came across a website called Random Acts of Kindness. I found it to be very uplifting. We always hear about all the bad in the world and you get tired of hearing all the negativity. You want to hear about something good or inspirational, to let you know there are still really good people in your communities, states and world.



This website has some really good quotes, kindness stories and kindness ideas. It really ties into what the fraternal side of FCSLA is all about. When our branches do a Matching Funds Project or participate in a Join Hands Day project they make someone's day. When you as an individual do something as simple as saying hello, smile or put a cute sticker on a piece of mail – you can really make someone's day. You may not know it, but that is what makes doing something just to be kind so special.

What is your branch doing to makes someone's day? What random act of kindness will you do as an individual? It's just something to think about. The best part . . . a person of any age can do this.

"Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around."

## RADIO HOUR DINNER

The Western Pennsylvania Slovak Radio Hour will host its 34th Annual Dinner-Dance on Sunday, October 2, 2016 at the Westwood Golf Club in West Mifflin, PA. For more information call Sue Ondrejco at (412) 421-1204.

*The NSS Heritage Museum Presents*

### "Septemberfest"

**Saturday, September 24, 2016**

11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

**NATIONAL SLOVAK SOCIETY  
HERITAGE MUSEUM**

351 Valley Brook Road, McMurray, PA 15317

Slovak cooking and craft demonstrations. Slovak dance performances. Slovak food, vendors and more! Featuring the largest animated wood carving in the U.S. Please call (412) 421-1204 for more information.



## Struthers, Ohio Sr. Branch 156 Holds Party

Sr. Branch 156 members attended a lovely party at Bruno's Restaurant on December 19, 2015. A delicious meal was served along with homemade desserts compliments of Mary Ann Anderson and Patti Granchay.



## FALL LANGUAGE CLASSES

The Slovak language classes this fall will be for intermediate and advanced students only. The classes will be held as follows:

Every Thursday, September 6-October 25 from 7-8:30 p.m. at the Brashear Association, 2005 Sarah Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15203 / (412) 431-2236. The instructor is Bozena Hilko. To reserve your place please contact Joe Senko at [jtsenko@aol.com](mailto:jtsenko@aol.com) or (412) 956-6000.

Gifts were distributed from the branch and the home office. Everyone enjoyed the afternoon and left looking forward to the next "get together."

## ST. ANDREW ABBEY BENEFIT

### OKTOBERFEST

**Sunday, September 25, 2016**

**AMERICAN-CROATIAN LODGE**

34900 Lakeshore Blvd., Eastlake, OH 44095

Mass at 2:00 P.M.

Followed by Hors d'oeuvres

Dinner / Raffle / Dancing

### ADMISSION BY INVITATION ONLY

\$75.00 Individual

\$180 Family of 4

(2 adults and 2 children under 18 years old)

Additional children \$25.00 each

Children under 6 are free.

**Slovak Raffle \* Balloon Artist \* 50/50  
Hot Pretzels \* Face Painting \* Cotton Candy \* Polka**

*For your invitation or for more information please contact:  
Rose Stiflar at St. Andrew Abbey (216) 721-5300 ext. 0  
Debbie First at St. Andrew Abbey (216) 721-5300 ext. 156*

*All proceeds from this fundraising event will go to support  
the Mission of the Monks of St. Andrew Abbey.*

## FCSLA IS GROWING

*Stephen C. Hudak, Interim National Treasurer*

New members are vital to the long term stability and growth of any insurance company. FCSLA is no different. The addition of new members increases our assets base, promotes economies of scales in operations and spreads our risks over a larger membership pool. Over our history we have grown membership by two distinctly different approaches.



Every year since our founding FCSLA has brought in new members either through our recommenders (members) or home office sales. As regulations increased limiting our member's ability to sell, we established an independent agent force. These agents have added many new members over the last decade. We term this approach to increasing membership organic growth.

Another way to increase members is via merger or acquisition. FCSLA is no stranger to this approach of increasing membership. We successfully completed at least five different mergers/acquisitions including three in the 1960's and more recently the Catholic Workman in 2004. Each of these helped to improve the long term stability and growth of our association.

Currently we have two opportunities to add new members with very similar religious and ethnic backgrounds. Adding these members will rapidly contribute to our membership growth and assist in the long term stability of our association.

## Owen Miley is 6th Generation Member of FCSLA



Pictured above, L-R: Great-grandmother Susan Talpas, Grandmother Andrea Lagzdins and Amy Miley holding 6th generation member of FCSLA, Owen Miley. Deceased FCSLA members are Great-Great-Grandmother Mary Barilla and Great-Great-Great-Grandmother Susan Groch. All are or were members of S221 and J57 of Cleveland and Parma, OH.

## Lorain, Ohio Scholarships

United Slovak Societies at the American Slovak Club in Lorain, OH are pleased to announce scholarship winners for the 2016 school year.

Recipients must meet grade point average criteria and be a five year member in good standing of one of the five local fraternal lodges that make up United Slovak Societies.

The lodges include First Catholic Slovak Union-Branch 228, First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association-Branch 114, National Slovak Society-Assembly 160, Slovak Catholic Sokol-Wreath 111 and Ladies Pennsylvania Slovak Catholic Union-Branch 77.

The recipients are Lauren Salkiewicz of Amherst, OH, daughter of Trisha and Christopher Radman. Lauren is a graduate of Firelands High School and will attend Lorain County Community College and Bowling Green University.

**LAUREN SALKIEWICZ** is a member of LPSCU Branch 77, SCS Branch 111, and FCSLA Branch 114.

**SARAH KOZMA** of Elyria, OH, daughter of Cynthia and Michael Kozma. Sarah is a graduate of Elyria Catholic High School and will attend Duquesne University. Sarah is a member of FCSU Branch 228.

**EMILY BOBEK** of Amherst, OH, daughter of Laura and Richard Bobek. Emily is a graduate of Marion L. Steele High School and will attend Duquesne University. Emily is a member of FCSLA Branch 114.

**MICHAEL DEPAUW** of Lewis Center, OH, son of Constance and Philip DePauw. Michael is a graduate of Orange High School and will attend Virginia Tech. Michael is a member of NSS Branch 160.

**CHELSEA BRANDT** of Geneva, IL, daughter of Karen and David Brandt. Chelsea is a graduate of Geneva High School and will attend Loyola University. Chelsea is a member of FCSLA Branch 114.

**CHRISTINA ECHAVIA** of Pleasanton, CA, daughter of Ann and Anthony Echavia. Christina is a graduate of Amador High School and will attend University of California at Santa Cruz. Christina is a member of FCSU Branch 228.

A bar-b-que dinner and presentation of awards was held on Tuesday, July 5th at the American Slovak Club. Those in attendance are pictured below.



Pictured L-R: Scholarship Coordinator Michele Mager, Lauren Salkiewicz, Sarah Kozma, President Len Zilko.



