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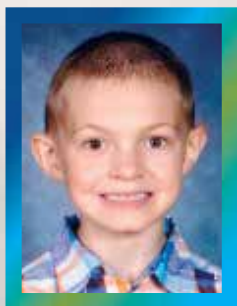
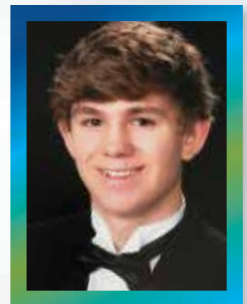
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Farmer Math

A farmer died leaving his 17 horses to his three sons.

When his sons opened up the Will it read:

My eldest son should get $\frac{1}{2}$ (half) of the total horses;

My middle son should be given $\frac{1}{3}$ rd (one-third) of the total horses;

My youngest son should be given $\frac{1}{9}$ th (one-ninth) of the total horses.

As it's impossible to divide 17 into half or 17 by 3 or 17 by 9, the three sons started to fight with each other.

So, they decided to go to a farmer friend who they considered quite smart, to see if he could work it out for them.

The farmer friend read the Will patiently, after giving due thought, he brought one of his own horses over and added it to the 17. That increased the total to 18 horses. Now, he divided the horses according to their father's Will.

Half of 18 = 9 – So he gave the eldest son 9 horses.

$\frac{1}{3}$ rd of 18 = 6 – So he gave the middle son 6 horses.

$\frac{1}{9}$ th of 18 = 2 – So he gave the youngest son 2 horses.

Now add up how many horses they have:

Eldest son 9

Middle son 6

Youngest son 2

TOTAL 17

Now this leaves one horse over, so the farmer friend takes his horse back to his farm. Problem solved!

(Author Unknown)

Dear Friends,

The attitude of negotiation and problem solving is to always find the common ground (the 18th horse). Once a person is able to find the 18th horse the issue is usually resolved. It is difficult at times. However, to reach a solution, the first step is to believe that there is a solution. If we think that there is no solution, we won't be able to reach any! This month try to practice some "Farmer Math" and always add a pinch of kindness while negotiating!

Until Next Month,
Warmly, Carolyn

The First Glorious Mystery:

THE RESURRECTION

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

My dear Sisters and Brothers,

As you may recall, there were originally three sets of Mysteries of the Rosary, each comprised of five events in the lives of Jesus and Mary. In 2002 Pope John Paul II added the five Luminous Mysteries. Last month we ended the Sorrowful Mysteries with Christ's Crucifixion. This month as we begin the last set of five - the Glorious Mysteries - we commence with the Resurrection of Our Lord. The spiritual fruits that have been named with each Mystery have commemorated the actions of Jesus and Mary. The spiritual fruit associated with the Mystery of the Resurrection is "Faith."

Resurrection means to rise again from the dead, to come back to life. No other human being has ever come back to life after being dead for three days except for Our Lord, Jesus Christ! Of course this would be something difficult to comprehend. Yet our faith and belief in Christ's Resurrection is the very foundation of Christianity as we know it. The Catechism of the Catholic Church offers insight into Christ's Resurrection and its significance:

CCC, 639 The mystery of Christ's Resurrection is a real event, with manifestations that were historically verified, as the New Testament bears witness.

642 Peter and the Twelve are the primary "witnesses to his Resurrection," but they are not the only ones - Paul speaks clearly of more than five hundred persons to whom Jesus appeared on a single occasion and also of James and of all the apostles (1 Cor. 15:4-8; cf. Acts 1:22).

646 Christ's Resurrection was not a return to earthly life, as was the case with the raisings from the dead that he had performed before Easter: Jairus' daughter, the young man of Naim, Lazarus. These actions were miraculous events, but the persons miraculously raised returned by Jesus' power to ordinary earthly life. At some particular moment they would die again. Christ's Resurrection is essentially different. In his risen body he passes from the state of death to another life beyond time and space.

651 "If Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your

faith is in vain" (1 Cor. 15:14). The Resurrection above all constitutes the confirmation of all Christ's works and teachings. All truths, even those most inaccessible to human reason, find their justification in Christ by his Resurrection has given the definitive proof of his divine authority, which he had promised.

654 The Paschal mystery has two aspects: by his death, Christ liberates us from sin; by his Resurrection, he opens for us the way to a new life. This new life is above all justification that reinstates us in God's grace, "so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life" (Rom. 6:4; cf. 4:25).

When Jesus rose from the dead he validated all of his words and actions during his life, proving that he really is the Son of God. There is no greater revelation than the Resurrection to show who God is and what God wants for humanity. The Resurrection is clearly the most important event in history.

CHICAGO DISTRICT HOLDS VIRTUAL LENTEN DAY OF RECOLLECTION

On March 21st, the Anna Hurban Chicago District held a Virtual Day of Reflection. This annual district event is typically held face to face during Lent and includes inspirational talks, reflection and prayer, ending with celebration of Mass. Due to the pandemic, this event was cancelled in 2020, and when faced with the idea of going another year without this special event, the Chicago District members found a creative approach to continuing the Lenten tradition virtually.

Many thanks to National Chaplain, Very Reverend Peter M. Polando, who developed and presented the spiritual program. His program included a talk on Reflections on Repentance and Reconciliation, praying the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary, and praying the Stations of the Cross. The program was offered virtually, and participants were given information on how to attend by logging into a virtual meeting



app on their computer or smartphone, or by calling in on their phone to hear the program. Following this beautifully inspirational program, Monsignor Polando celebrated Mass at the Cathedral in Youngstown. All were encouraged to participate by viewing the live stream of Mass on YouTube. This new way of presenting and participating in a Lenten program was most appreciated by all attending.

Thank you and much appreciation to the Very Reverend Monsignor Polando for an uplifting and inspirational afternoon, and also thanks to all who participated. Links to the recordings of the Lenten Program and the Mass are available for viewing on the Chicago District webpage.



Message from our National President

CYNTHIA M. MALESKI



Dear Fellow members,

In August, we celebrate Founders' Month, by recognizing our Foundress Mrs. Anna Hurban, and her brave band of sisters. After forming the nucleus of our society with the encouragement of Rev. Father Stephen Furdek on January 1, 1892, Anna Hurban called for the first convention in Cleveland, Ohio in August 1892, with representative women from

various parts of the country: Cleveland, Minneapolis, Pittsburgh, Johnstown, Terre Haute and Yonkers. The patroness named was, and remains today, St. Ann.

We applaud and honor Anna Hurban and her fellow fraternal sisters for their vision, courage, grit, and fortitude. From our humble beginnings to the strong national fraternal benefit society we are today, we focus

on affirming the dignity of each of our members from the beginning of life, through various trials and celebrations, to the end of life and beyond. Through our Catholic values, we continue and strengthen our presence in communities across our nation, for the betterment of all. We provide access to financial products – life insurance and annuities – to many who might not otherwise have a chance to fortify their financial well-being and independence.

