## 2022 Royalty

Greta Rosno - Queen | Lauren Sousek - Princess | Joseph Fitzpatrick - Prince | Olivia Pierce - Jr. Princess | Cyline Covey - Little Sister | Maura Fitzpatrick - Little Sister



#### Greta Rosno - Queen

Hello, my name is Greta Rosno and I'm the current Prague Czech Queen for 2021-2022. My parents are Mark and Connie Rosno and my grandparents are Gladys Nemec and the late Adolph Nemec and also Bob and Kathy Rosno. I'm currently a sophomore at UNL studying Pre-Health and hoping to continue my major at a nursing school to receive my BSN. I'm twenty years old and super excited to represent my Czech heritage and to attend many festivals in the months to come! Děkuji vám!



### **Lauren Sousek - Princess**

Miss Lauren Sousek is the 15 year old daughter of John and Karen Sousek. She currently goes to school at East Butler Public School and when she's not in kroj she is active on the cheer and dance team, FFA, cross country, and choir!

She is so excited to have the opportunity to represent the Nebraska Czechs of Prague and WE'RE so excited to see where she goes!!



#### **Joseph Fitzpatrick - Prince**

Joseph is 13 years old, in 8th grade and the Student Council V.P. at St. Teresa school in Lincoln. His favorite activities include building projects, making things from scratch, playing baseball and biking with his dad. He enjoys spending time with friends or family especially when playing strategic board games or card games. Joseph plays trumpet and piano, continuing lessons in both. When relaxing, he will be found reading or listening to a variety of genres of music, his top pick is "rural folk piano."

As a representative of the Nebraska Czechs of Prague, Joseph invites people to attend festivals! He hopes to learn and share things about the culture with people he meets. He anticipates multiple opportunities for enjoying Czech dancing and Czech food, especially his favorite...a cream cheese koláč!



#### Olivia Pierce - Jr. Princess

Olivia Mae Pierce is the daughter of Aaron & Katie Pierce of Valparaiso, NE, granddaughter of Mike &

Paula Masek, and Duane & Wendy Pierce. She is a 7th grader at Bishop Neumann School in Wahoo, Ne., and a member of Sts Mary & Joseph Catholic Church, Valparaiso.

Olivia plays the clarinet and is in choir. She enjoys playing softball & basketball but her favorite is volleyball. Olivia became interested in her Czech history over the years and has enjoyed learning about all her family trees in the process. She enjoys the Czech dancing, and started when she was 3 years old, and is carrying on the tradition as her mom Katie and Grandma Paula had done the same dancing. Olivia's roots date back to Prague, NE when her Great-great-grandpa Vaclav Nemec was born on a farm three miles north of Prague on September 21, 1888.

She has enjoyed going to, the Czech Festivals, Parish Bazaars and parades in the surrounding communities and is looking forward to the 2022 season to promote interest in finding your Czech heritage and knowing where your roots come from.



# Cyline Covey and Maura Fitzpatrick - Little Sisters

Cyline Covey is 11 years old and is the daughter of Travis and Gwen (Nemec) Covey, Granddaughter of Larry and Glenda Coey and the late Cy and Evelyn Nemec.

She is a 6th grader at North Platte Catholic Schools - McDaid Elementary and loves her teacher!

Cyline plays the flute, piano, takes ballet and hip hop dance classes; does swim team; plays volleyball and basketball; golf with her daddy and loves to do anything outside!

She has a dog named Belle and they are best friends.

Cyline is so excited to learn more about her Czech heritage and she loves to dance.

She's excited that she's a little sister for another year. She learned so much from Cecilia and truly adores her.

She enjoyed being in parades and being a part of Czech festivals. She loves to polka and cream cheese kolace!

Maura is 10 years old and in 5th grade at St. Teresa school in Lincoln. Her favorite activities include volleyball, theater, doing crafts with friends and riding her bicycle. If she has a lot of free time, Maura will use it to spend time with family, baking, or reading a good book. Maura is in her fourth year playing piano and her third year of violin lessons. This year she will learn to play the flute in beginner band and plans to play basketball.

As a representative of the Nebraska Czechs of Prague, Maura looks forward to attending festivals and enjoying parades! She says her favorite thing about the Czech culture is all the different pretty colorful floral designs, especially the hand embroidered or hand painted floral designs that make each kroj special and unique; she finds enjoyment just looking at all of them. Maura likes watching people dance to Czech music and hearing the sound of the accordion. She says, "I think the accordion would be so interesting and a fun experience to learn to play it."