# *Congratulations to John Lorence Dzurec*

## FCSLA 2106 YOUTH RECOGNITION AWARD RECIPIENT!

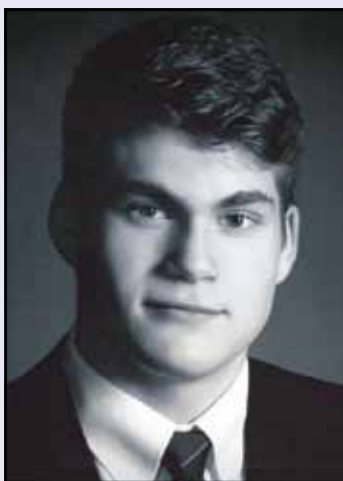
John is a fine example of Slovak academic achievement, volunteerism, athleticism and warmth. John belongs to Branch S481. He is the son of Dan and Mary Ann Radachi Dzurec and the brother of Kazmir Dzurec.

He attended St. Ignatius High School where he maintained a cumulative grade point average of 4.04 and was awarded the FCSLA Scholarship in 2015 for his academic excellence. John has been accepted directly to the Farmer College of Business at Miami University in Oxford, OH where he will begin his studies in the fall of 2016.

During his tenure at St. Ignatius, he has served as a role model around Catholicism and volunteerism, serving as a pallbearer in the Saint Joseph of Arimathea Pallbearer Ministry, for those who do not have family or friends to serve in this capacity. He is a lector and Eucharistic Minister at St. Ignatius as well as at his home parish, St. Joseph Church in Avon Lake, OH. John has volunteered as an afterschool tutor for neighborhood students and for the St. Ignatius Christmas Food Drive as a member of the St. Ignatius Catholic Action Team.

During the summer of 2015, John and several other classmates completed a two-week mission trip to the Dominican Republic working side by side with villagers building sanitation facilities in a country with minimal resources.

John was a 3 year member of the St. Ignatius varsity



lacrosse team where he enjoys playing the position of long stick middle. He is a former member of the Lucina Slovak Folklore Ensemble and participated in the Dulovce Children's Folklore Festival in 2010. John also held a lead role in the St. Ignatius theater performance "Of Mice and Men" in 2014. He participated as a member of the St. Ignatius Ploughman's Club designed to teach students about sustainable gardening with proceeds distributed to the neighbors of St. Ignatius High School and he has served as an officer in the St. Ignatius French Club.

John took three years of French language in high school in order to improve his communication skills with his French relatives who emigrated from Slovakia many years ago! During his trip to Dulovce in 2010 with Lucina, John had the opportunity along with his family to meet his 99 year-old Great-Great Aunt Mimi, the wife of his Great-Great Uncle Charlie who emigrated to France from Slovakia many years ago. This visit inspired him to begin his French studies.

John enjoys golfing, alpine skiing, boating and kayaking, and he is a talented wakeboarder. John is a friend to many and will achieve his goals. He is a talented young man who is very proud of his Slovak Catholic heritage. Congratulations John! We wish you continued success in all your future endeavors.

## *Annual Branch W187 Picnic Held in Nebraska*

Branch W187 Valparaiso, NE held their Annual Branch Picnic on June 22, 2016. The picnic was preceded by Rosary for Freedom and Mass for all Branch members living and deceased. Because of the high heat index, the picnic was

moved into the church hall at St. Mary and Joseph Church. The branches three National Scholarship Winners were honored. A sumptuous meal and wonderful social time were enjoyed by over 40 members.



National Scholarship Winners L-R: Michael Potter, 8th Grade; Aiden Masek, 2nd Grade; Shanna Blazek, Post Graduate along with Monsignor Paul Witt and President Shannan Kramer.



Some attendees of the Annual Picnic on June 22, 2016.





## FCSLA Accepting Applications For National Treasurer Position

As mandated by the changes to the bylaws (approved at October 2014 Special Convention), The First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association is accepting applications from qualified individuals for the position of National Treasurer.

**The National Treasurer** monitors the financial conditions of the Association, oversees the Association's finances and investments on a full time basis and reports to the National President. All candidates must have either a CPA or MBA in finance or related fields from an accredited college or university and shall have ten years or more experience in the fields of business, finance or related fields.

Parties interested in this full-time position at the Association's headquarters, meeting the above qualifications, should submit a detailed resumé and cover letter to National President Cynthia Maleski, Esq., FCSLA National Headquarters, 24950 Chagrin Boulevard, Beachwood, OH 44122 no later than August 20, 2016.

## FCSLA Accepting Applications For National Secretary Position

As mandated by the changes to the bylaws (approved at October 2014 Special Convention), The First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association is accepting applications from qualified individuals for the position of National Secretary.

The **NATIONAL SECRETARY** directs the operating activities of the Association on a full time basis and reports to the National President. The minimum qualifications for such position include a Bachelor's Degree from an accredited college or university, and ten years experience, demonstrating communication, organization and managerial skills. Insurance and/or fraternal benefit society experience a plus.

Parties interested in this full-time position at the Association's headquarters, meeting the above qualifications, should submit a detailed resumé and cover letter to National President Cynthia Maleski, Esq., FCSLA National Headquarters, 24950 Chagrin Boulevard, Beachwood, OH 44122.

## PHOTO CONTEST

### Contest Eligibility:

- Must be a FCSLA member age 16 and older
- If you submit an entry and you are not a member your entry will not be considered
- Member must be the one that took the photo

### Deadline:

- Friday, October 28, 2016
- Please mail entries to: FCSLA, Fraternal & Youth Director  
24950 Chagrin Blvd., Beachwood, OH 44122-5634

### Contest Rules:

- Photo may be in color or black & white
- Limit of THREE entries per member (you can only win once)
- Photo size 4x6, un-mounted (no touch-up or computer enhanced photos permitted)
- Must be on photo paper
- Photo must be accompanied by the entry form below. (copy of entry form is acceptable)
- If you submit a scenic photo, no people should be in the photo.
- Previous winning photos are not eligible.

**DO NOT WRITE ON THE FRONT or BACK OF PHOTO!!**

### Categories:

- \* Animals
- \* Architecture
- \* Misc. - Nature
- \* FCSLA Activity
- \* Lakes / Mountains / Waterfalls
- \* Skies / Sunsets / Tropical
- \* Flowers /Gardens /Trees



### Prize list for each Category:

- 1st Place - \$50.00 Gift Card
- 2nd Place - \$25.00 Gift Card
- 3rd Place - \$15.00 Gift Card
- Honorable Mention - \$10.00 Gift Card

**Bonus:** Winners photos will be published in a future *Fraternally Yours* Magazine and on the FCSLA Website.

**Good Luck!**

### FCSLA 2016 PHOTO CONTEST ENTRY FORM

(DEADLINE OCTOBER 28, 2016)

PLEASE PRINT!

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_ Branch # \_\_\_\_\_

Complete Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Category \_\_\_\_\_ Title of Photo \_\_\_\_\_

Where was your photo taken? \_\_\_\_\_

When was your photo taken? \_\_\_\_\_

Brief Description \_\_\_\_\_

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## Anthony Sheard Attains Eagle Scout Ranking

Anthony John Sheard, Branch 196, has earned the rank of Eagle Scout as a member of Troop 595 at St. Anne Catholic Church in Kenosha, WI.

For his Eagle Project, Anthony refurbished the theater dressing room at his high school, St. Joseph Catholic Academy. Anthony earned 39 merit badges during his scouting years and the Light of Christ, Parvuli Dei, Ad Altare Dei, and the Pope Pius XII religious awards, and is a member of the Order of the Arrow.