In this magazine, we showcase our young scholarship winners. Congratulations to all young graduates!

Through all of our objectives, programs and benefits, we salute you, Mrs. Anna Hurban, our Foundress!

FCSLA Annuity Rates

Rates for our deferred Elite Annuities:

SILVER ELITE (5 YEAR)
2.65% APY*

GOLD ELITE (7 YEAR)
2.90% APY*

PLATINUM ELITE (10 YEAR)
3.15% APY*

***This rate is in effect 7/1/2021 thru 9/30/2021**

The credited rate is reviewed quarterly by the Board of Directors and will never go below the minimum guaranteed rate.

The guaranteed rates are:

Elite Silver (5 year) 2.00% APY • Elite Gold (7 year) 2.00% APY
Elite Platinum (10 year) 2.00% APY

Anna Hurban Scholarship Fund

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Get Involved. Make a Donation.

You can make a difference in helping to make education affordable for a deserving student. Your generous gift to the Anna Hurban Scholarship Fund gives our young members the opportunity to build an even stronger foundation as they begin their life journey and affirms them at a crucial time in their lives.

Cynthia M. Maleski

National President and CEO

First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association of the United States of America is a Fraternal Benefit Society organized under 501(c)(8) of the Internal Revenue Code. Your contributions to our scholarship fund are tax deductible.

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All donations, large and small, matter and are greatly appreciated. All donors and gifts will be proudly acknowledged in *Fraternally Yours* magazine unless you request that your name be withheld.

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Anna Hurban



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2021

In honor of the nine courageous immigrant women who founded First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association in 1892, any FCSLA Life agent or recommender who submits at least one (1) of our whole life policy products during the month of August will receive special Founders Month Recognition, presented by National President Cynthia M. Maleski.

Recommenders, including limited license recommenders, must abide by state licensure laws including limits on total sales.



MATCHING FUNDS ACTIVITIES

Branch W001

Golfing Proceeds

Members from Branch W001 in New Prague, MN enjoyed the day golfing at New Prague Golf Course on June 11, 2021. Proceeds from the event benefited St. Wenceslaus Catholic School. Pictured are Paul Maruska, Andrew Maruska, Norb Sticha and Steve Schoenbauer.



Jr. Branch 046

Golf Open Benefit

J046, Lansford, PA sponsored a successful Matching Funds activity, a golf open for the benefit of St. Nicholas Roman Catholic Church, Walnutport, PA on May 21, 2021.



Sr. Branch 88

Car Show and Basket Raffle

Sr. Branch 88 of Monessen recently sponsored a Car Show for the benefit of Epiphany of Our Lord Parish in Monessen. The beautiful sunny day resulted in a huge success. In addition to the cars registered, food was sold and a 50/50 drawing took place and a basket raffle was held. The total profit for the event was \$2,100.



Pictured L-R are members: Rev. Michael Crookston, Dorothy Urbanowicz, Randal Marion, Flora Funtal, Cindy Pawelec and John Dudas.



MATCHING FUNDS ACTIVITIES

Branch W137

Golf Tournament Proceeds

FCSLA Branch W137 participated in a matching funds Golf Tournament on Sunday, June 6, 2021, to benefit St. Ludmila Catholic Church in Cedar Rapids, IA. Branch members solicited hole sponsors, advertised the event in Branch emails and coordinated tasks with the parish golf tournament committee. Members also met the day before the tournament to bake 75 dozen kolaches to be given to hole sponsors and for those who participated in the golf tournament. All golfers received a set of FCSLA tees.



New FCSLA signage denotes Branch W137's sponsorship on Hole #1.



Group photo of event golfers



Branch W137 members Mark and Matt Teply prepare for the shotgun start.



Three generations of W137 members: Holly Robe, Denise Upah, and Danika Robe fill kolaches before baking.

4th generation members, Davis and Danika Robe, handing out kolaches donated by Branch W137 at the St. Ludmila Kolach Festival Golf Tournament. The siblings also enjoy sharing their Czech Heritage as Czech Prince and Czech Little Sister of the Czech Royal Court of Iowa. They are seen here in traditional Czech Kroje.



Sr. Branch 88

Craft and Vendor Show

Members of Sr. Branch 88 of Monessen, PA sponsored a craft and vendor show for the St. Sebastian Church in Belle Vernon, PA. The event was held on May 8, 2021 and Covid 19 restrictions were in place. Numerous craft and vendor tables were in attendance as well as members sold 1/2 take and held a basket raffle. Profits for the day were in excess of \$3,123 and ladies of the church were thankful for our participation.



Chicago District Help a Vet Matching Funds

The Anna Hurban Chicago District invited its branches and members to "Help a Veteran" through a virtual matching funds event held in March and April. The virtual event was centered around helping veterans at the Midwest Shelter for Homeless Veterans in Wheaton, IL and at the Veterans Administration's Program for homeless veterans at the VA in Hines, IL.

Branches and members were encouraged to donate a variety of household and personal care items for the vets at these organizations. Hundreds of flyers were printed and given to each of the 13 active branches for mailing to their members. In addition, the event was posted on the District Facebook page, "FCSLA Chicago." Donors arranged for a "porch pickup" for their items, and volunteer members picked up, sorted and packaged the items for delivery to the Vets' organizations. Six large boxes of a variety of items were collected. Cash donations were also encouraged, and generous members and branches donated over \$900 in cash.



Many thanks to the FCSLA National Matching Funds Program for donating an additional \$600 to these Veteran's programs. Additionally, gift cards to McDonalds, Wendy's and VA Commissary coupons were also included in the donations. All donors to this event, whether donating cash or items were entered into a basket raffle (basket donated by Branch S421). One lucky winner was drawn when the donations were dropped off by Lauren Ogle, the Manager of Affordable and Transitional Housing at MSHV. Barbara Mugavero, Branch S248, received the prize. All items and cash donations were delivered in June to the MSHV in Wheaton, IL and Hines VA, Hines, IL.

Thank you to all the Chicago District branches, members, and the FCSLA National Matching Funds Program for their donations to the veterans, and for participating in this very successful event.





