#### ORCHARD LAKE SCHOOLS

St. Mary's Preparatory \* St. John Paul II Liturgical Center \* Polish Institute of Culture & Research

#### **CAMPUS COMMUNICATOR**



"All men and women are entrusted with the task of crafting their own life: in a certain sense they are to make of it a work of art, a masterpiece." - St. John Paul II, Letter to Artists

We all hold the ability to craft the power of our dreams, to seek out new meanings and use these discoveries to inspire others. Within our campus community both near and far, our students, their families, faculty, staff, alumni, friends, donors and benefactors are crafting this power and sharing it in the classroom, along our walkways, on the fields, and through the spirit of community amongst ourselves and for those in need.

We find meaning in the conversations we have with God at Mass and in prayer. The St. John Paul II Liturgical Center's weekly masses and events bring us together to help us understand our life's journey. Inside this issue, read Fr. Witek's observations of Pope John Paul II's excerpt, share the dates of our next Marriage Workshop, and join us in celebrating the "masterpiece" of alumnus Fr. Stanley Ulman's 50th anniversary of service to the Archdiocese of Detroit.

In his *Letter to Artists*, St. John Paul II also said, "*Humanity in every age, and even today, looks to works of art to shed light upon its path and its destiny*." The Polish Institute of Culture & Research does just that through cultural endeavors, historical research, and art that sheds light on the paths we seek and the history within it. Inside this issue, read about "The Starry Squadron," discover the history of the Polish Day Parade in Michigan, and mark your calendar to attend the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Art on the Lake to see and discover your own masterpieces to take home.

We celebrated the return of our students last month. We are so blessed to have so many young men and women here on campus, shaping their lives, making their works of art, crafting their masterpieces. This month, they will experience their own Homecoming Spirit Week tradition. Our alumni, alumni parents, families and friends are invited to share in our Homecoming BBQ & Corn Roast Tailgate featuring a all-new HOCO Chili Cookoff competition, where different OLS campus groups will compete for the title of "tastiest chili". At the varsity football game, experience a special performance from Prep alumnus and rising Nashville musical artist, Mac Watts (P'06). Alumni and alumni parents, you're invited to a special Mass & Brunch on Sunday, September 24, featuring an exclusive performance by Mac Watts. Finally, on Monday, September 25, participate in our 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Homecoming Golf Outing at Oakhurst Golf & Country Club. Look inside for all the incredible details! Make your reservation for the Mass & Brunch and Golf Outing now by turning the page!

We pray for you daily. Please pray for us. Join us for one of many upcoming campus events!

The Orchard Lake Schools



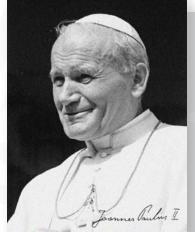
#### 💰 ST. JOHN PAUL II LITURGICAL CENTER UPDATE

#### **DIRECTOR NOTES**

The month of September is centered on the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross (September 14), which celebrates two events: The discovery of the Cross of Jesus by St. Helen, the mother of the Emperor Constantine under the 2nd-century Temple of Aphrodite on September 14, 320, and the dedication of the Basilica of the Holy Sepulcher, built on the site of Mount Calvary on September 13, 335. According to the oral tradition, three crosses were found during the excavation and the cross on which Jesus died was identified when its touch healed a dying woman. The cross immediately became an object of veneration. Here is an excerpt from the homily of

St. John Paul II delivered on the feast of the Exaltation of the Cross in Lesotho, in

1988:



#### IN THE WORDS OF ST. JOHN PAUL II . . .

Jesus continues: "The Son of Man must be lifted up... so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him." The human family had received at the very beginning of earthly history a deadly bite from the "ancient serpent". He had injected a satanic venom – the venom of original sin – into the souls of the first man and woman. And from that time onward, man's history on earth has been burdened by sin. A tendency towards sin has generated many evils in the lives of individual persons and the communities to which they belong, in families, in entire peoples and nations.

"The Son of Man must be lifted up," says Jesus to Nicodemus. And he says this with a view to his crucifixion: The Son of Man must be lifted up on the Cross.

Whoever believes in him, whoever sees in this Cross and in the Crucified One the Redeemer of the world, whoever looks with faith on the redemptive death of Jesus on the Cross, finds in him the power of eternal life. By this power, sin is overcome. People receive forgiveness of their sins at the price of the Sacrifice of Christ. They find again the life of God which had been lost by sin.

## ZAPRASZAMY

You are invited to join us for Polish 1st Sunday!