On June 1, 2014, Anthony graduated from St. Joseph Catholic Academy. He is a member of the National Honor Society, participated in the school musicals, was on the JV baseball team, attended Badger Boy State, and was named Lancer of the Year as a senior.

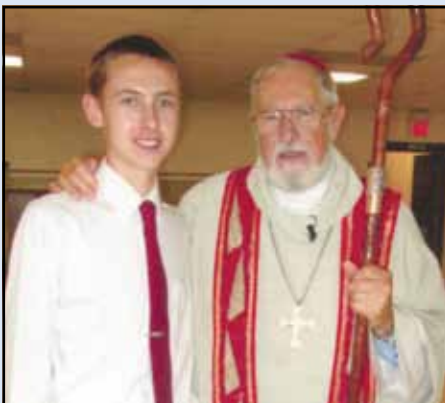
Anthony made his confirmation on September 7th, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Kenosha. He chose the confirmation name of George, the patron saint of scouting. He was confirmed by Bishop Richard Sklba.

Anthony is attending Fox Valley Technical School in Appleton, Wisconsin this fall to study agriculture and farm machinery mechanics.

Anthony is a member of St. Anthony of Padua Parish in Kenosha where he has been an altar server for 10 years. Anthony is the son of Craig and Susan Setter-Sheard. Anthony's mother, Susan, and grandmother, Helen Setter, are members of Branch 273. Anthony's great grandmother, Anna (Secansky) Bruchaty, was also a member of Branch 273.



Anthony Sheard in Eagle Scout uniform.



Confirmation Day with Bishop Richard Sklba who is Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus of Milwaukee and 100% Slovak!



Graduation from St. Joseph High School. Anthony is pictured with his grandparents, Edwin and Helen Setter. Helen is a member of Branch 273.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR BRANCH W093, TABOR, SD

**September 11** – Monthly meeting after Mass.

**October 23** – Annual Halloween Party – 5:00 p.m. Potluck – Prizes for Best Costume-all ages, meeting and games too, in Beseda Hall.

**November 13** – District 13 South Dakota State Meeting – Host W060, Tyndall at Noon. Request that ALL South Dakota members attend. RSVP for meal count to District Officer.

**December 4** – St. Nick/Christmas Party – Noon Potluck – Cookie Exchange, meeting, honor 50 year members and Fraternalist of the Year, honor scholarship winners, games and refreshments in Beseda Hall. Branch members and their families and ALL parishioners are invited to attend. Attendees are asked to bring a covered dish to share. The branch will supply coffee and juice.

Monthly meetings and locations are subject to change. Direct any questions about the calendar of events to Joyce Sestak at 605-463-2268.



**RACHEL MARIE GRZYP** (Branch 348) received her First Holy Communion at St. John the Baptist Church in Whiting, IN on Sunday, May 1, 2016. She will be entering the fourth grade at Nathan Hale School in Whiting in the fall. Rachel is the daughter of Dennis and Christine (Bonchik) Grzyb (Branch 452) and the granddaughter of Bob and Betty Bonchik (Branch 452) of Whiting, IN.



# FCSLA Announces 2016-2017 Scholarship Awards



**Kelly Shedlock**

This issue of *Fraternally Yours* is one of the most if not the most anticipated issue of the year. It is my privilege as your Fraternal & Youth Director to present to you, on the next several pages, our many young members who are recipients of our 2016-2017 Scholarship Awards.

The FCSLA Scholarships are “one” of the most generous annual benefits our association offers to our membership. More than \$248,250 was awarded to young members of the Association. We believe that education is vital in the development of our future generations. We are proud of each and every one of our members who applied this year and thank them for participating in our scholarship program. If you did not receive a scholarship this year, please consider submitting an application next year. Information about next year’s program will be available on our website and in *Fraternally Yours* later this fall.

Congratulations to all our winners! Our wish to all the recipients and applicants is for you to have a future filled with success and happiness in all your endeavors! We are proud to have all of you as our members.

**Kelly Shedlock**  
Fraternal and Youth Director

## Theresa Sajan Awards \$1,750 Each

## College Graduate Awards \$1,750 Each



**KENDALL JO LACKNER**  
Charleroi, PA  
Saint Francis University  
Sr. Branch 111



**SHANNA M. BLAZEK**  
Valparaiso, NE  
Doane College  
Branch W187



**JACK T. DAUGHERTY**  
Westmont, IL  
Rock Valley College  
Sr. Branch 248



**GRACE L. FYALKA**  
Florissant, MO  
Saint Louis University  
Sr. Branch 49



**MAURA J. NERBECKI**  
Dickson City, PA  
The University of Scranton  
Sr. Branch 615



**DEREK M. BODO**  
Mineral Ridge, OH  
Mercy College of Ohio  
Sr. Branch 30



**KATHRYN ROSE JEREK**  
Canfield, OH  
Youngstown State  
University  
Sr. Branch 161



**EMILY CUROSH**  
Whiting, IN  
University of Notre Dame  
Law School  
Sr. Branch 81



**KAITLYN M. KNICK**  
Amherst, OH  
The University of Findlay  
Sr. Branch 114





**GRACE C. KUNAS**  
Madison, NJ  
Georgetown University  
School of Medicine  
Sr. Branch 289



**ANNE MARIE LOTKO**  
Rockford, IL  
De Paul University  
College of Law  
Sr. Branch 225

**KIMBERLY NICHOLSON**  
Palm Coast, FL  
University of St. Augustine  
Sr. Branch 322

**BRODY V. RUFFNER**  
Newton, NC  
University of Pittsburgh  
Sr. Branch 11

**LAUREN N. SAFFRAN**  
Chicago, IL  
Midwestern University  
Sr. Branch 352



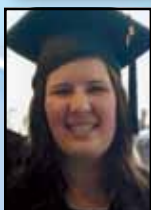
**ERIN N. SARASON**  
Schererville, IN  
Saint Xavier University  
Sr. Branch 81