IN MEMORIAM

Joyce Rita Nowosiadly, Z786



Joyce Rita Nowosiadly, age 84, of Oakland Township, passed away peacefully after a ten-year struggle with Parkinson's Disease on March 19, 2021. She is survived by her beloved husband of 65 years, Donald along with their children, Dianna Brydges (Gary), Annice Williams (Joseph), Matthew (Kelly) and Christian (Amy). She was a respected foster mom to Gary Fox. She was a loving grandmother to Jason Brydges (Tracie), Jaimie Brydges Voy (Sean),

Amy Dieters Cummings (Brian), Sarah Dieters, Molly Dieters, Sam Williams, Piper Nowosiadly, and Logan Nowosiadly. She was also a wonderful great-grandmother to Jackson Brydges, Brooks Voy, the late Jordyn Brydges, Keagan Cummings, Brette Voy, Donnie Cummings, Tyson Brydges and Clara Cummings. She was adored by the Nowos family nieces and sister-in-law Claudia Nowos. Joyce was a volunteer for several organizations throughout her lifetime. She was extremely involved in the Camp Fire organization and was the leader for several of her children's groups. She volunteered at St. Mary's Catholic Church and School in Royal Oak and was regularly active, with her husband, in Church prayer groups. After her children were grown, she returned to the work force as a Medical Assistant for a pediatrician in Troy and later become a vision technician for Oakland County Health Vision Screening Program and visited schools throughout the county testing children's vision. Joyce and her husband traveled extensively. They visited Europe, Poland, Jerusalem, Alaska, Hawaii, and took several trips in their motor home with friends through the Fisher Coaches Club Camping Group.

Edward F. Goldscheitter, S313



Edward F. Goldscheitter, 87, of Sarver, PA, passed away February 7, 2021, at Butler Memorial Hospital after a month-long battle with COVID-19. He was born April 21, 1933 in Clinton Township, PA to the late Julius and Josephine (Palko) Goldscheitter. Edward, with his son, William, owned and operated Goldscheitter Dairy Farm in Clinton Township, which his grandfather started in 1924. Over the years, he expanded the farm from the original 217 to over 600 acres.

Edward was active and on the board of many farm organizations, including the PA Farm Bureau, Country Belle, United Dairy Farmers, Agway Petroleum, Butler County Conservation District, and the Butler County Woodland Owner's Association. In 2005, to promote and encourage family agriculture, Edward established Sunrise Farm, a family homestead and blueberry farm for his children and grandchildren. During the 1950's and 1960's Edward played the accordion in The Eddie Goldscheitter Trio, a local polka and square dance band. Ed believed that farming was a true profession, and he loved to advocate for the farming lifestyle and culture. He was a member of St. Clement/Holy Martyrs Church, where he served on Parish Council, was an usher, and a member of the Slovak Heritage Association. Mr. Goldscheitter has eight surviving children, including Maureen (Terry) Conner, of Mercer, Carolyn (Robert) Piskor, of Tarentum, Thomas (Kathy) Goldscheitter, of Winfield Township, Maria (Gary) Vacca, of Clinton Township, William (Gerri) Goldscheitter of Clinton Township, Barbara (Dennis) Cornetti, of

Clinton Township, James (Cheri) Goldscheitter, of Clinton Township, and Linda (Tim) Orban of Houston, TX. Also surviving are 23 grandchildren, 3 great-grandchildren, and countless nieces, nephews, in-laws, neighbors, and friends.

Irene Sobota, W006



Irene Sobota, 81, of Schuyler, NE passed away on April 12, 2021. Irene was born on May 13, 1939 in North Bend to Emil O. and Emily (Vyhldal) Cihacek. After graduating high school, Irene attended St. Mary's College to obtain her teaching certificate and then went on to teach school in Saunders, Dodge, and Colfax Counties. On June 27, 1961 at St. Charles Catholic Church in North Bend, Irene married Gene J. Sobota. Irene volunteered as the leader of the Jolly Jills 4-H Club for many years, helped at

the Colfax County Fair for over 40 years, was a member of FCS-LA for 40 years, and was awarded the 50+ year pin for being an active member in the Heun Colfax County Extension. In addition, she could usually be found mowing the Heun parish grounds or helping with the Holy Trinity, Heun Ladies Guild and Altar Society and serving as an Eucharistic Minister, a duty she took great pride in. In 1982, following her husband Gene's illness, Irene took over the family farming operations to keep the farm running. Irene was a great seamstress and enjoyed making gifts for all her family members. She is survived by her husband of almost 60 years Gene of Schuyler, daughter Lori (Bernard) Bunn of Scribner, and son Michael (Sherri) Sobota of Schuyler; grandchildren Lacey (Joe) Sateren and their children Bentley and Hadlee; April Bunn; Cassandra Sobota (Zach Nelson) and their children Chloe, Taygn, and Noah; Breanna (Juan) Rodriguez and their daughter Sophia; Brandon (Maday) Sobota and their children Joshua, James, Justin, Jason; and Christian Sobota; and brother-in-law Gerald (Rita) Brabec.

Monika (Kubalec) Sotak, S161



Monika (Kubalec) Sotak, 75, passed from this life into the loving arms of the Lord on February 21, 2021. Monika was born in Letanovce, Slovakia on March 1, 1945 and was the daughter of the late Martin Kubalec and Margita Vronc-Kubalec. She was a loving wife to Anton Sotak from Vranov, Slovakia, married in Whiting, IN in 1978 and resided in Addison, IL. Monika was a devoted mother to Martin Sotak, Janet Williams, and Michele Sotak, and cherished grandmother of Luke and Nathan Williams. She was a strong woman who raised a wonderful family. She was a caregiver from a very early age and a devout servant of the Lord. She was very active in the Catholic Church and was a member of Eternal Word Television Network and parishioner of St. Philip the Apostle. She passed the gift of faith to her children and inspired her daughter Michele to be a Lector at Holy Name Cathedral in Chicago, where they would be active together as well. Monika's family would all agree that her hobbies were to take care of everyone else, run the house, watch EWTN, read religious books, and pray. Monika was a humble, selfless, hardworking, kind, and confident person with an extremely beautiful soul.

2021 FCSLA Photo Contest

CONTEST ELIGIBILITY

- Open to FCSLA members ages 18 & older only.
- Photos must have been taken in the years 2020 or 2021.

ENTRY DEADLINE

- **Deadline: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2021**
- Emailed entries not accepted.
- Mail to: FCSLA Fraternal Department
24950 Chagrin Blvd
Beachwood OH 44122

CONTEST RULES and INFORMATION:

- * Photo must be taken by the member entering it.
- * A member is someone who holds a current policy in their own name.
- * Only one entry per member.
- * No professional or studio photos. This is an amateur photography contest.
- * Photo may be in color or black & white.
- * Photo must be 4x6, unmounted, and on photo paper.
- * No digitally enhanced photos permitted. Cropping is acceptable.
- * Photo must be accompanied by a completed entry form (below).
- * Previously winning photos are not eligible.
- * Do not write on front or back of photo.
- * Entries will be judged on artistic expression, creativity, and quality by non-FCSLA affiliated judges.
- * The judges' decision is final.
- * Winners will be notified via USPS.
- * **Questions?** Email fraternal@fcsla.com or 800-464-4642 x1051



Categories	Description
Buildings	Buildings, structures, aspects of a building's architecture
Seasons	Summer, Fall, Winter, Spring
Sports	Individual or team
My Happy Place	A place that makes you happy
Portrait	Capturing the personality of a person or group of people

Category Prizes

- 1st Place - \$75.00 Gift Card
2nd Place - \$50.00 Gift Card
3rd Place - \$25.00 Gift Card



Winning photographs will be published in *Fraternally Yours*, on fcsla.com, and on the FCSLA Life Facebook page!

