

# ORCHARD LAKE SCHOOLS CAMPUS COMMUNICATOR

ST. JOHN PAUL II LITURGICAL CENTER ✠ ST. MARY'S PREPARATORY ✠ POLISH INSTITUTE OF CULTURE & RESEARCH

**OCTOBER 2024**

*"By wisdom a house is built, and through understanding it is established;  
Through knowledge its rooms are filled with rare and beautiful treasures." ~ Proverbs 24: 3-4*



*The foundation of our "house," the Orchard Lake Schools campus community, is built on 140 years of faith, education, culture, and tradition. This fall, we celebrate our blessings, including our weekly Masses and retreats, homecoming, teachers, coaches, students, alumni, cultural connections, and the traditions that bring us together.*



## HOCO WEEKEND WOWS!



The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Homecoming BBQ & Corn Roast Tailgate and the Chili Cookoff Competition were a huge success! Thank you to everyone who contributed to the success of this Spirit Week event.

**NICK BONANI** took 1<sup>st</sup> place in the Chili Cookoff, and **JIM NEIL** took 2<sup>nd</sup>! All the entrants cooked up some extra special chili with special ingredients that truly set these fall flavors apart! Be sure to either enter your chili next year or be here to taste test some of the best chili ever!

Alumni, it was so great to see so many of you at this season's all-new Football Fridays Alumni Tent located field-side the south endzone area. We'll be back next fall for more fun and fanfare!



Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup> we celebrated the culmination of Spirit Week for OLSM with the Homecoming Dance in the big white tent in the Richard & Mary Trzcinski Quad and Fr. Rakoczy Old Gym. Congratulations to our Homecoming Queen and King, **SOPHIA EZMERLIN** and **NATHANAEL 'NOODLE' BARAN**!

## TEEING OFF FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

Alumni, friends and family came together, Eaglet strong, for the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Homecoming Golf Outing in support of the Annual Alumni Scholarship Fund. On Monday, September 23, golfers gathered at Oakhurst Golf & Country Club in Clarkston for a scramble and skins, all in support of our February 2025 annual scholarship event. In January 2025, OLSM juniors will have the opportunity to enter their essays in this contest for the chance to earn a partial scholarship for their senior year tuition.

Check back often for *Campus Communicator* event info and visit our OLSM website link for highlights of our February 2024 awards event: Alumni - St. Mary's Prep ([stmarysprep.com](http://stmarysprep.com))







# Jingle all the Way

**CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING  
AT ORCHARD LAKE  
ST. MARY'S**

**VISIT BY SANTA & HIS REINDEER  
CHRISTMAS GIFTS MARKET  
CAROLERS & CHRISTMAS MUSIC  
WARM & COZY FOOD!  
CHILI • CORNBREAD • COOKIES  
SLOPPY JOES • PIZZA  
HOLIDAY PHOTOGRAPHER  
CANDY CANES & STOCKINGS  
FOR THE KIDS**

**TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY • 6:15 PM  
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24<sup>th</sup>  
4:00–8:00 PM • OLSM CAMPUS QUAD**



## EVER FORWARD! ZAWSZE DO PRZODU!

2023-2024  
STRATEGIC MASTER PLANNING PROJECT



We're excited to share that the Board of Regents approved the "Ever Forward" Strategic Plan earlier this summer! Many thanks to committee members and the countless other parents, alumni, students, faculty, staff, benefactors, and community members who all had input into this. This is a clear sign that the Orchard Lake Schools is moving forward – Ever Forward! Special thanks to the Richard & Mary Trzcinski Foundation for funding this important endeavor.

This strategic plan charts a path forward for the OLS and its three major operational divisions. That path goes in the direction Fr. Dąbrowski envisioned – it leads toward OLS providing the best possible organizational structures and activities to enable the spiritual formation and educational growth of the people OLS serves.