A special Mass at the Orchard Lake Schools to pray for Polonia

#### Sunday, October 1 • 1:00 PM

- There will be a Polish Dinner after the Mass \$20 per person
- Please RSVP for the dinner by Tuesday, September 26
- Call (248) 602-7579 or bernardwitek@yahoo.com



at the Shrine of St. John Paul II, celebrated by Fr. Bernard Witek

This is the meaning of the Cross of Christ. This is its power. "God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved."

The feast that we celebrate today speaks of a marvelous and ceaseless action of God in human history, in the history of every man, woman and child. The Cross of Christ on Golgotha has become for all time the center of this saving work of God. Christ is the Savior of the world, because in him and through him the love with which God so loved the world is continuously revealed: "God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son."

- The Father gave him so that this Son, who is one in substance with him, would become man by being conceived of the Virgin Mary.
- The Father gave him so that as the Son of Man he would proclaim the Gospel, the Good News of salvation.
- The Father gave him so that this Son, by responding with his own infinite love to the love of the Father, might offer himself on the Cross.

Fr. Bernard Witek Director, St. John Paul II Liturgical Center

#### POLISH ARMY DAY AT OLS

On Sunday, August 13, Polonia gathered to celebrate Holy Mass at the Archdiocesan Shrine of St. John Paul II in Orchard Lake. After Mass, representatives of SWAP (*Polish Army Veterans Association*) accompanied by local Polish Scouts gathered at the monument of General Józef Haller. They laid flowers and paid tribute to the fallen Soldiers who fought for Poland's independence.

Polish Army Day honors the sacrifice and significance of August 15th, the anniversary of the victorious Battle of Warsaw. Thank you to our guests that day and to those that participated, notably, the Filarets Choir, SWAP Okręg VI, and the Polish American Congress.

Cześć Ich Pamięci!



#### THE STARRY SQUADRON

This summer, a film crew from Poland sponsored by the Ministry of Culture and National Heritage and supported by the National Film Archives of Poland, visited the Polish Institute of Culture & Research in search of a copy of the lost film *Gwiaździstą Eskadra* (*"The Starry Squadron"*). The film, produced in 1930, was a

groundbreaking film based on the exploits of the Kosciuszko Squadron in the Polish-Bolshevik War of 1920.

The squadron was led by American volunteers and the plot of the film involves a romance set during the war and loosely based on the exploits of American pilot Merian Cooper. (Cooper is best known as the director of the American blockbuster King

Pictured L to R): Anna Rok, Michał Pienkowski, Jan Borowiec, Monika Rytel, Dr. John Radzilowski, Jakub Kowalczyk.

#### **POLISH INSTITUTE UPDATE**

Kong.) Copies of the film in Poland were destroyed during the Nazi and Soviet occupations of Poland and the communist authorities banned any discussion of the movie. However, the film was also distributed in Polish communities in the USA and likely shown here in the Detroit area.

The team is making a documentary on the lost film and the search for a possible copy. While they did not find the film in the Polish Institute's collections, they did identify several old and potentially important movies in the Institute's possession, including one of a performance by the famous pianist and statesman, Ignacy Jan Paderewski. For the documentary, the crew interviewed Archivist Sr. Genowefa Potaczala, Curator Agnieszka Przychodnia, and Institute Director Dr. John Radzilowski.

John Radzilowski, Ph.D. Director, Polish Institute of Culture & Research

Director, Polish Institute of Culture & Research at Orchard Lake



#### MIKOŁAJ KOPERNIK-THEMED POLISH DAY PARADE 2023

A long, rich history is associated with the founding of the Polish Day Parade. In the 1930s, the roots of the present-day Polish Day Parade took hold with the May 1st Polish Constitution Day observance held on Detroit's Belle Isle. The Polish Day Parade

evolved into the Pulaski Day Parade and was born in downtown Detroit in the fall of each year.

In 1977, Paul C. Odrobina, president of the Polish American Congress (PAC), Michigan Division, and a city council member, saw the need for the Polish Day Parade to continue in Hamtramck. Odrobina said, "I was happy to continue the tradition in the city of Hamtramck by having the parade committee agree to stage the parade on Joseph Campau Avenue during the city's annual festival."

He continued, "The Polish Day Parade is an annual tradition celebrating Polish American life. The parade brings out all that is good about one's Polish heritage. We all should be proud of who we are and what we contribute to America."

After the Pandemic break, the Parade Committee moved the Polish Parade from Hamtramck to Warren. This event is sponsored by the Polish American Congress – Michigan Division, whose president is OLS Board of Regents member Ann Bankowski. The chair of the Parade Committee is Judge John M. Chmura.