All entrants will be acknowledged in *Fraternally Yours*.

2021 FCSLA PHOTO CONTEST

Entry must be received by Friday, October 1, 2021

Entries submitted without a checked category or with more than one checked category will not be judged.

PLEASE PRINT

Name _____

Branch # _____

Complete mailing address _____

Email _____

Phone _____

PHOTO CATEGORY (check one):

☐ Buildings

☐ Seasons

☐ Sports

☐ My Happy Place

☐ Portrait

Date taken _____

Brief description of photo if separated from entry form _____

FCSLA Announces 2021 Scholarship Awards

FCSLA Life is happy to present the winners of our 2021 Scholarship Program. We are so proud and very impressed with the hard work, aspirations, and service of our young members. I want to thank all our applicants for their submissions with some very thoughtful and interesting essays. Award winners were selected based on their academic standing, church and community service, school involvement and essay. We wish all our applicants the best of luck in their educational endeavors. – Paula Dalpiaz, Insurance Manager

Vocational-Technical Trade Awards

\$1,250 Each



BRENNA R. CIHAL
Seward, NE
Southeast Community
College
Branch W184



BLAINE M. LAMMERS
Hartington, NE
Northwest Community
College
Branch W093



SOPHIA R. LESKANICH
Streator, IL
Pivot Point Academy
Branch S066



CHARLES J. SOUSEK
Ceresco, NE
Southeast Community
College
Branch W017

College Graduate Awards

\$1,750 Each



JORDAN N. BARZENSKY
Johnstown, PA
University of Pittsburgh
Branch S182



ASHLEY N. BIRKO
Northfield, OH
Branch S141



EMILY JANE BOBEK
Amherst, OH
Duquesne University
Branch S114



HAILEY A. BRUINING
Lockport, IL
Texas A&M University
School of Public Health
Branch S421



REBECCA JEAN CURRY
McKeesport, PA
North Carolina State
University
Branch S107



AMANDA LUCIA GOSS
Mountain Top, PA
Bloomsburg University of PA
Branch U392



JENNIFER J. GULLY-ENGEN
Richmond, MN
Ramussen College
Branch W049



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Columbus, NE
University of Nebraska
Medical Center
Branch S623



JESSICA L. HANSMEIER
Cresco, IA
Allen College
Branch W033



NADINE P. JONES
Poland, OH
University of Akron –
School of Law
Branch S161



LAUREN E. KING
Endwell, NY
Pace University
Branch S435

ALEXANDRA K. KOONTZ
Warsaw, IN
Valparaiso University
Branch S081



JILLIAN KREMPASKY
Schnecksville, PA
Rice University
Branch S484



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Branch SZJo



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New Paltz
Branch S322



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Lancaster, NY
University of Georgia
Branch S630



JESSICA A. VIEHMAN
Bethel Park, PA
Virginia Tech
Branch S177



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

College Senior Awards

\$1,250 Each



RACHEL ASCHENBRENNER
Jermyn, PA
St. Joseph University
Branch U240



COREY JOSEPH CHALK
Mountain Top, PA
Susquehanna University
Branch U401



MARY M. FIALA
Ulysses, NE
University of Nebraska
at Kearney
Branch W184



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Lakeland, TN
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Branch SZJX



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College Junior Awards

\$1,250 Each



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Pennsylvania State University
Branch S319



ANNA K. CASEY
Wilmette, IL
University of Iowa
Branch S615

JOHN M. CMOK
Lake View, NY
Kent State University
Branch S238



NICHOLAS R. GUIDOS
Ashburn, VA
George Mason University
Branch S156



CONNOR W. HUDZIAK
Frankfort, IL
Lake Forest College
Branch S485

KAILEY MARIE LABUDA
Lemont, IL
Boston College
Branch U385



FAITH E. MUCCI
Greensburg, PA
Duquesne University
Branch S077



MATTHEW C. ORESIK
Crown Point, IN
Indiana University Northwest
Branch S289



CAITLYN S. PAZDON
Sugarloaf, PA
Rochester Institute
of Technology
Branch S140



ETHAN DANIEL RITCHIE
Hanover, MA
University of Massachusetts –
Amherst
Branch U180



STEPHANIE RUBAL
Columbus, OH
Bowling Green State
University
Branch S522



ERIC W. SPINDLER
Palos Heights, IL
Grand Valley State University
Branch S287



COLBY R. THIES
Sterling, NE
Southeast Community
College
Branch W008



ALLISON ELISE UNRUH
Bloomington, IL
Grand Canyon University
Branch S081

KAITLYN M. ZAMARY
Aurora, OH
Ohio State University
Branch S161



STEPHEN W. ZUZIC
Waretown, NJ
Ocean County College
Branch S319

College Sophomore Awards

\$1,250 Each



ALEXANDER R. BALCEREK
Indian Trail, NC
University of North Carolina –
Charlotte
Branch S424



BRADEN ALAN BIRKO
Northfield, OH
Ohio State University
Branch S141



ISABELLA M. CAPUANO
Cleveland, OH
Purdue University
Branch S176

College Freshman Awards

\$1,250 Each



BROOKE K. ALLEN
Woodville, OH
Ohio Northern University
Branch S522



HUNTER D. ALLEN
Woodville, OH
Owens Community College
Branch S522



FAITH MARIE BELZA
Grafton, OH
University of Dayton
Branch S010



ALTA ELIZABETH BIALON
Belle Vernon, PA
Pennsylvania State University
Branch So88



JAMES F. BOWEN III
Orchard Park, NY
University of Albany
Branch S630



PETER A. BRADBURN
Seattle, WA
California Polytechnic
State University
Branch S319