**KIMBERLY P. SEFCIK**  
Warren, OH  
University of Pittsburgh  
Sr. Branch 169



**ROBERTA KAY SEFCIK**  
Dunedin, FL  
Icahn School of Medicine  
at Mt. Sinai  
Sr. Branch 161



**SHELBY L. WADE**  
Prague, NE  
Case Western Reserve  
University  
Branch W013

## College Senior Awards \$1,250 Each



**KATIE ADAM**  
Hope, MI  
Mount Marty College  
Branch W093

**NICHOLAS E. BARKLEY**  
McKeesport, PA  
Pennsylvania State University  
Sr. Branch 77



**EVAN JOSEPH BERTIG**  
Coral, PA  
Pennsylvania State  
University  
Sr. Branch 317



**SEAN C. CASEY**  
Wilmette, IL  
Boston College  
Sr. Branch 248



**THOMAS G. CLARKE**  
Youngstown, OH  
John Carroll University  
Sr. Branch 30



**GABRIELLE FELLOWS**  
New Springfield, OH  
Youngstown State  
University  
Sr. Branch 161



**MARIE C. HERB**  
Exton, PA  
Widener University  
Sr. Branch 417



**KELLEN D. KESSLER**  
Manly, IA  
University of  
Northern Iowa  
Branch W033



**DANIEL M. MARTIN**  
Chagrin Falls, OH  
University of Dayton  
Sr. Branch 524



**JILLIAN A. MIKSANEK**  
Sylvania, OH  
University of Central  
Florida  
Sr. Branch 181



**AARON R. MYLER**  
Plum, PA  
Point Park University  
Sr. Branch 590

**NICOLE R. PATALSKY**  
Wilmerding, PA  
Duquesne University  
Sr. Branch 424



**MEGAN MARIE SMITH**  
East Hanover, NJ  
Bloomsburg University  
Sr. Branch 172

**SYDNEY T. STUBER**  
Cortland, OH  
University of Toledo  
Sr. Branch 269



**JAMES J. SVERCEK**  
Lehigh, PA  
University of Pittsburgh  
Sr. Branch 140



**SARAH MARY TUCKER**  
Lansford, PA  
Kutztown University  
Sr. Branch 140



## College Junior Awards

\$1,250 Each



**JACOB M. BELCIK**  
Loveland, OH  
University of Cincinnati  
Sr. Branch 30



**BRYAN DAVID BIELAK**  
North Royalton, OH  
Walsh University  
Sr. Branch 262



**LUKE J. DELVECCHIO**  
Northampton, PA  
Pennsylvania State  
University  
Sr. Branch 484



**JAKE S. GRIBSCHAW**  
Irwin, PA  
Seton Hill University  
Sr. Branch 200



**KAYLEE A. HANWAY**  
Lincoln, NE  
University of Nebraska  
Lincoln  
Branch W184



**JONATHAN P. KEENAN**  
Omaha, NE  
Midland University  
Branch W018

**CORY R. MAJDECKI**  
Chicago Ridge, IL  
Southern Illinois  
University  
Sr. Branch 421

**ALBERT MARTINEZ, JR.**  
Chicago, IL  
University of Iowa  
Sr. Branch 181



**MICHAEL MONTALBANO**  
Yorkville, IL  
North Central College  
Sr. Branch 81



**JACLYN C. OSER**  
Barberton, OH  
The University of Akron  
Sr. Branch 415



**ALYSSA C. SCHNEIDER**  
Warsaw, IN  
University of St. Francis  
Sr. Branch 289



**JEREMY M. SOUSEK**  
Lincoln, NE  
University of Nebraska-  
Lincoln  
Branch W017



**MICHAELA STEAGER**  
Fremont, NE  
Doane College  
Branch W055



**JEFFREY S. STRASSER**  
Wausau, WI  
Marquette University  
Sr. Branch 633



**ALEXANDRA M. VOYTKO**  
North Ridgeville, OH  
Ohio State University  
Sr. Branch 292



**JESSICA A. ZAVADA**  
Streator, IL  
Illinois State University  
Sr. Branch 66

## College Sophomore Awards

\$1,250 Each



**ERIC DAVID BELCIK**  
Delta, OH  
University of Dayton  
Sr. Branch 30



**HENRY F. BERKEMEIER**  
Jackson, MI  
Purdue University  
Sr. Branch 81



**JESSICA M. BREWER**  
North Royalton, OH  
Bowling Green  
State University  
Branch SZ10



**JILLIAN BRIDGEMAN**  
Lansing, IL  
DePaul University  
Sr. Branch 289



**TYLER JAMES CLEGG**  
Broadview Heights, OH  
Kent State University  
Sr. Branch 221



**KAITLIN L. COLTIN**  
Phoenix, AZ  
Santa Clara University  
Sr. Branch 81



**DANA R. DEIACIMO**  
Serena, IL  
Lewis University  
Sr. Branch 421





**CASSANDRA M. DUCK**  
Batavia, IL  
Marquette University  
Sr. Branch 46



**ERICA FRANCES FANT**  
Roselle, IL  
Carroll University  
Sr. Branch 248



**CASSANDRA L. FEDOR**  
McKeesport, PA  
Point Park University  
Sr. Branch 77

**KIRA MARIE HALL**  
Indianapolis, IN  
Manchester University  
Sr. Branch 81



**JOHN KIST**  
Pittsburgh, PA  
Pennsylvania State  
University  
Sr. Branch 90

**LINDSAY E. KVORIAK**  
Leesburg, VA  
Portland State University  
Branch SZJO



**JOSEPH P. LAGZDINS**  
Cleveland, OH  
Cuyahoga Community  
College  
Sr. Branch 221



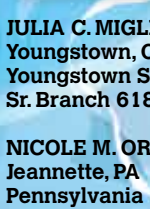
**THOMAS E. LEONARD**  
Upper Marlboro, MD  
University of Maryland  
Sr. Branch 35



**MADELINE M. MARTIN**  
Crown Point, IN  
Indiana University  
Sr. Branch 289



**CHARLES D. MATHISON**  
Wales, WI  
St. Olaf College  
Sr. Branch 23



**JULIA C. MIGLETS**  
Youngstown, OH  
Youngstown State University  
Sr. Branch 618



**NICOLE M. ORAVEC**  
Jeannette, PA  
Pennsylvania State University  
Sr. Branch 262



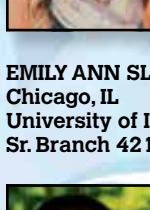
**JESSICA L. PLESKAC**  
Yutan, NE  
Nebraska Methodist  
College  
Branch W026



**MICHAEL J. SCHUMACHER**  
New Prague, MN  
Bemidji State University  
Branch W001



**ABIGAIL SELF**  
Canonsburg, PA  
The University  
of Pittsburgh  
Sr. Branch 88



**EVA ROSE SHINAVSKI**  
Elizabeth, PA  
Flagler College  
Sr. Branch 200



**EMILY ANN SLIAZAS**  
Chicago, IL  
University of Illinois-Champaign  
Sr. Branch 421

**NICHOLAS C. UXA**  
Saint Louis, MO  
Missouri State University  
Sr. Branch 101



**HANNAH M. WINTUCKY**  
Macedonia, OH  
Ohio University  
Sr. Branch 423



**STEPHANIE WISSING**  
Brookfield, WI  
Marquette University  
Sr. Branch 23



**SABRINA ANDERA**  
Cresco, IA  
University of Northern  
Iowa  
Branch W033



**VICTORIA MARIE BARTOS**  
Hudson, OH  
Ohio State University  
Sr. Branch 250



**ROBERT D. BETZA**  
Gibsonia, PA  
Pennsylvania State  
University  
Sr. Branch 88



**ANNA R. BLAZES**  
Hagerstown, MD  
Liberty University  
Sr. Branch 615



## College Freshman Awards \$1,250 Each





**BROOKE E. BOBOVNYIK**  
Youngstown, OH  
Youngstown State  
University  
Sr. Branch 169



**JAMIE K. BOWEN**  
Council Bluffs, IA  
University of Northern  
Iowa  
Sr. Branch 627



**MADISON A. BOWSER**  
Finleyville, PA  
Washington & Jefferson  
College  
Sr. Branch 262



**CHELSEA E. BRANDT**  
Geneva, IL  
Augustana College  
Sr. Branch 114



**MATTHEW J. BREJA**  
Chelsea, IA  
University of Iowa  
Branch W149



**MATTHEW L. BREKOSKY**  
Dillsburg, PA  
University of Pittsburgh  
Sr. Branch 250



**BAYLEY MARIE CLARK**  
Charleroi, PA  
Seton Hill University  
Sr. Branch 88



**MAIA T. DELKAMILLER**  
Omaha, NE  
Saint Louis University  
Branch W080



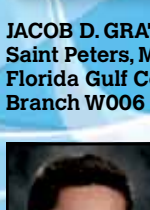
**JOHN R. DIETRICH**  
Drifton, PA  
Misericordia University  
Sr. Branch 140