### WHAT IS RING DAY?

This month we honor Ring Day, a longstanding tradition at OLSM in which the men and women of the junior class, alongside their special guests, officially become upperclassmen of St. Mary's. This is an opportunity for growth in the 2026 brotherhood and sisterhood, and it is a highly respected tradition unique to OLSM.

During this ceremony, the students' rings (purchased, personal or borrowed) are individually blessed. After their respective division Mass, the students gather for a class photo outside the Shrine of St. John Paul II, and the event concludes. We always look forward to this special day, one marking our juniors moving through their final two years at the Prep.





# CAMPUS MINISTRIES ... SHARING FAITH, BUILDING BONDS

Last month, the Prep students celebrated the first of their weekly Liturgies. Our student Campus Ministry Team did a wonderful job preparing for and serving both Masses. May the Lord guide and bless the young men and women of Orchard Lake and be ever present in their lives this school year.

Campus Ministry also began its grade level retreats. Each month a different grade will experience a time of shared faith and team building with their classmates on the beautiful campus of Orchard Lake. Theology classes have also held weekly meetings in the Grotto to offer their prayers together.

## LIFE LESSONS: IN THE CLASSROOM & AROUND CAMPUS



On Friday, September 6, Prep alumnus **DAVID LAWRENCE** (P'08) spoke to Mrs. Aronoff's personal finance class about investments. He also got the class started on their investment simulations for this marking period.



Last year, the Baking Club donated money from their bake sales to a local ALS charity, a Catholic relief charity, and bought a new KitchenAid mixer for the kitchen. This year, again, they plan on using the proceeds to help local charities.

"This year in Baking Club, we have 38 girls from all grade levels," said Ashley Yenor, the club's faculty advisor, who is also the OLSM French teacher and National Honor Society advisor. The club meets once a month, and Marco Santia of the Dining Hall lets the club members use the kitchen after school to bake. "Kristin Morton is our parent helper and Prep music teacher Gina Dlugosielski also assists. Last month, Mrs. Morton taught the girls how to ice and decorate sugar cookies and we sold them at the Homecoming game. We'll have a table at the tree lighting event in the Old Gym (Nov. 24) where kids can decorate sugar cookies."

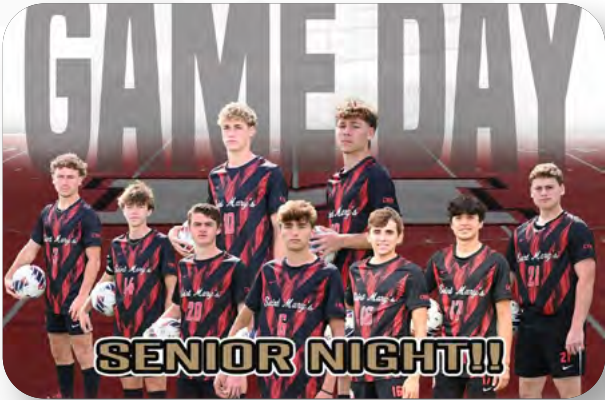


Students in Mrs. Marta Wloch's 10th grade chemistry class demonstrated the process of filtration through a separation techniques lab.

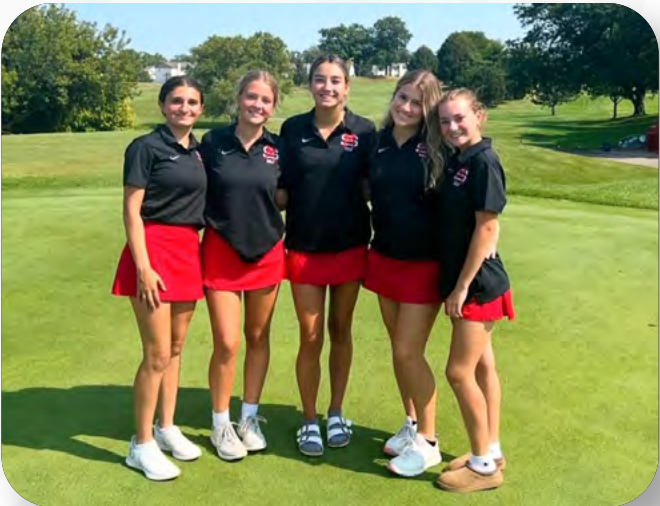


# ON & OFF THE FIELD ...

There's no place like home for Eaglet football! From players of the game to plays of the week, Eaglet football is leading by example, guided by faith, family, and friendship. One team. One brotherhood.