This year, the Parade took place on August 26 in Warren and celebrated the extraordinary Pole Mikołaj Kopernik, known to the English-speaking world as Nicholas Copernicus), the father of modern astronomy and the first European scientist to propose that Earth and other planets revolve around the sun. The event also commemorated the 550th anniversary of the birth of Copernicus.

Grand Marshall of the Polish Day Parade was Mr. Vinnie Dombroski! Vinnie, for those who might not know, is a local businessman, philanthropist, and rockstar as the long-time frontman for the band Sponge and other groups like Orbitsuns, Crud, Spy's for Darwin, and most recently, the supergroup The Lucid. Vinnie is often called the hardest-working man in the Detroit music scene.

#### JASNA GÓRA SHRINE IN POLISH CULTURE

In August, everyone in Poland encountered pilgrimages along the route heading to the sanctuary of Our Lady of Częstochowa. Over the past year alone, over 2.5 million pilgrims have visited Jasna Góra (Our Lady of Częstochowa). The traditional walking pilgrimage to venerate an icon of the Black Madonna of Częstochowa housed in the Shrine dates to the 17th century.

President of the Polish Bishops' Conference, Metropolitan of Poznań, Archbishop Stanisław Gądecki, described in an interview with Vatican Radio and Vatican News how the Icon of Mary from Jasna Góra has become part and parcel not only of



Poles' religion but also of the nation's culture and tradition. "This is due to a tradition of more than 600 years and the local Marian veneration, which existed before the partitions of Poland and developed during them. Some pilgrimages that come here yearly started as long as several hundred years ago."



Archbishop Gądecki pointed out that the Częstochowa Shrine is in the hearts of Poles, and the icon from Jasna Góra is what unites them. "The message of Jasna Góra points first and foremost to Mary's primary role in the journey to Jesus," the President of the Polish Episcopate noted. . "St. John Paul II and the Primate of Poland, Blessed Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński, proclaimed this in their teaching. Speaking of the veneration of Our Lady of Częstochowa in Poland, one must also mention the work of theologians and mariologists, which the bishops have always valued. Invoking Mary is also very common in everyday parish

life. The Polish soul resonates more strongly in encountering the Mother of God than anyone else. It is the most significant expression of Marian worship in our religious culture."

Walking pilgrimage to Jasna Góra remains a global phenomenon. It leads over to the world-famous sanctuary in Częstochowa.

It should be emphasized that the pilgrimage routes to Jasna Góra are unmarked, but it is said that no one goes astray because they are "trodden in the sacral landscape of Poland by hundreds of thousands of feet of pilgrims to the throne of Our Lady of Jasna Góra."

The cult of the Mother of God has left an indelible mark on Polish culture, history, customs, traditions, and national identity. It has become a beautiful tradition to make pilgrimages to the church of Our Lady of Częstochowa in Sterling Heights from the Marian Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes in Orchard Lake, just like in the Polish American diaspora, to make this journey on August 26, the feast day of the parish's patron. This year, more than 50 pilgrims took part in a retreat on the road.

For the 15th time, the faithful set off on their journey beginning on Friday, August 25, to reach Our Lady in the Orchard Lake Grotto in the evening. On Saturday morning, the pilgrims began the second day of their pilgrimage with the Holy Mass at the Sanctuary





in Orchard Lake. This year, Fr. Bernard Witek from the St. John Paul II Liturgical Center blessed the pilgrims and celebrated the Mass. The Orchard Lake Schools community is always welcoming to Polish pilgrims. While the most straightforward meaning of a pilgrimage is to journey closer to God, there are different ways. Some pilgrims undertake a pilgrimage as penance, others for a retreat experience, and others to learn about their faith or interact with other faithful. Many pilgrims have special intentions while on pilgrimage, either offering it to receive answers for an intention for others or oneself or taking a

pilgrimage of thanksgiving for intentions that have already been answered.

See you on the pilgrimage route from our Mother of God in the Grotto in Orchard Lake to Our Lady of Częstochowa in Sterling Heights next year!