OLIVIA M. BUEHLER
Berlin Center, OH
University of Pittsburgh
Branch S313



MARY P. BUKSA
Munster, IN
Purdue University Northwest
Branch S620



ALYSSA E. BURENHEIDE
Elgin, NE
Chardon State College
Branch W014

SOPHIA G. BUTLER
Kansas City, MO
Missouri State University
Branch S211



DANIEL V. CAVA
Fort Wayne, IN
Purdue University
Branch S225

LEANNE M. CHANDLER
New Middletown, OH
Youngstown State University
Branch S161



CAMILLE ASHLEY CLARK
Delaware, OH
Ohio State University
Branch SZJo



GRACE M. CLEMENTS
Belmont, MI
Aquinas College
Branch S180



HALI C. CORK
Phoenix, AZ
Marquette University
Branch S277



ABABELLA CECILE COX
Scranton, PA
Susquehanna University
Branch U400



ALEXANDER K. DANKO
Monessen, PA
University of Pittsburgh
Branch So88



NAOMI R. DELKAMILLER
Omaha, NE
University of Nebraska –
Lincoln
Branch W080



RACHEL T. DIEHM
Papillion, NE
University of Arkansas
Branch W018



LAUREN E. DZIALOWSKI
Wexford, PA
Saint Francis University
Branch S200



JACOB LAWRENCE ENGLISH
Wyoming, PA
Villanova University
Branch U240



JORDAN M. FAIRMAN
Leechburg, PA
Seton Hill University
Branch S262

RILEY C. FANTINI
Gibsonia, PA
University of Pittsburgh
Branch Sogo



MARY A. FAREWELL
Seattle, WA
Saint Joseph's University
Branch SZJo



KENDALL M. FARM
Carol Stream, IL
Lewis University
Branch S485



BRIANNA N. FULTON
Nebraska City, NE
University of Nebraska –
Omaha
Branch W191



MATTHEW C. GRANDE
Langhorne, PA
Temple University
Branch S262



RILEY B. GRUENES
Rosemount, MN
University of River Falls –
Wisconsin
Branch W187



CLARA J. KETCHELL
Lawrence, KS
University of Kansas
Branch S211



KATIE A. MACCARELLA
Mullica Hill, NJ
The College of New Jersey
Branch S084



SARAH CATHERINE HARTNER
Irwin, PA
Saint Vincent College
Branch S077



CADE K. KILBEY
Mililani, HI
University of Hawaii
Branch W137



JOSEPH N. MCGOVERN
Lancaster, NY
Niagara University
Branch S638



BRENT DANIEL HOLZMAN
Gilbertsville, PA
DeSales University
Branch S150



JENNIFER R. KIST
Johnstown, PA
Seton Hill University
Branch S005



ELIZABETH R. MCKEE
Pittsburgh, PA
Pennsylvania State
University – Behrend
Branch S590



MALLORY R. HRICOVEC
Avon, OH
West Virginia University
Branch S524



GEORGE KONCERAK
Irwin, PA
Penn State University –
Greater Allegheny
Branch S250



AUBREE J. MELCHIOR
Bismarck, ND
Montana State University
Branch W121



HAILEY L. HUDAK
Schwenksville, PA
Bloomsburg University
Branch S319



VIRGINIA JADE KOUBA
Auburn, NE
Peru State College
Branch W024



JACK P. MENKE
Shakopee, MN
Iowa State University
Branch W056



JACOB N. INGERSOLL
Wheaton, IL
University of Missouri –
Columbia
Branch S181



JENNIFER L. KOVAL
Hillsborough, NJ
Kean University
Branch S035



SIERRA L. MINOTTI
Baltimore, OH
University of Arizona
Branch S161



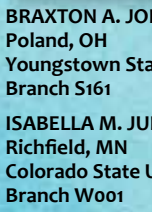
LEIGH A. IVORY
Allison Park, PA
Mercyhurst University
Branch S107



KAITLIN M. LEADBITTER
Finleyville, PA
Waynesburg University
Branch SZJo



THERESE M. MISSIAEN
Muskego, WI
University of Wisconsin –
Milwaukee
Branch S023



BRAXTON A. JONES
Poland, OH
Youngstown State University
Branch S161



JULIANNA E. LOTT
Connellsville, PA
Saint Vincent College
Branch S154



CELIA J. NEUZIL
Calmar, IA
Iowa State University
Branch W033

ISABELLA M. JUREWICZ
Richfield, MN
Colorado State University
Branch W001



VICTORIA N. OROS
Strongsville, OH
Cuyahoga Community College
Branch S553



AIDEN J. SHYMANSKI
Forty Fort, PA
Northeastern University
Branch So88



AUBREY A. TOMOCHEK
Lincolnshire, IL
Ohio State University
Branch S156



ALEXANDER J. PECSKO
Uniontown, PA
West Virginia University
Branch SZJo



ANNIKA E. SIMANEK
Prague, NE
Creighton University
Branch Wo13



STELLA M. UMPHREYS
Council Bluffs, IA
Northwestern Christian
College
Branch S627



WILLIAM EDWARD PFEIFFER
Vero Beach, FL
Florida State University
Branch S490



JACQUELYN S. SIROCKY
Oberlin, OH
Wittenburg University
Branch S578



JENNA M. UZIEL
Irwin, PA
Pennsylvania State University
Branch S200



ALYSSA M. PICCIANO
Willowick, OH
Xavier University
Branch S522



EDEN C. SKREPPEN
Mechanicsburg, PA
Pennsylvania State University
Branch S343



ANASTACIA M. VIAU
Baltimore, OH
Mount Vernon Nazarene
University
Branch S161



LUKE J. RICE
Omaha, NE
University of Nebraska –
Lincoln
Branch Wo18



ELIZA J. SMITH
Streator, IL
Carroll University
Branch So66



GRACE E. WASHNEY
West Wyoming, PA
University of Scranton
Branch S350

JOHN R. RYPINSKI
Willowick, OH
University of Dayton
Branch S475

EMMA M. SOBNSKY
Highlands Ranch, CO
South Dakota School of Mines and Technology
Branch So30

NADIA T. WINIECKI
Sharpsville, PA
Edinboro University
Branch S153



DYLAN J. SEBEK
Scottdale, PA
University of Pittsburgh
Branch So44



SARAH EMILY SOLOMON
Eynon, PA
Pennsylvania State University
Branch S108



JOHN P. WOLTERSTORFF
Eau Claire, WI
University of Wisconsin –
Eau Claire
Branch S376



JACOB A. SHUTIC
Painesville, OH
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical
University
Branch S114



MICHAEL J. STARASINICH
Joliet, IL
Northern Illinois University
Branch So53



NIKAIA R. YOUNG
Le Center, MN
Branch Wo56

John & Geraldine Gaydos Awards

\$1,250 Each



GIANNA M. CAPUANO
Cleveland, OH
Saint Joseph Academy
Branch S176



THEODORE F. NOVAK
Clarks Summit, PA
Holy Cross High School
Branch U407



JENNA KATE LAMMERS
Hartington, NE
Cedar Catholic High School
Branch W093



ZACHARY POPPISH
Verona, PA
Central Catholic High School
Branch S218



REBEKAH JANE SCHROEDER
Paradise, KS
Thomas More Pre – Marian
Jr. Sr. High School
Branch W133



TYLER JOSEPH SEBEK
Scottsdale, PA
Greensburg Central Catholic
Jr. Sr. High School
Branch S044