**JOHN MATTHEW FAJT**  
Greencastle, IN  
Wabash College  
Sr. Branch 94



**MAKENZIE FERENCHAK**  
North Lima, OH  
The University  
of Toledo  
Sr. Branch 161



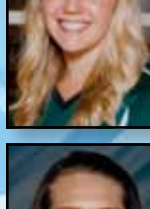
**JACOB D. GRATE**  
Saint Peters, MO  
Florida Gulf Coast University  
Branch W006



**CHRISTIAN GULLATTA**  
North Royalton, OH  
Kent State University  
Branch SZ10



**JULIE G. JAVORKA**  
Lansing, IL  
Michigan State University  
Sr. Branch 258



**MORGAN S. JINDRA**  
Kilkenny, MN  
Viterbo University  
Branch W056



**ASHLEY N. JOHNSON**  
Whiting, IN  
Indiana University  
Northwest  
Sr. Branch 452



**ABIGAIL KOBILARCİK**  
Rolling Meadows, IL  
Valparaiso University  
Sr. Branch 287



**ABBY DARLENE KUDIA**  
Plainfield, IL  
University of Illinois  
at Urbana-Campaign  
Sr. Branch 485



**BROOKE E. KULUSICH**  
Warren, OH  
University of Pittsburgh  
Branch SZ10



**CHAD J. LAMMERS**  
Hartington, NE  
University of Nebraska-  
Lincoln  
Branch W014



**TATIANA M. LEHOCKY**  
Vernon Hills, IL  
University of Tampa  
Sr. Branch 485



**DANIEL J. MACEY**  
Westlake, OH  
Academy of  
St. Bartholomew  
Branch SZ10



**THOMAS M. MATOSKA**  
New Berlin, WI  
The University of  
Wisconsin-Madison  
Sr. Branch 273



**SAMANTHA MCCARTHY**  
Lansford, PA  
Bloomsburg University  
Sr. Branch 140





**ALYSSA A. MEDUNA**  
Colon, NE  
Iowa Western  
Community College  
Branch W013



**LUKE JOSEPH NOVAK**  
Matthews, NC  
University of  
South Carolina  
Sr. Branch 156



**SARAH A. PAVLOVICH**  
Carlisle, PA  
Lynchburg College  
Sr. Branch 417



**SAMUEL W. PECINOVSKY**  
San Antonio, TX  
Iowa State University  
Branch W033



**ELIZABETH PETERSON**  
Wauwatosa, WI  
University of Wisconsin  
Sr. Branch 376



**ANDREW JOHN PETRO**  
Brecksville, OH  
Ohio State University  
Sr. Branch 481



**TARA M. PRASEK**  
Tinley Park, IL  
Lewis University  
Sr. Branch 485



**KATELYN B. PREVENSLIK**  
Mount Pleasant, PA  
Washington & Jefferson  
College  
Sr. Branch 44



**MEGAN DENISE ROSTA**  
Fishers, IN  
Loyola University Chicago  
Sr. Branch 81



**JESSILYN M. SAYERS**  
Clarkson, NE  
University of Nebraska-  
Lincoln  
Branch W006



**JAMIE M. SCHMITZ**  
Norwalk, WI  
University of Stevens  
Point  
Branch SZ10



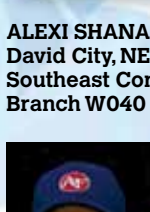
**JORDAN L. SCHUETZE**  
Fremont, NE  
University of Nebraska-  
Lincoln  
Sr. Branch 631



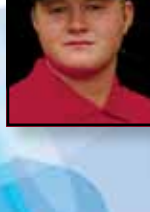
**SARAH N. SEPEISKY**  
Belle Vernon, PA  
Duquesne University  
Sr. Branch 88



**BRENDA SEVCIK**  
Cedar Falls, IA  
University of Northern  
Iowa  
Branch W130



**ALEXI SHANAHAN**  
David City, NE  
Southeast Community College  
Branch W040



**JOSEPH I. SHUSHOK**  
Canfield, OH  
Kent State University  
Sr. Branch 161



**KRISTINA E. SKVAREK**  
Schererville, IN  
Indiana University  
Sr. Branch 452



**KAYLA SHAYE SMITH**  
Jefferson, PA  
University of Pittsburgh  
Sr. Branch 11



**SAMANTHA A. STEFANIK**  
Apollo, PA  
Carlow University  
Sr. Branch 262



**TRISTAN STEFFEN**  
Hartington, NE  
University of Nebraska-  
Lincoln  
Branch W014



**RACHEL SUDO**  
Sewickley, PA  
Pennsylvania State  
University  
Sr. Branch 11



**MADELINE J. SVOBODA**  
Kansas City, MO  
Truman State University  
Branch W130



**JAKE E. SWEENEY**  
Brecksville, OH  
Ohio State University  
Sr. Branch 141



**RYAN D. SWIFT**  
Brookfield, IL  
Illinois Wesleyan  
University  
Sr. Branch 258





**CHARLENE WESTFALL**  
Aurora, OH  
Ohio State University  
Sr. Branch 1



**NOAH PAUL WILLERS**  
Tacoma, WA  
Fordham University  
Branch SZ10



**NICOLE M. WOITA**  
Valparaiso, NE  
University of Nebraska-  
Lincoln  
Branch W026



**EMILY M. WOLFGANG**  
Girard, OH  
Youngstown State  
University  
Sr. Branch 344



**RACHEL M. WORCESTER**  
Homer City, PA  
Seton Hill University  
Sr. Branch 317



**SARA ELIZABETH ZIDEK**  
Greensburg, PA  
College of Wooster  
Sr. Branch 262



**LEAH N. BRICKMAN**  
Cleveland, OH  
Padua Francis  
High School  
Sr. Branch 525



**CONNOR J. ECKERT**  
Center Valley, PA  
Allentown Central  
Catholic High School  
Sr. Branch 172



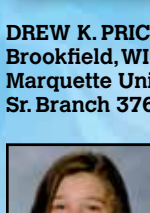
**ANGELA GREGA**  
Weatherly, PA  
Marian Catholic  
High School  
Sr. Branch 45



