



First **Catholic Slovak**
Ladies Association
Prva Katolícka Slovenska Ženska Jednota

District Newsletter December 2020

Eastern PA JAKABCIN DISTRICT #4

Veselé Vianoce

Dear FCSLA friends, I want to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. May 2021 be filled with happiness and love. This year has been challenging to say the least. I want to thank all of you for the hard work you do for the association.

With your generous spirit, FCSLA continues to grow. May this holiday season focus on our Holy Savior who was born to bring peace to the world and to our hearts.

Michele Mrazik Grasso

**Thank - You
Baby Jesus**



District Mass

DA mass of Thanksgiving will be celebrated at St. John the Baptist Slovak Catholic Church, Allentown, PA on December 26, 2020 @ 4pm.



Sales News

Our district participated in a telephone conference with Paul Smithers, National Sales Manager on November 12th. Paul educated the group on the financial products the association has to offer. Paul is willing to share his expertise and can be reached at Paul.smithers@fcsla.com or 216-468-1018.

Products in the Spotlight

20 Term Pay Life – This product is a 20 year plan and issue age is 18-75 years old with \$25,000 minimum face amount and \$100,000 maximum face amount with premiums payable for twenty years. This product is participating with dividends.

Next Gen Term – The product is a juvenile term to age 30. This product is a 30 year plan and issue age is 0-23 years old for annual pay and 0-29 for single pay with minimum \$10,000 face amount and a \$50,000 maximum face amount with premiums payable annually or single pay.

Traditions at the Slovak Christmas Table

How many of the following traditions do you follow either as an adult or have done when you were a child? Which ones are new to you?

Taken from: <https://www.welcometobratislava.eu/christmas-slovakia/>

- **Money or carp scale** – placed under the tablecloth to multiply family wealth
- **Garlic** – to ensure good health for the family – each family member should eat a clove
- **Honey** – to ensure goodness and abundance (so everyone is nice and good and there is plenty of everything) – either eaten on thin wafers, (oplatky) or the head of the family makes a honey cross on the forehead of each family member
- **Apple** – to be cut horizontally in two halves – if the seeds form a star, it symbolizes happiness and good health for the family. If they form a cross, this means problems, illness or even death.
- **Nuts** – to be thrown in each corner of the room or at least to be eaten during the Christmas dinner to ensure abundance
- **One extra plate** – you need to be prepared for an unexpected guest as a symbol of mercy and fellowship. It is also interpreted as a plate for deceased family members.

Matching Funds Still Growing Strong

Now is the time to start thinking of Matching Funds projects for the upcoming year. Remember we are allowed two senior and two junior branch events for a year. If you need suggestions on Matching Funds events, please contact Louise Dunstan, District Fraternal Coordinator at 570-645-4354. Additionally, please note there are new forms that need to be filled out. These new forms are found on the FCSLA homepage.