RILEY J. SHAW
Lincoln, NE
Pius X High School
Branch W013

High School Junior Awards

\$1,000 Each

Florence Hovanec Memorial Awards

\$1,250 Each



ISAIAH DAVID COUFAL
David City, NE
Aquinas Catholic High School
Branch W184



ISABELLA ROSE WHITE
Cranberry Township, PA
Oakland Catholic High School
Branch S161



RAQUEL E. ADAMS
Grand Rapids, MI
West Catholic High School
Branch J106



GRACE MARIE BELZA
Grafton, OH
Elyria Catholic High School
Branch J386



JESSICA ROSE ENGLISH
Wyoming, PA
Holy Redeemer High School
Branch U240

High School Sophomore Awards

\$1,000 Each



SARA I. BRAUN
Fort Wayne, IN
Bishop Luers High School
Branch J106



RYAN JON ECKERT
Center Valley, PA
Allentown Central Catholic
High School
Branch J362



MIRANDA LYNN KAROSICK
Olyphant, PA
Scranton Preparatory School
Branch U163

SYDNEY H. FANTINI
Gibsonia, PA
Aquinas Academy
Branch J028



TOBIAS J. JORDAN
Lincoln, NE
St. Pope Pius X High School
Branch W191

High School Senior Awards

\$1,000 Each

XAVIER JOSEPH FIALA
Ulysses, NE
Aquinas Catholic High School
Branch W184



MATTHEW LEE MCNEILL
McLean, VA
Bishop O'Connell High School
Branch J158



COLIN PATRICK KANE
Toledo, OH
Cardinal Stritch Catholic
High School
Branch J157



LEO JOHN LESKANICH
Streator, IL
Marquette Academy
Branch J470



STEVEN J. McNEILL
McLean, VA
Bishop OL'Connell
High School
Branch J158

ROBERT R. PYTLIK
Brainard, NE
Aquinas High School
Branch W016



KAYLEE M. STEVENS
Fountain Hills, AZ
Notre Dame Preparatory
School
Branch J058



SOFIA A. FEDORIOUK
Seven Hills, OH
Padua Franciscan High School
Branch J481



CHRISTIAN D. FISCUS
Coleridge, NE
Cedar Catholic High School
Branch W014



NATHAN MATTHEW GAYDOS
Irwin, PA
Greensburg Central Catholic
Jr. Sr. High School
Branch J112



GRACE ANN JONES
Hixson, TN
Queen of Heaven Academy
Branch JHO0



JUSTIN M. METZ
Pittsburgh, PA
Seton LaSalle Catholic
High School
Branch J342



GARETT J. NOVACEK
David City, NE
Aquinas Catholic High School
Branch J540



DAVID A. RUBAL
Columbus, OH
Bishop Waterson High School
Branch J453



KIRSTEN A. SHAW
Lincoln, NE
Pius X High School
Branch W013

CARSON ELLIOTT SHRIVE
Old Forge, PA
Holy Cross High School
Branch U400



JOSHUA MICHAEL SNYDER
Mars, PA
North Catholic High School
Branch J018



SARAH J. SOUSEK
Ceresco, NE
Bishop Neumann High School
Branch W017



ISABELLA C. THORNTON
Canfield, OH
Ursuline High School
Branch J231



GRACE M. TREESE
Forest Park, IL
Trinity High School
Branch J083



ROSEMARY FAYE YURECHKO
Portage, IN
Andrean High School
Branch J184

High School Freshman Awards \$1,000 Each



BRADLEY CALEB COX
Scranton, PA
Scranton Preparatory School
Branch U400



CHRISTOPHER E. FAKULT
Twinsburg, OH
St. Ignatius High School
Branch J386

8th Grade Awards \$750 Each

JORDAN M. CEKLOSKY
Wapwallopen, PA
Wilkes-Barre Academy
Branch J362



REGINA M. JORDAN
Lincoln, NE
St. Patrick's Catholic School
Branch W191



BETHANY THERESE JOST
Wheaton, IN
St. Michael School
Branch J470



LAURA M. LUCAS
Chicago, IL
St. Celestine School
Branch J175



EMMA C. RICE
Omaha, NE
St. Bernadette Catholic School
Branch W018



ALAINA C. JOST
Wheaton, IL
St. Michael's School
Branch J470



SAMUEL O. MIKLOVIC
Saint Louis, MO
St. Cecelia School
Branch J011



KAYLEE MARIE SCHUBRYCH
Orland Park, IL
St. Michael School
Branch U258



CARLIE C. MCGILVRAY
Curtice, OH
Cardinal Stritch Catholic
High School & Academy
Branch J538



ANDREW D. PUHALLA
Youngstown, OH
St. Charles School
Branch J231



JOSEPH F. STAVA
Wahoo, NE
Bishop Neumann Jr. Sr.
High School
Branch W013



WILL M. MIRIOFSKY
Buffalo, MN
St. Francis Xavier School
Branch W001



GRACE OLIVIA ZOLNA
Oak Lawn, IL
St. Germaine School
Branch J322



JOSHUA P. WHITE
Cranberry Township, PA
Blessed Francis Seelos
Academy
Branch J192



NICHOLAS SIREK
Lonsdale, MN
St. Wenceslaus Catholic
School
Branch W056

7th Grade Awards

\$750 Each

PAUL YEUNG BAKER
Merrillville, IN
St. Michael Catholic School
Branch J184



BRENDAN J. FITZPATRICK
Lincoln, NE
St. Teresa Elementary School
Branch W055



ALLISON G. HEATH
Severn, MD
School of the Incarnation
Branch J364

BRADEN M. QUINLAN
Broadlands, VA
Queen of Apostles Catholic School
Branch J013

6th Grade Awards

\$750 Each



PATRICK R. BROOKE
Silver Lake, OH
Holy Family Catholic School
Branch J192



KOLE T. DUNN BAJNOK
Marshall, VA
Linton Hall School
Branch J425



JACKSON E. JONES
Hixson, TN
Seton Home Study School
Branch JH00



NATALIA M. STARTARE
Brownsville, PA
St. Sebastian School
Branch J157



LUKE S. ZOLNA
Oak Lawn, IL
St. Germaine School
Branch J322

5th Grade Awards

\$750 Each



MEGAN M. FADA
Liberty Township, OH
St. Susanna Parish School
Branch J149



CLARE M. FREANEY
Avon, OH
St. Mary of Immaculate
Conception School
Branch J457



NINA M. FULTON
Nebraska City, NE
Lourdes Central Catholic
Elementary School
Branch W018



MELANIE A. KLAPP
Westerville, OH
St. Paul School
Branch J143



LEXIE M. LEONHARDT
Bedford, OH
St. Barnabas School
Branch J355



ALYSSA M. PUHALLA
Youngstown, OH
St. Charles School
Branch J231



ROSE E. TREEESE
Forest Park
Ascension School
Branch Jo83



KYLIE E. ZELINA
Broadview Heights, OH
St. Albert the Great
at Assumption Academy
Branch J198