ALICJA KARLIC Polish Media Center

#### POLISH LANGUAGE SCHOOLS IN THE DETROIT METRO AREA

Father Dabrowski Polish Language Center\*
ORCHARD LAKE SCHOOLS

3535 Commerce Road • Orchard Lake, MI 48324 (Classes held in Adam Cardinal Maida Alumni Library)

Child Registration: https://forms.gle/BaPqihw3mFeq23P77
Adult Registration: https://forms.gle/Vsawrr29speegNn9A

First Class: September 8, 2023

Class Times: 5:45-7:15 PM & 7:20-8:50 PM Ages: 3-18 years old or Adults

**Contact**: Grazyna Stanowska 586-242-2077 **Email:** polskaszkolaorchardlake@gmail.com

Mailing Address: 4254 Nickolas Drive

Sterling Heights, MI 48310

2 Adam Mickiewicz Polish Language School\* OUR LADY OF CZESTOCHOWA CHURCH 3100 18 Mile Road • Sterling Heights, MI 48314

**Registration**: www.szkolamickiewicza.org **First Class**: September 8,12, and 13, 2023

**Class Times**: 5:30 PM & 7:00 PM (classes are 90 min)

Ages: 5 years old - Adults

Contact: Jolanta Gmurowska 248-709-2975

<u>Email: jgmurowski@gmail.com</u> **OR** <u>sz.mickiewicza@hotmail.com</u>



General Kazimierz Pulaski Polish Language School ST. THOMAS APOSTLE CHURCH

31530 Beechwood • Garden City MI 48135

**Registration**: https://forms.gle/JSTwFHAz6CT73PX27

Open House: September 23 & 30
First Class: September 23

Class Times: 9:45-10:30 AM Kindergarten

10:30-11:15 AM Preschool

**Ages**: 4-17 years old (currently only have classes

for younger children)

Contact: polaniedetroit96@gmail.com

Mailing Address: 10255 Bassett St. Livonia, MI 48150

#### 4 Saint John Paul II Polish Language School\*

2622 Florian Street • Hamtramck, MI 48212

**Open House:** After 10:30 AM (PL) Mass Fellowship

(kawiarenka)

First Class: September 16th

Class Times: 9:00 AM -1:50 PM- 3 separate slots

**Ages**: 3-18 years old

Contact: Maria Kutak-Kozik (248) 818-1527

or call Parish Office at (313) 871-2778

**Email**: polskaszkolajp2@gmail.com

Mailing Address: 2626 Poland St. Hamtramck, MI 48212

#### Polish Language Center in Ann Arbor\*

SPIRITUS SANCTUS ACADEMY

4101 E Joy Road • Ann Arbor, MI 48105

Classes: In Person (Child) & Online (Child/Adult)

Registration: https://polskaszkola.weebly.com

<u>First Class</u>: September 9th
<u>Ages</u>: In-person (Child): 3+
Online (Child): 5+

Online (Adult): 18+ **Contact**: PolskaSzkolaAnnArbor@gmail.com

Class Times: (see below)

In-person Child: Saturdays 9:30 AM-12:00 PM

<u>Online Child</u>: Custom <u>Online Adult Individual</u>: Custom

Online Adult Groups: Saturdays (listed below)

A0 (Beginners) • 9:00-10:30 AM A1 • 9:15-10:45 AM A0+\*\* • 10:45 AM-12:15 PM A2 • 11:00 AM-12:30 PM

\*\*Beginners with little bit of Polish language knowledge

#### **Piast Institute\* ONLINE ZOOM CLASSES ONLY**

**Registration**: https://tinyurl.com/polishclasses

<u>First Class</u>: Ongoing & Customized (based on needs)

**Class Times**: Customized

**Ages**: 16 years old - Adults

Beginner

Advanced Beginner

Advanced

Contact: Benita Wojciechowski (586) 354-8296

Email: wojciechowski@piastinstitute.org

Mailing Address: 11633 Joseph Campau,

Hamtramck MI 48212

Memo: Beginner Polish Language Class

\* FIND US ON FACEBOOK!

#### **SUMMER CAMPS 2023 A SUCCESS!**

Thanks to all for your support of the 2023 Orchard Lake Summer Camps! We welcomed 1230 reservations across 25 camps. Next year, we look forward to expanding to offer Art & STEM related camps once again.



Thank you for a great summer and for entrusting us with your most precious gifts, your children! We had a blast getting to know them and welcoming them to our campus. Hope to see you again in 2024!



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Polish Language Center of Ann Arbor

General Pułaski Polish Language School in Garden City

Saint John Paul II Polish Language School in Hamtramck

Father Dąbrowski Polish Language Center in Orchard Lake

Adam Mickiewicz Polish Language School in Sterling Heights

## Call to Artists

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Saturday & Sunday • October 7 & 8, 2023 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

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Upon approval, you will receive an informational packet. Booth size is 10'x10'. You must provide your own tent, table, and chairs. You may request additional booths available if necessary (\$50 for both days).

DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION
HAS BEEN EXTENDED TO SEPTEMBER 15th.

SCAN CODE to apply, or visit: www.picrol.org/art-on-the-lake



#### **OLS UPDATE**

#### **EVER FORWARD**

"Ever Forward!" the Orchard Lake Schools' strategic planning initiative, announced in last month's *Communicator*, began its work in August. The team from Measured Reasons, Dr. Peter Facione (Prep '62) and Dr. Carol Ann Gittens, visited the Orchard Lake Schools from August 7-9. They focused on establishing relationships on campus and gathering the information in the process to help us focus our future work to serve education, faith, and the celebration of our Polish heritage on campus and beyond. Here is their brief summary of the visit:



The primary purpose of this visit was to brief the Board of Regents about the Ever Forward strategic planning process. Secondary purposes included orienting us to the physical layout of the campus, interviewing architectural firms, and having preliminary conversations with as many individual regents and other members of the OLS community as possible. In these conversations the emphasis was on learning individual perspectives on the organization's strengths, challenges, and opportunities.

On August 7, we met with several people individually. These include Regent Dr. Walter Knysz, and former Chancellor Fr. Tim Whalen. Both provided valuable insights into the current challenges faced by the Orchard Lake Schools. A main topic in both cases was the importance of the Catholic identity of the organization and significance of nurturing the spiritual development of students and everyone in the OLS community. On Aug 7, we also met with Chief Development Officer Chris Czarnik and the Development team.

On August 8, we discussed enrollments and competitive private schools with Candace Castiglione and Ann Bartus. They were able to pull together relevant data on competitor schools which we were then able to share with the Board of Regents the next afternoon. We also met separately with Vice Chancellor Todd Covert and Regent Mike Obloy that day. Again, both individuals offered vital insights into the challenges and issues that are being addressed at the leadership level and the Regents level of the organization.

The morning of Wednesday, August 9 was set aside to hear the presentations of three architectural firms. Of vital importance to any long-term strategic plan is the determination of the ways that the plan will be manifested and accomplished within the physical space and facilities of the organizations. Called master-planning, this is an architectural specialization that needs to dovetail with the more conceptual parts of strategic planning. Finding an architectural firm with experience and expertise in master planning at faith-based secondary schools would greatly enhance this part of the OLS strategic planning process, and we are completing that selection.

The consultants had the good fortune while on campus for three full days to encounter and speak at least briefly with several staff, faculty, and students. Each meeting was not only helpful but encouraging. In those they met, they reported a positive spirit and an optimism about Orchard Lake. The visit culminated late that afternoon with their presentation about the OLS Strategic Planning process, *Ever Forward*, to the Board of Regents.

The team from Measured Reasons returns in September to continue conversations with key stakeholders and to convene the first meetings of the Strategic Planning Steering Committee and the six subcommittees. Please see the monthly *Campus Communicator* for updates or visit the webpage at: <a href="www.orchardlakeschools.com/ever-forward">www.orchardlakeschools.com/ever-forward</a>

"We never give more honor to Jesus than when we honor his Mother." - St. Louis DeMontfort

The Mary Project is dedicated to the beautification of the Marian Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes at Orchard Lake St. Mary's.

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#### **MPREP NEWS**

#### **WELCOME BACK, STUDENTS!**



Girls Division seniors gathered for their last first day of school before they decorated their vehicles and held a parking lot parade on August 22 in celebration of their last first ride back to school!

We're excited to kick off our inaugural Polish Language & Culture Class taught by Mrs.Włoch! Teaching Assistant Jakub from Kraków will be assisting as well! What an exciting class! Shout out to all the students continuing our Polish tradition at OLSM!





#### **CONGRATULATIONS TO...**

... Jasen Oliver, Class of 2023, on his selection as Collegiate Baseball's 1st Team All-American as a two-way player (SS/RHP)! What a great honor to wrap up the 2023 season!

... Junior Nina DiFonzo who won a scholarship from Alliance Catholic Credit Union for her video compilation of the Sr. Judie Food Drive and how that makes a difference in the community! For this scholarship, applicants had to be an Alliance Catholic Credit Union Member and enrolled in a Catholic school.



#### **COACHES & SONS SHARE FOOTBALL SEASON**

Eaglet football season is upon us!