**CHASE P. HATTEN**  
Bancroft, IA  
Bishop Garrigan  
High School  
Branch W051



**ERIC W. PIOTROWSKI**  
Buffalo, NY  
St. Francis High School  
Sr. Branch 630



**DREW K. PRICE**  
Brookfield, WI  
Marquette University High School  
Sr. Branch 376



**HANNAH C. SCHWAGER**  
Kettering, OH  
Chaminade Julianne  
Catholic High School  
Sr. Branch 156

## High School Junior Awards \$1,000 Each



**ISABELLE I. DENNY**  
Minneapolis, MN  
St. Paul Academy  
Branch W056



**ABIGAIL M. DESKO**  
Stowe, OH  
St. Vincent-St. Mary  
High School  
Jr. Branch 198



**LUCY J. GREANEY**  
Avon, OH  
Magnificat High School  
Jr. Branch 457



**KRISTINA M. GUTH**  
Easton, PA  
Notre Dame  
High School  
Jr. Branch 211



**COURTNEY N. KINNANE**  
Winfield, IL  
Wheaton Academy  
Sr. Branch 421



**JOHN MORRIS IV**  
Wilkes-Barre, PA  
Holy Redeemer Roman  
Catholic High School  
Jr. Branch 362



**HAYLEE C. STARZYK**  
Pataskala, OH  
Newark Catholic  
High School  
Jr. Branch 339

## High School Senior Awards \$1,000 Each



**ASHLEY N. BIRKO**  
Northfield, OH  
Beaumont High School  
Sr. Branch 141





**ETHAN M. TRENKA**  
Hudson, OH  
St. Ignatius High School  
Jr. Branch 386



**SAVANA D. PALOMINO**  
Willoughby, OH  
Lake Catholic  
High School  
Jr. Branch 529



**JEANETTE ARLENE KUBAN**  
Palos Heights, IL  
Marist High School  
Jr. Branch 96

## High School Sophomore Awards \$1,000 Each



**MYA E. AGEE**  
New Springfield, OH  
Cardinal Mooney  
High School  
Jr. Branch 192



**HAILEY A. ZUROSKE**  
Omaha, NE  
Marian High School  
Branch W018



**CAITLYN S. PAZDON**  
Sugarloaf, PA  
Marian Catholic  
High School  
Jr. Branch 46

## High School Freshman Awards \$1,000 Each



**EVAN N. BARZENSKY**  
Johnstown, PA  
Bishop McCort Catholic  
High School  
Jr. Branch 12



**MARY E. BRAUN**  
Fort Wayne, IN  
Bishop Luers High School  
Jr. Branch 106



**BENJAMIN C. WININGER**  
Greenwood, IN  
Bishop Chatard  
High School  
Jr. Branch 184



**CHARLES J. DAPP**  
Carmel, IN  
Brebeuf Jesuit  
Preparatory School  
Jr. Branch 504



**ISABEL G. COUFAL**  
David City, NE  
Aquinas High School  
Branch W184



**THOMAS W. BINEK**  
Saint Louis, MO  
Incarnate Word Parish  
High School  
Branch W121



**VERONICA T. MONTANI**  
Seven Hills, OH  
Lawrence Upper School  
Jr. Branch 14



**TABITHA M. GRANCHAY**  
Dublin, OH  
Bishop Watterson  
High School  
Jr. Branch 66



**DYLAN M. CHRISTY**  
Quakertown, PA  
St. Isidore School  
Jr. Branch 211



**ELIJAH KWESI MOSCINSKI**  
Chicago, IL  
Nazareth Academy  
Jr. Branch 339



**KATRINA E. HORVATH**  
Summit Hill, PA  
Marian Catholic  
High School  
Jr. Branch 46



**ADAM J. HORNACK**  
Parma, OH  
St. Charles Borromeo  
School  
Jr. Branch 374



**MALIA R. B. MUNLEY**  
Honolulu, HI  
Punahou School  
Jr. Branch 362



**AIDEN M. JURCENKO**  
Chicago, IL  
Loyola Academy  
Jr. Branch 96



**PETER J. KAVAN**  
Malmo, NE  
Bishop Newmann Jr./Sr.  
High School  
Branch W017





**MICHAEL K. POTTER**  
Valparaiso, NE  
Bishop Neumann Jr./Sr.  
High School  
Branch W187

**JOSEPH C. TOTH**  
Sheboygan, WI  
St. Elizabeth and Seton School  
Jr. Branch 130



**ANASTACIA M. VIAU**  
Baltimore, OH  
St. Pius X School  
Jr. Branch 192



**DANIEL J. McBROOM**  
New Prague, MN  
St. Wenceslaus School  
Branch W001



**LYDIA A. SCHULTZ**  
Streator, IL  
St. Michael School  
Jr. Branch 470



**SAMANTHA ANN WARGO**  
Niles, IL  
St. John Brebeuf School  
Jr. Branch 175



**ANDREW T. SABOL**  
Independence, OH  
St. Anthony of Padua  
School  
Jr. Branch 14



**NICHOLAS J. SHANNON**  
Kent, OH  
St. Patricia School  
Jr. Branch 376



**AARON RICHARD SLIFKA**  
Hubbard, OH  
St. Rose School  
Jr. Branch 231

## 7th Grade Awards

\$750 Each



**BRIANNA N. FULTON**  
Nebraska City, NE  
Lourdes Central  
Catholic School  
Branch W191



**PETER J. GEORGE**  
Malvern, PA  
Devon Preparatory School  
Jr. Branch 362



**DELANEY ELISABETH  
HYER**  
Birdsboro, PA  
Immaculate Conception  
Academy  
Jr. Branch 8



**KYLIE A. KANE**  
Toledo, OH  
St. Kateri Catholic  
Academy  
Jr. Branch 157

## 6th Grade Awards

\$750 Each



**LILLIAN G. GRANER**  
South St. Paul, MN  
Saint Agnes Elementary  
School  
Branch W002



**BRENNEN JOHN JELINEK**  
Columbus, NE  
St. Isidore School  
Branch W026



**SYDNEY ELIZABETH  
MACKAY**  
Highland Heights, OH  
St. Paschal Baylon School  
Jr. Branch 6



**JEFFREY PHILLIP  
PEZZUTO**  
Youngstown, OH  
St. Rose School  
Jr. Branch 29

## 5th Grade Awards

\$750 Each



**SOPHIA K. ADAMEK**  
La Vista, NE  
St. Gerald School  
Branch W018



**AVA THERESE DUELGE**  
Muskego, WI  
St. Leonard School  
Jr. Branch 130



**BRODY SIMON FERENCAK**  
Cincinnati, OH  
St. Dominic School  
Jr. Branch 126



**CHRISTOPHER I.  
LEOMBRUNO**  
Canfield, OH  
St. Charles School  
Jr. Branch 257





**BROOKE E. MERRELL**  
Fort Wayne, IN  
St. Charles Catholic  
School  
Jr. Branch 257



**JACKSON J. SIMON**  
Lonsdale, MN  
Holy Cross Catholic  
School  
Branch W056



**WILLIAM H. MEADE**  
Medina, OH  
St. Francis Xavier School  
Jr. Branch H00



**KATHERINE LEE SCHMIT**  
Pleasant Dale, NE  
North American Martyrs  
Catholic School  
Branch W184



**MARIE R. SPISHOCK**  
Cleveland, OH  
Holy Family School  
Jr. Branch 453



**SAMUEL O. MIKLOVIC**  
Saint Louis, MO  
St. Simon the Apostle  
School  
Jr. Branch 11



**LILLIAN TERESA WESELY**  
Lincoln, NE  
St. Peter School  
Branch W032



**GRACE M. TREESE**  
Forest Park, IL  
Ascension Catholic  
School  
Jr. Branch 83



**LEAH M. SHUTIC**  
Painesville, OH  
Our Shepherd Lutheran  
School  
Jr. Branch 198

## 4th Grade Awards

\$750 Each

## 3rd Grade Awards

\$750 Each

## 2nd Grade Awards

\$750 Each