4th Grade Awards

\$750 Each



NOLAN A. DICKMAN
Fremont, OH
Bishop Hoffman Catholic
School
Branch J538



CIARAN C. FITZPATRICK
Lincoln, NE
St. Teresa Elementary School
Branch W055



CALLIE N. KANE
Toledo, OH
Cardinal Stritch Catholic
High School
Branch J157



KENDALL ELYSE SCHUBRYCH
Orland Park, IL
St. Michael School
Branch U258



RACHEL S. SEJBA
Fairlawn, OH
St. Hilary School
Branch J380



ISABEL V. SOUSEK
Ceresco, NE
St. Wenceslaus School
Branch W017

3rd Grade Awards

\$750 Each



CONNOR J. FISCUS
Coleridge, NE
Holy Trinity Grade School
Branch JHOH



MEGAN A. ROBERTSON
Arnold, MO
Abiding Savior Lutheran
School
Branch J370

2nd Grade Awards

\$750 Each



BENNETT JOSEPH FAKULT
Twinsburg, OH
St. Rita School
Branch J386



NICOLE F. KAVAN
Lincoln, NE
Cathedral of the Risen Christ
School
Branch W017



REBEKAH M. KAVAN
Prague, NE
St. John Nepomucene School
Branch W017



THEODORE A. KAVAN
York, NE
St. Joseph Catholic School
Branch W013



CLAIRE M. KREIN
Sioux Falls, SD
St. Michael's School
Branch W093



HAYLIE C. LEONHARDT
Bedford, OH
St. Barnabas School
Branch J355



REECE W. McCLUSKEY
Tallmadge, OH
Holy Family School
Branch J192



BRAELIE L. MCGILVRAY
Curtice, OH
Cardinal Stritch Catholic High
School & Academy
Branch J538



VALERIE MEADE
Medina, OH
St. Francis Xavier School
Branch JH00



KAYLEE E. NOECKER
Lincoln, NE
St. Peter's Catholic School
Branch JH0H



ELLE E. RUSHE
Dover, DE
Holy Cross School
Branch J075

DEVIN SAMEK
Cedar Rapids, IA
Holy Family Catholic Schools – St. Jude
Branch W137



LUCIA J. STARTARE
Brownsville, PA
St. Sebastian Regional
Catholic School
Branch J157



JOSEPH J. WESELY
Lincoln, NE
St. Peter Catholic School
Branch W032



VIVIAN K. COLVIN
Asbury, IA
Resurrection Elementary
School
Branch W130



DANIEL J. COUFAL
David City, NE
St. Mary's School
Branch W184



BENSON J. FAULKNER
Freemont, NE
Archbishop Bergan
Elementary School
Branch W026



HARPER A. GERMAN
Malmo, NE
St. Wenceslaus Catholic
School
Branch W013



BRADLEY M. MARRA
Saint Louis, MO
St. Gabriel the Archangel
School
Branch J011



ISAAC J. PASEKA
Lincoln, NE
St. Peter School
Branch W013



MALAYNA K. SCHAK-BISHOP
Sylvania, OH
St. Benedict Catholic School
Branch J538



RAENA M. SIREK
Lonsdale, MN
St. Wenceslaus Catholic
School
Branch W056



JACOB E. WRIGHT
Clive, IA
Sacred Heart School
Branch W130

1st Grade Awards \$750 Each

239
Scholarships
Awarded to
Students
\$267,750

REPORT OF THE FCSLA NATIONAL TREASURER

BALANCE SHEET AS OF MARCH 31, 2021

ASSETS

Cash & Short Term Investments	\$ 30,670,233
Bonds	1,015,578,570
Preferred Stock	2,333,925
Common Stock	8,326,261
Investment Income Due & Accrued	14,443,058
Property Plant & Equipment, Net	4,762,442
Certificate Loans & Accrued Interest	2,058,139
Other Assets	887,526

TOTAL ASSETS **\$ 1,079,060,153**

LIABILITIES

Life Reserves	\$ 302,300,526
Annuity Reserves	642,878,931
Death Claims Payable	2,858,540
Unearned Premiums	451,732
Matured Endowments	398,365
Provision for Dividends Payable	1,400,000
Accumulated Dividends & Interest	4,910,570
Accrued Convention Donations	225,000
Provision for Future Conventions	266,691
Asset Valuation Reserve	12,551,362
Interest Maintenance Reserve	265,470
Other Liabilities	2,174,292

TOTAL LIABILITIES **\$ 970,681,479**

Surplus **\$ 108,378,675**

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS FUNDS **\$ 1,079,060,153**

INCOME STATEMENT

For the Three Months Ending March 31, 2021

REVENUE

Insurance Premiums	\$ 1,250,876
Annuity Premiums	19,068,616
Investment Income	12,679,329
Amortization of Interest Maintenance Reserve	16,189
Rental Income	84,516
Other Revenue	11,719

TOTAL REVENUE **\$ 33,111,244**

EXPENSE

Increase in Reserves — Life	\$ (493,474)
Increase in Reserves — Annuity	15,263,982
Insurance Benefits	2,592,516
Annuity Benefits	9,607,106
Commission Expense	551,659
Surrender Benefits	1,475,937
Matured Endowments	13,478
Interest Expense	116,980
Salaries — Employees	179,704
Tax Expense	15,042
Underwriting Expense	17,838

LIFE AND ANNUITY EXPENSES **\$ 29,340,768**

Revenue Less Life and Annuity Expenses

\$ 3,770,476

Bank Service Charges	34,529
Data Processing Service Fees	60,283
Accounting Fees	44,797
Actuarial Fees	104,716
Legal Fees	3,775
Consulting Fees	33,332
Employee Benefits	172,593
Fees — Directors	47,044
Salaries — Employees	350,609
Salaries — Officers	150,065
Temporary Office Expenses	9,580
Tax Expense	48,293
Depreciation Expense	63,414
Utility Expense	31,336
Postage and Printing	58,618
Advertising & Marketing	27,495
Travel Expense	1,407
Insurance Department Fees	28,273
Sales Expense	27,193
Rental Expense	84,516
Building Expense	25,612
Insurance Expense	11,495
Office Equipment & Supplies Expense	38,849
Dues & Subscriptions	19,907
Human Resources	18,299
Other Expense	4,499

SALES & OPERATING EXPENSES **\$ 1,500,530**

Revenue Less Sales & Operating Expenses

\$ 2,269,947

Post Mortem Benefits	506,275
Misc. Member Benefits	15,382
Donation Expenses	11,540
Change in Accrued Convention Donations	37,500
Convention Expenses	42,330
Branch and District Funding	183,999
Fraternal Activities	26,161
Official Publications	140,956
Scholarship Awards	142,000

DIRECT FRATERNAL EXPENSES **\$ 1,106,142**

Income (Loss) from Operations

\$ 1,163,804

Dividends to Members 346,503

Subtotal Income (Loss) **\$ 817,302**

Capital Gains (Loss) 129

NET INCOME (Loss) **\$ 817,430**

Jr. Branch Members Help Fight Childhood Cancer

Each year the Whitehall High School hosts a Mini-THON. All of the money raised were through a variety of fundraisers and donations goes directly to the Four Diamonds organization to help fight childhood cancer. Due to COVID, the school could not host an in-person event; however, the students still wanted to raise money for this worthy cause. With the help of First Ladies Catholic Slovak Association, Jr. Branch 187 and Sr. Branch 319 and an online Donor Drive, the school was still able to donate over \$1,000 to Four Diamonds.