This year is super special for some of our football coaches, including TODD BARTUS (*P*'97) who will be watching his senior and varsity football captain son, JACK BARTUS (*P*'24), play high school football for the last time. And OLSM Athletic Director and Head Football Coach JERMAINE GONZALES (*P*'00) will watch his freshman son, Jabin (*P*'27), play high school football for the first time!



And there are more coaches and their sons gearing up for OLSM football this season, including OLSM alum and Wide Receiver Coach Gregory Raspberry (*P'05*) and son Christian Raspberry (*P'27*), and JV Defensive Coordinator Clarence Glasker and his son, Camren Glasker (*P'26*).



Jack Bartus, Coach Todd Bartus, Jabin Gonzales & Head Coach Jermaine Gonzales.

Christian Raspberry, Coach Gregory Raspberry, Camren Glasker, & JV Defensive Coordinator Clarence Glasker.



#### JEFF PETRY RETURNS TO DETROIT RED WINGS



The Detroit Red Wings acquired Prep alumnus JEFF PETRY (*P'06*) in a trade from the Montreal Canadiens! Throughout the 2022-23 season, the veteran defenseman played for the Pittsburgh Penguins before being dealt back to the Montreal Canadiens (August 6, 2023), where he had played the 2021-22 season and helped the team reach the 2021 Stanley Cup Final. On August 15, 2023, the Detroit Red Wings acquired Petry in a trade deal and are excited to bring him back to Detroit for the upcoming season!

Jeff is the brother of OLSM Varsity Baseball's Head Coach Matt Petry and the son of Dan Petry, a member of the Detroit Tigers' 1984 World Championship team and the current Assistant Coach of OLSM Varsity Baseball. Jeff played hockey for St. Mary's and Michigan State before being selected by the Edmonton Oilers in the second round (45th overall) of the 2006 NHL draft. He played 864 games in the NHL and compiled 353 points (92 goals)

and 349 penalty minutes in his career with the Oilers, Canadiens, and Penguins.

#### **COMING HOME**

St. Mary's Prep alumnus, MAC WATTS (P'06), is a Nashville recording artist and rising star in modern country music! The metro-Detroit native has always been influenced by music, especially the sounds of Johnny Cash, Motown, Bruce Springsteen, Eric Church, Kip Moore, and many others. Watts' portfolio includes his first EP, "Dynamite," and singles including his debut, "Ain't Through Loving You," "Drunk on a Tuesday," and his most recent 2023 releases of "Castaway," "I Should MaryJane," and "Drink Her Memories Gone."



He was the Regional Finals Winner for the Nash Next America's Talent Search Contest (2018), and selected to perform at the WYCD 30th Anniversary Hoedown at Pine Knob Music Theater with surprise guest, Garth Brooks.

He's opened for artists such as Justin Moore (Arts, Beats & Eats), Parmalee (St. Andrews Hall), Brantley Gilbert, Joe Nicols, Phil Vassar, Carly Pearce, Scotty McCreery and others. Watts and his band are regular performers on Nashville's famous Broadway strip. Follow him on Instagram @macwattsmusic, and on Spotify, iTunes, Pandora, iHeart, YouTube and other music platforms.

#### FR. ULMAN 50 YEARS A PRIEST



Congratulations to Fr. Stan Ulman on 50 years of serving God's people as a priest of the Archdiocese of Detroit! His ordination took place on August 25, 1973, and his 50th Anniversary Jubilee Mass took place on August 27, 2023, at his home parish of St. Mary of the Hills Catholic Church in Rochester Hills, Michigan.

Fr. Ulman is a graduate of St. Mary's Preparatory (P'64), St. Mary's College (C'68), and the Pontifical Gregorian University (1972) in Rome, Italy. His first assignment was as associate pastor of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel in Wyandotte, Michigan (1973-74). He then served as associate pastor of St. Gertrude Parish, St. Claire Shores (1974-79) and as associate pastor and then administrator of St. Ladislaus Parish, Hamtramck (1979-81). He served briefly as

administrator of St. Stanislaus and St. Bartholomew parishes in Detroit before being named pastor of St. Ladislaus (1982-2004), and eventually was appointed pastor of St. Mary of the Hills Rochester Hills, where he currently serves. Fr. Ulman is a member of the *In Solidum* team of priests who serve the Paint Creek 1 Family of Parishes.