This season, soccer is kicking it! Our amazing athletes, including seniors **LOGAN KINANE, GABE RICHER, CORBIN KUNDINGER, CAMERON STEWART, LUKE RICHER, JAMES JARJOSA, MARK JABIRO, PATTERSON DOYLE,** and **AIDEN MARSHALL,** are making major plays on the field. Go Eaglets!

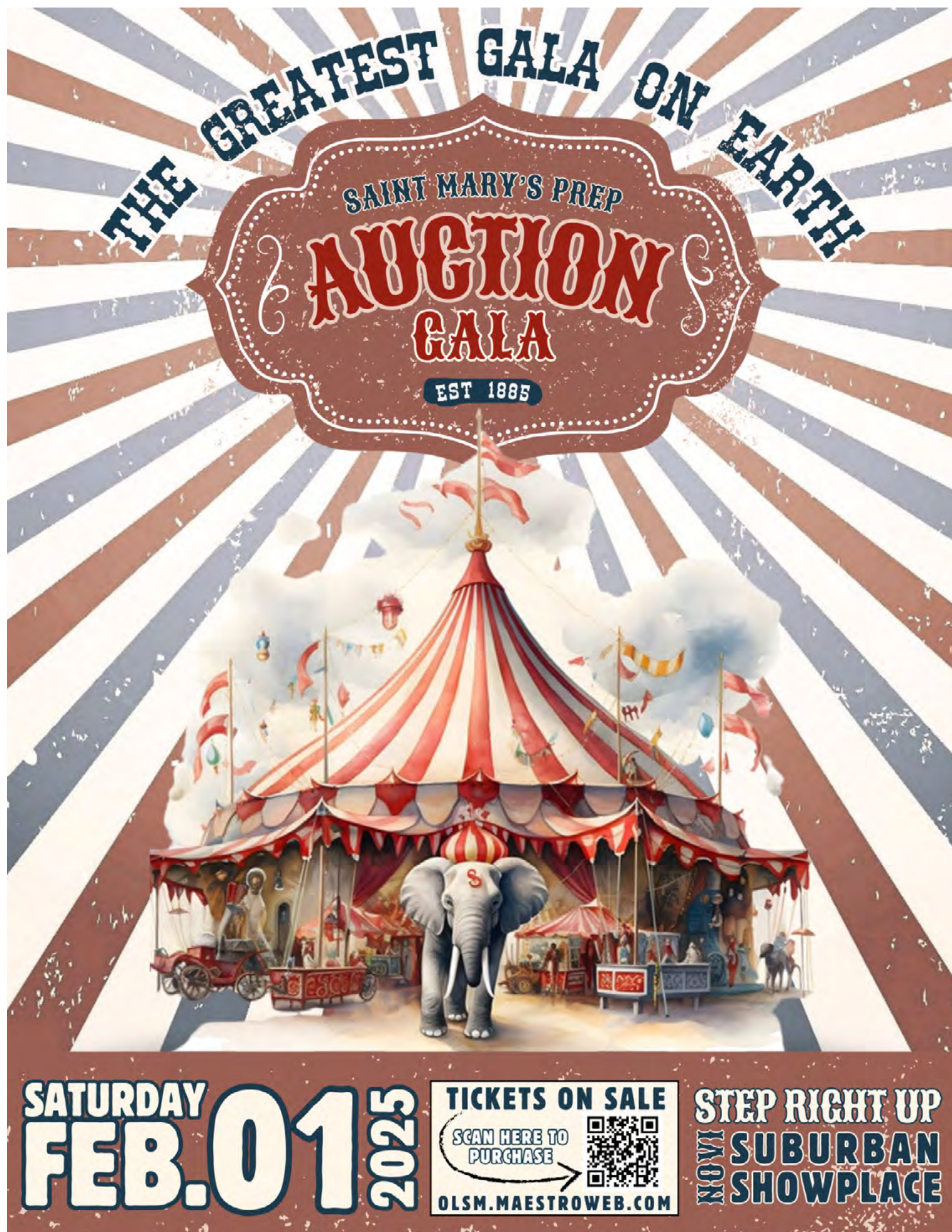


Girls volleyball showed up in yellow for the first home game of the season, all to benefit children's cancer awareness through #blockoutcancer. It was a yellow out game against Shrine High School to benefit the Univeristy of Michigan's C.S. Mott's Children's Hospital.



Congratulations to the Girls Varsity Golf team for placing third in the Oakland County tournament! Soaring Eaglets, what a way to make your mark on the season!





## GET TICKETS FOR THE GREATEST GALA ON EARTH



On February 3, 2024, the OLSM Moms & Dads Club hosted the Annual Auction Gala at the Suburban Showplace Event Center in Novi, Michigan. It was a beautiful evening filled with glamour, laughter, dancing and most importantly, a community coming together for a great cause. The 2024 auction netted \$150,000 thanks to the following:

- Over 400 attendees
- 235 Silent Auction packages
- 10 Live Auction items featuring a professional auctioneer
- Sponsorships and multiple advertisements
- Cash donations

### 2025 Auction Gala: The Greatest Gala on Earth!

Join us for an unforgettable evening where incredible circus performers will walk amongst you while you enjoy delectable hors d'oeuvres, sip on a glass of champagne and peruse over 200 auction items for bid. As you flow into the main ballroom, you will be seated for the main course and entertained by our live auction. To cap off the evening, music and dancing will commence. We had such great feedback from the 2024 event that we have decided to keep the same venue and flow, with a few tweaks to enhance the attendee experience. However, there is one new thing we need - YOU!