Olivia Mrazik (Pictured) and Sophia Mrazik both Jr. Br 187 members helped raise money for the Four Diamonds.

New Social Media Pages to Follow for FCSLA Life!

FCSLA Life gets social with new Twitter and Instagram accounts! If you are active on social media, you can now follow our posts on these two popular platforms for inspiration, information, and event news! Be sure to share with your own followers as well! You can find the links to these new pages at the bottom of our website when you scroll down – where you'll find a link to our Facebook account as well. Or you can just search "FCSLA Life" on those platforms, and you'll find our new handles!

Also, if you haven't yet, be sure to check out our new website at www.fcsla.com! It's a refreshed version of our site, and we think you'll be engaged and excited by our new look!



Summer's Harvest!

BLUEBERRY COBBLER

Blueberries

- 4 cups blueberries fresh or frozen
- 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- ½ cup sugar granulated
- 1 tablespoon lemon zest

Cobbler

- 1½ cups all-purpose flour
- ½ teaspoon salt or to taste
- ½ cup sugar granulated
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 6 tablespoons butter unsalted, cold, cut into tablespoon sized pieces.
- 1¼ cup half and half

Preheat the oven to 375 degrees. Toss the blueberries with the 2 tablespoons of flour, sugar, and lemon zest. Pour the blueberries into an 8 or 9 inch square baking dish.

Whisk the flour, salt, sugar, and baking powder together in a large mixing bowl. Add the butter and cut it into the flour mixture using a pastry cutter or two knives until a crumbly consistency forms.

Add the cream and mix just until the ingredients are moistened. Use a spoon to drop dollops of dough over the blueberries.

Transfer the pan to the oven and bake for 35-40 minutes, or until the top is golden brown and the blueberries are bubbly.

PEACH COBBLER

- 4 cups peaches ripe, peeled, pitted and sliced
- ½ cup sugar

- 2 tablespoons cornstarch
- 1 tablespoon lemon zest
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice

Cobbler

- ½ cup butter unsalted, cut into cubes
- 1 cup all-purpose flour all purpose
- 1 tablespoon baking powder
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- ½ cup sugar granulated
- 1 large egg
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 cup milk

Preheat the oven to 375 degrees.

Add the peaches, sugar, cornstarch, lemon zest, and lemon juice to a saucepan

over medium heat. Bring the mixture to a bubble and cook for 5 minutes, stirring often, until the peaches begin to soften.

Spread the cubes of butter evenly in a 9x9-inch baking dish. Place in the preheated oven and bake until the butter has melted and is bubbly.

Add the flour, baking powder, salt, sugar and egg, vanilla, and milk to a bowl and whisk just until you no longer see any flour.

Pour the batter into the baking dish with the melted butter. Pour the peaches evenly over the batter.

Transfer the baking dish to the oven and bake for 40-45 minutes or until the cobbler topping is set and golden brown. Serve warm with a scoop of vanilla ice cream.

APPLE PIE "CAKE"

- 1 box SuperMoist yellow cake mix
- 1½ cups water
- ½ cup oil
- 3 eggs

Apple Mixture

- 6 apples peeled, cored and sliced
- 3 tablespoons brown sugar packed
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice

Topping

- ¾ cup all purpose flour
- ½ cup brown sugar
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- ½ cup butter cut into small pieces

Preheat oven to 350 degrees and spray a 13x9 inch pan with baking spray.

Prepare the yellow cake according to package instructions. Pour into prepared pan.

In a medium bowl, toss together the apple mixture ingredients together and spread over the cake batter.

In a medium bowl stir together the flour, brown sugar and salt for the topping and cut in the butter using a fork or pastry blender until mixture is crumbly.

Sprinkle topping over the apples and cake batter, evenly. Bake between 35 minutes to an hour, or until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean. Cool completely before serving.

STRAWBERRY CUSTARD TART

- 1 sheet puff pastry
- 2 cups strawberries sliced
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- powdered sugar for dusting, optional

Custard

- 4 egg yolks
- 2 cups milk
- ¾ cup sugar
- ¼ cup cornstarch
- ½ tablespoon vanilla

In a medium size bowl, whisk the egg yolks with ¼ cup of the milk, sugar, vanilla and cornstarch.

In a sauce pan, heat the milk until it's hot, but not yet boiling. Take the milk off the heat and slowly start adding the egg mixture to the hot milk, while continuously whisking. Continue adding egg mixture and whisking until all the egg mixture is gone. Place the sauce pan over the heat again and which until the mixture thickens and resembles custard.

Remove from heat and cool.

Preheat oven to 375 degrees.

Roll out the puff pastry into a long piece that's about 18 inches long and 6 inches wide.

Using the tip of a sharp knife, mark a shallow cut ½ inch from the edge of the pastry to form a rim.

Spread half of the custard onto the pastry, keeping the custard inside the marked rim.

Arrange strawberries on the custard.

Sprinkle with sugar and bake for 20 to 25 minutes.

LIMONCELLO

- 10 lemons
- 1 (750-ml) bottle vodka
- 3 1/2 cups water
- 2 1/2 cups sugar

Using a vegetable peeler, remove the peel from the lemons in long strips (reserve the lemons for another use). Using a small sharp knife, trim away the white pith from the lemon peels; discard the pith. Place the lemon peels in a 2-quart pitcher. Pour the vodka over the peels and cover with plastic wrap. Steep the lemon peels in the vodka for 4 days at room temperature.

Stir the water and sugar in a large saucepan over medium heat until the sugar dissolves, about 5 minutes. Cool completely. Pour the sugar syrup over the vodka mixture. Cover and let stand at room temperature overnight. Strain the limoncello through a mesh strainer. Discard the peels. Transfer the limoncello to bottles. Seal the bottles and refrigerate until cold, at least 4 hours and up to 1 month. Can also freeze.

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