## LOVE AND LIFE PROGRAM 1 I + YOU = WE





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- · Your marriage needs improvement

#### \*REGISTER BY SEPTEMBER 30th

Email or call Fr. Bernard Witek bwitek@sscms.edu or (248) 602-7579

#### The cost of \$150 per couple includes:

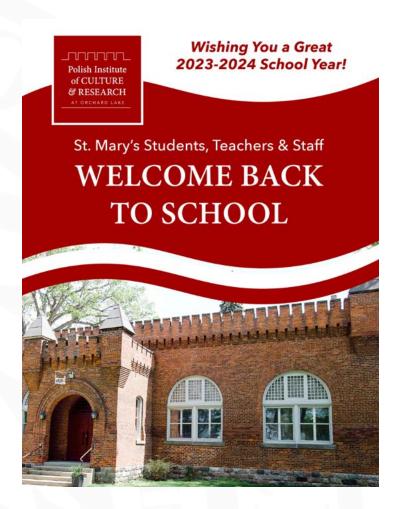
- · Lectures and detailed workshop materials
- Coffee, tea and refreshments
- Lunch & dinner on Saturday & Lunch on Sunday

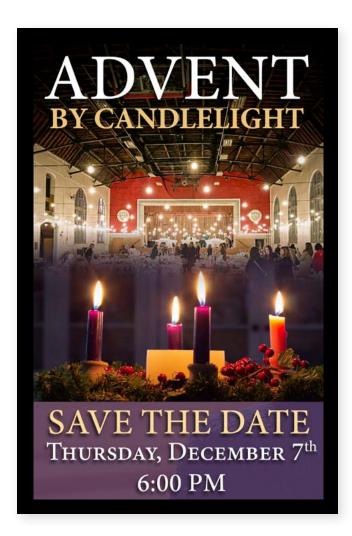
"The Marriage Rescuer"
Fr. Jaroslaw Szymczak
INSTITUTE OF THE HOLY FAMILY • WARSAW, POLAND



Saturday, October 14 8:00AM - 9:00PM Sunday, October 15 9:00AM - 6:00PM

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#### **Upcoming Event Highlights**

#### **SEPTEMBER 2023**

- 1-4 Labor Day Weekend (No School)
  - 3 Polish 1st Sunday
  - 5 Classes Resume
  - 7 Girls Golf vs. Regina @ Shenandoah Girls Volleyball vs. Regina @ 6:30 PM Boys Varsity Soccer vs. Divine Child @ 7:00 PM
  - 8 International Literacy Day Freshman Dance
  - 9 Cross Country @ Bret Clements Invitational
- 11 Patriot Day (9/11 Remembrance)
  Girls Golf vs. Austin Catholic @ Shenandoah
- 12 Girls Golf vs. Mercy @ Shenandoah
- 14 Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross
  Girls Golf vs. Gabriel Richard @ Shenandoah
  Girls Volleyball vs. Jackson Lumen Christi @ 6:30 PM

- 16 Cross Country @ Holly/Duane Raffin Invitational
- 22 Homecoming BBQ & Corn Roast Tailgate @ 4-7:00 PM Homecoming Football Game vs. St. Francis De Sales @ 7:00 PM
- 23 First Day of Fall (Autumnal Equinox) Homecoming Dance
- 24 Alumni & Alumni Parents Mass & Brunch
  - 11:00 AM Mass
  - 12:00 PM Brunch & Concert @ HOCO Event Tent
- 25 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Homecoming Golf Outing
- **26** Girls Volleyball vs. Lutheran North @ 6:30 PM
- 27 Cross Country @ CHL Jamboree TBD
- 30 Cross Country @ Coaches Legend Classic

**OLSM STUDENTS & FAMILIES, ALUMNI & ALUMNI PARENTS:** 

Join us in celebrating a new OLSM tradition!

## HOMECOMING WEEKEND

# BBQ & Corn Roast TAILGATE BEFORE THE GAME

NEW!

1<sup>st</sup> Annual HOCO

Chili

Conkoff

- Face Painting
- Live Music by the OLSM Band

Campus groups will compete to see who can cook up the tastiest tailgating chili!

## Bring your family!



Fri, Sept 22<sup>nd</sup> • 4-7:00 PM



join us for a very special...



Featuring a Private Concert by OLSM Alumni Nashville Country Music Artist



## Sunday, September 24

11:00 AM • Mass at the Arch. Shrine of St. John Paul II 12:00 PM • Brunch & Concert under the HOCO Event Tent

Please RSVP by September 17, 2023. Space is limited. To RSVP: scan code or visit orchardlakeschools.com/events

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL OR EMAIL:

(248) 392-9974 • lgray@orchardlakeschools.com



#### ST. MARY'S ALUMNI, FAMILY & FRIENDS



Play 18 holes on one of Michigan's premier championship golf courses!