**ROY L. BAUER**  
Louisburg, KS  
Queen of the Holy Rosary  
School  
Branch W013



**COOPER J. BOWEN**  
Louisville, KY  
St. Gabriel the Archangel  
School  
Jr. Branch 57



**JADE M. BARTEK**  
Wahoo, NE  
St. Wenceslaus Catholic  
School  
Jr. Branch HOH



**SARAH A. KUZNETZOW**  
Berwyn, IL  
St. Odilo Catholic School  
Jr. Branch 174



**SAMUEL W. GUILLIAT**  
Minneapolis, MN  
Annunciation Catholic  
School  
Branch W017



**GRAEDEN J. CALLAHAN**  
Le Center, MN  
Most Holy Redeemer  
Catholic School  
Branch W056



**MICHAEL JAMES METZ**  
Emmitsburg, MD  
Mother Seton School  
Jr. Branch 334



**BETHANY THERESE JOST**  
West Chicago, IL  
St. Michael Parish School  
Jr. Branch 470



**MACEY OLIVIA DAWE**  
Pen Argyl, PA  
Immaculate Conception  
School  
Jr. Branch 272



**ELLEN M. MIRIOVSKY**  
Buffalo, MN  
St. Francis Xavier School  
Branch W001



**ISAAC R. MAYROSE**  
Vermillion, SD  
St. Agnes Elementary  
School  
Branch W093



**ALLISON G. HEATH**  
Severn, MD  
School of the Incarnation  
Jr. Branch 364





**AIDEN J. MASEK**  
Valparaiso, NE  
St. John Nepomucene  
Catholic School  
Branch W187



**VIVIAN R. TINDIRA**  
Broadview Heights, OH  
Assumption Academy  
Jr. Branch 57



**ANDREW C. YURECHKO**  
Hobart, IN  
Nativity of Our Savior  
Catholic School  
Jr. Branch 184

## 1st Grade Awards \$750 Each



**RILEY J. BURNSWORTH**  
Finleyville, PA  
Mt. Lebanon Montessori  
School  
Jr. Branch 115



**DAWSON M. DRESDEN**  
Hartington, NE  
Holy Trinity Elementary  
School  
Branch W014



**SETH PLOCASCIO**  
Bartlett, IL  
St. Walter School  
Jr. Branch 470



**LAUREN E. SHEMANSKY**  
Hazleton, PA  
Holy Family Academy  
Jr. Branch 362



**NICHOLAS A. SIREK**  
Lonsdale, MN  
Holy Cross Catholic  
School  
Branch W056



**MICHAEL H. ZANONI**  
Narberth, PA  
Saint Margaret School  
Jr. Branch 334



**LUKE S. ZOLNA**  
Oak Lawn, IL  
St. Germaine School  
Jr. Branch 322

## The Junior Line



**BENJAMIN WININGER** is pictured with his Aunt, Michele Weber, after making his Confirmation on April 20, 2016. Benjamin, who is a member of Jr. Branch 184 and belongs to Saints Francis and Clare parish in Greenwood, IN, will attend Bishop Chatard High School in Indianapolis, IN. Michele is a member of Sr. Branch 289 and is a parishioner at St. Paul parish in Westerville, OH.



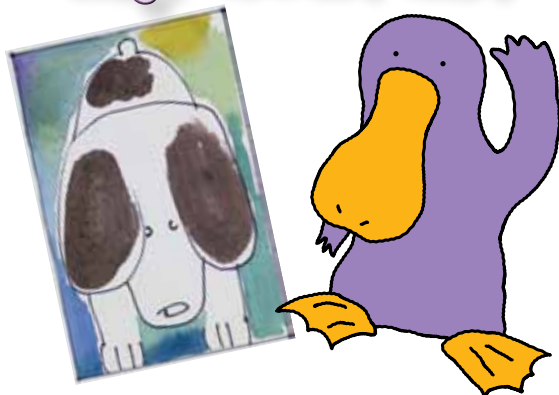
**CHRISTIAN SCOTT McNEILL** received his First Holy Communion on May 7, 2016, at St. John the Beloved in McLean, VA. He is the youngest of four sibling members of Jr. Branch 158, and he is the grandson of Margaret Buss, Sr. Branch 319.

Christian attends St. John Academy, and loves baseball, basketball and soccer.



**BRYNLEE ANN SPANIOL** was born on April 13, 2016 and baptized on June 18, 2016 at St. Michael the Archangel Parish in Streator, IL by Monsignor Philip D. Halfacre. Brynlee is the daughter of Matt and Jenilee Spaniol of St. Louis, MO. All family members are members of Sr. Branch 66.

# ART CONTEST



## Contest Eligibility:

- Must be a FCSLA member age 15 and younger
- If you submit an entry and you are not a member your entry will not be considered
- Member must be the one that created the artwork

## Deadline:

- Friday, September 30, 2016
- Please mail entries to: FCSLA, Fraternal & Youth Director  
24950 Chagrin Blvd., Beachwood, OH 44122-5634

## Contest Rules:

- Only one entry per member
- Submission must be in color on paper or art board minimum 8½ x 11 in size
- Please complete the entry form below. (copy of entry form is acceptable)

## THEME:

*Draw a picture of your Pet(s)*

— or —

*Draw a picture of an animal you wish you could have as a pet – and tell us why.*

## Age Groups:

6 & Under • 7-10 • 11-13 • 14-15

## Prize list for each Age Group:

1st Place - \$50.00 Gift Card  
2nd Place - \$25.00 Gift Card  
3rd Place - \$15.00 Gift Card

**Bonus:** Winners drawing will be published in a future *Fraternal Yours* Magazine issue and on the FCSLA website.

**Good Luck!**

## FCSLA 2016 ART CONTEST ENTRY FORM

(DEADLINE: September 30, 2016)

PLEASE PRINT!

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_ Branch # \_\_\_\_\_

Complete Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Artwork \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Pet(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Brief Description \_\_\_\_\_

# REPORT OF THE FCSLA NATIONAL TREASURER

BALANCE SHEET AS OF MARCH 31, 2016

## ASSETS

Cash & Short Term Investments	\$ 27,397,334
Bonds	770,742,769
Preferred Stock	2,005,553
Common Stock	4,573,499
Investment Income Due & Accrued	11,908,303
Property Plant & Equipment, Net	5,531,982
Certificate Loans & Accrued Interest	2,885,764
Other Assets	3,651,928
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 828,697,132</b>

## LIABILITIES

Life Reserves	\$ 252,785,561
Annuity Reserves	460,984,207
Death Claims Payable	2,347,255
Unearned Premiums	486,808
Matured Endowments	374,972
Provision for Dividends Payable	1,400,000
Accumulated Dividends & Interest	4,395,722
Accrued Convention Donations	105,000
Provision for Future Conventions	65,000
Asset Valuation Reserve	7,126,306
Interest Maintenance Reserve	1,195,318
Other Liabilities	1,168,959
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>\$ 732,435,107</b>
Surplus	\$ 96,262,025
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS</b>	<b>\$ 828,697,132</b>

## INCOME STATEMENT

For the Three Months Ending March 31, 2016

## REVENUE

Insurance Premiums	\$ 855,150
Annuity Premiums	15,101,920
Investment Income	10,226,922
Amortization of Interest Maintenance Reserve	43,943
Rental Income	97,383
Other Revenue	2,090
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$ 26,327,408</b>