9:30 AM
SHOTGUN START
11:00 AM

**OAKHURST GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB** 

7000 Oakhurst Lane • Clarkston

- · Free range time prior to the shotgun start
- Hamburgers, hotdogs, chips & soft drink lunch
- Heavy appetizers following the event
- · Giveaways, prizes for closest to the pin, longest drive & more!

Proceeds to benefit the Alumni Scholarship Fund.
For info & reservations, please contact Don Buchanan
(248) 639-9699 • dbuchanan@orchardlakeschools.com



\$200

**PER GOLFER** 

## Monday, Sept 25<sup>th</sup>



### — OCTOBER 7 & 8

SATURDAY & SUNDAY 10:00 AM-4:00 PM

## ORCHARD LAKE SCHOOLS CAMPUS

3535 COMMERCE ROAD ORCHARD LAKE, MI 48324

## Call to Artists

SCANTO APPLY! >>>

SUBMISSION DEADLINE SEPTEMBER 15<sup>th</sup>



#### **FOOD • LIVE MUSIC • FACE PAINTING • KID'S TENT\***

\* Hosted by the St. Mary's Art Department



Scan to visit our **<<<** Facebook Event Page

to RSVP & learn more!

COME SUPPORT THE ST. MARY'S ART & MUSIC DEPARTMENTS.

Students in both programs will be participating in the weekend's events.

**Looking for** impactful campus dedication/ naming opportunities that leave a lasting campus impression for generations to enjoy?







#### **CONTACT Chris Czarnik**

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#### **SEPTEMBER 2023 MASS SCHEDULE**

#### **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3**

<b>9:00</b> AM	Fr. WITEK • POLISH*	SEMINARY CHAPEL
<b>9:00</b> AM	Msgr. Browne • Latin	St. John Paul II Shrine
11:00 AM	Fr. WITEK • ENGLISH	St. John Paul II Shrine
1:00 PM	Fr. Witek • Polish* • Polish 1st Sunday	St. John Paul II Shrine

#### **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10**

<b>9:00</b> AM	Fr. Witek • Polish*	SEMINARY CHAPEL
<b>9:00</b> AM	Fr. Whitaker • Latin	St. John Paul II Shrine
11:00 AM	Fr. WITEK • ENGLISH	St. John Paul II Shrine

#### **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17**

<b>9:00</b> AM	Fr. Witek • Polish*	SEMINARY CHAPEL
<b>9:00</b> AM	Msgr. Browne • Latin	St. John Paul II Shrine
11:00 AM	Fr. WITEK • ENGLISH	St. John Paul II Shrine

#### **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24**

<b>9:00</b> AM	Fr. Witek • Polish*	SEMINARY CHAPEL
<b>9:00</b> AM	Fr. Whitaker • Latin	St. John Paul II Shrine
11:00 AM	Fr. WITEK • ENGLISH	St. John Paul II Shrine

#### OTHER MONTHLY DEVOTIONS & EVENTS

#### 1st Thursday, 1st Friday & 1st Saturday Devotions

Friday <b>9/1</b>	Mass at 7:00 pm then Devotions • Fr. Witek	St. John Paul II Shrine
Saturday 9/2	Mass at 9:00 am then Devotions • Fr. Witek	St. John Paul II Shrine
Thursday 9/7	Mass at 7:00 pm then Devotions • Fr. Witek	St. John Paul II Shrine
Friday 9/15	<b>DIVINE MERCY PRAYERS</b> AT 7:45 PM	St. John Paul II Shrine
	Krąg Biblijny at 8:00 pm	SEMINARY CHAPEL
Thursday 9/21	BIBLE STUDY AFTER MASS AT 7:45 PM	SEMINARY CHAPEL

#### \* Feed for the Live stream of the Polish Masses: www.facebook.com/olsnews

When you can't be with us for Mass, watch our 9:00 AM Polish Mass via Facebook live stream or on our YouTube Channel, or listen to Polish Varieties Radio at 9:00 AM on WNZK 680/690 AM Detroit.

MONTHLY ENROLLMENTS Throughout the year, donors to the Orchard Lake Schools enroll their loved ones in the "Friends of the Orchard Lake Schools" Enrollment. These names are those that have been added from the month of July. Prayers are offered at every mass at the Archdiocesan Shrine of St. John Paul II for those names enrolled. For more enrolling information, please contact Lisa Gray at <a href="mailto:lgray@orchardlakeschools.com">lgray@orchardlakeschools.com</a>.

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