## EXPENSE

Increase in Reserves — Life	\$ (943,435)
Increase in Reserves — Annuity	13,222,176
Insurance Benefits	2,132,775
Annuity Benefits	6,445,037
Commission Expense	399,793
Surrender Benefits	1,410,112
Post Mortem Benefits	312,417
Miscellaneous Member Benefits	16,106
Matured Endowments	(5,247)
Donation Expenses	27,008
Change in Accrued Convention Donations	63,000
Convention Expenses	37,521
Bank Service Charges	20,477
Data Processing Service Fees	78,804
Accounting Fees	20,010
Actuarial Fees	52,941
Legal Fees	37,324
Consulting Fees	33,831
Bonus to Branches	210,100
Fraternal Activities	61,657
Official Publications	111,794
Scholarship Awards	69,057
Miscellaneous Employee Benefits	82,822
Fees — Directors	47,394
Salaries — Employees	357,810
Salaries — Officers	113,422
Interest Expense	67,173
Tax Expense	77,356
Depreciation Expense	63,175
Utility Expense	23,229
Postage and Printing	58,947
Advertising	20,586
Travel Expense	16,241
Insurance Department Fees	54,616
Sales Promotion	41,760
Rental Expense	97,383
Other Expense	101,306
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>	<b>\$ 25,036,478</b>

## Income (Loss) from Operations

Dividends to Members	\$ 1,290,931
<b>Subtotal Income (Loss)</b>	<b>\$ 932,037</b>
Capital Gains (Loss)	0
<b>NET INCOME (Loss)</b>	<b>\$ 932,037</b>





## Farmer's Market Finds

### FRESH STRAWBERRY PIE DESSERT

#### *Crust:*

- ½ cup melted butter
- 1 cup flour
- ¼ cup brown sugar
- 1 cup finely chopped pecans

#### *Strawberry Filling:*

- 2 egg whites, at room temperature (pasteurized eggs recommended as they will not be cooked in this dessert)
- 1 cup sugar
- 2 cups chopped fresh strawberries
- 2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
- 1 cup whipping cream
- Fresh strawberries and sweetened whipped cream, to garnish (optional)

Preheat oven to 350°. Place flour, brown sugar, chopped pecans and melted butter into a bowl and mix well. Pat into the bottom of a 9" x 13" pan.

Bake for 20 minutes or till lightly browned. Cool to room temperature.

Combine egg whites, sugar, berries and lemon juice in the bowl of a stand mixer. Beat for 8-10 minutes till whipped and stiff.

In another bowl, whip the cream until firm peaks form. Fold into strawberry mixture, then spread over the crust. Freeze for at least 6 hours before serving. Remove from freezer about 10 minutes before serving.

Slice into squares and garnish with a dollop of whipped cream and berries, if desired.

### PARMESAN ROASTED CAULIFLOWER

- 8 oz. cauliflower florets, sliced horizontally
- 2 tablespoons melted butter

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
  - Pinch of salt
  - 3 dashes of ground black pepper
  - ½ cup Parmesan cheese
  - 1 teaspoon chopped parsley leaves
- Preheat oven to 400°. Toss the sliced cauliflower with the butter and olive oil. Season with salt and black pepper.

Transfer the cauliflower to a baking sheet, in single layer, roast until almost tender about 20-30 minutes. Remove from the oven and sprinkle the grated Parmesan and chopped parsley leaves on top of the cauliflower, roast again until the cheese melts and slightly crusty, about 5 minutes. Remove from oven and serve immediately.

### PARMESAN BAKED CHICKEN NUGGETS

- 2 boneless, skinless chicken breasts, approximately 1 lb.
- 1¼ cup panko, bread crumbs
- ⅓ cup grated Parmesan
- ¼ teaspoon coarse salt
- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
- ⅓ cup all-purpose flour
- 2 large eggs, lightly beaten
- cooking spray

#### *Spicy Ketchup Dipping Sauce:*

- ¼ cup ketchup
- 3 tablespoons Sriracha or any spicy chili sauce
- 2 tablespoons mayonnaise

Combine all the ingredients for the Spicy Ketchup Dipping Sauce and chill.

Preheat oven to 400°. Cut the chicken into 2-inch pieces. Set on a dish.

Spread panko in a thin layer on rimmed baking sheet and bake for about 3 minutes in the middle rack, until light brown. Transfer the panko to a shallow dish and mix in the Parmesan and coarse salt. Drizzle the oil and mix well.

Set out the flour and eggs in separate dishes. Increase the oven temperature to 450°. Place a wire rack on the baking sheet, lightly coat with cooking spray.

In small batches, coat the chicken in flour, shaking off any excess, dip in egg, and lastly coat well with panko. Transfer to the rack. Bake the chicken until desired tenderness, about 12-14 minutes, turning when halfway through. Serve nuggets with the Spicy Ketchup Dipping Sauce.

### OVEN FRIED GREEN BEANS

- 2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
  - 2 teaspoons minced garlic
  - 1 egg, beaten
  - ½ teaspoon garlic salt
  - 12 ounces fresh green beans
  - ⅓ cup grated Parmesan cheese
- Preheat oven to 425 degrees. In a large

bowl whisk the oil, garlic, egg and salt together.

Toss in the green beans and coat well. Sprinkle in Parmesan on the green beans and toss gently.

Place evenly on a greased baking sheet. Bake for 12-15 minutes or until golden. To crisp, heat for a minute or two under broiler.

### SUMMER CORN SALAD

- 3 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 tablespoons fresh lime juice
- Salt and pepper, to taste
- 2 cups corn kernels or 3 ears corn, boiled or grilled
- 3 plum tomatoes, seeded and diced
- 2 scallions, finely chopped
- 1 small red onion, diced
- Chopped parsley, for garnish

In a large bowl, whisk together olive oil and fresh lime juice. Season with salt and pepper to taste.

Add remaining ingredients to the bowl and toss until well combined. Let sit for at least 30 minutes. Serve cold or at room temperature.

### SOUTHERN CHICKEN SALAD WITH STRAWBERRIES

- 26 oz. carved chicken breast
- 1 head Boston or other soft lettuce
- ½ cup sliced almonds
- 1 pint fresh strawberries, sliced
- 4 tbsp. crumbled blue cheese
- ½ cup bottled balsamic vinegar salad dressing

In a large bowl, toss lettuce with 4 tablespoons balsamic dressing.

Divide lettuce evenly onto 4 plates. Top with sliced almonds, strawberries, chicken, and blue cheese. Drizzle salad with remaining 4 tablespoons of dressing and serve.

### BLUEBERRY WATERMELON FETA MINT SALAD

- 2 oz. olive oil
- 1 oz. balsamic vinegar
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ½ teaspoon ground black pepper
- ¼ cup finely diced red onion
- 8 cups diced watermelon
- 2 cups fresh blueberries
- ¼ cup rough chopped fresh mint leaves
- ½ cup crumbled feta cheese (or more if you like!)

In a large bowl, whisk together olive oil, balsamic vinegar, salt, pepper and diced red onion.

Add the diced watermelon, blueberries, mint and feta cheese to bowl. Gently toss to coat.

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## **The FCSLA Mission Statement**

We provide financial security to our members while embracing our Catholic values and Slavic traditions.

## **The FCSLA Vision is to:**

Be a Premier Fraternal Benefit Society that offers quality financial products and benefits.