**We would love to see more alumni at our event! Why should you attend?**  
**For starters:**

- Only those in attendance can bid on the silent and live auction items.
- Hang with your friends – make it a reunion and grab a table for you and your fellow classmates to reminisce and create new memories!
- Make it a date night!
- By joining us, you are giving back to your alma mater and having fun at the same time!

**Can't join us? There are still ways to help. We are looking for donations, including, but not limited to the following:**

- Unique Priceless Experiences
- Sporting Event Tickets & Experiences
- Vacation Rentals
- Purchase a sponsorship while promoting your business

**FOR MORE EVENT DETAILS,**

Visit our auction website at [olsm.maestroweb.com](https://olsm.maestroweb.com)

Email: [2025OLSMAuction@gmail.com](mailto:2025OLSMAuction@gmail.com)

or call (248) 765-7559



**KARRI POXON & KRISTEN WHEELER**  
*Auction Co-Chairs*





## ST. JOHN PAUL II LITURGICAL CENTER UPDATE

On October 7, we celebrate the feast day of Our Lady of the Rosary commemorating the victory at the battle of Lepanto on October 7, 1571. This victory is attributed to the Blessed Virgin Mary. Therefore, the month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary. St. John Paul II was known for his deep Marian devotion and on various occasions he was encouraging all to pray the Rosary. In October 2002, he proclaimed the Year of the Rosary in his Apostolic Letter *Rosarium Virginis Mariae*. First, he answers some objections raised against the Rosary:



*The timeliness of this proposal is evident from a number of considerations. First, the urgent need to counter a certain crisis of the Rosary, which in the present historical and theological context can risk being wrongly devalued, and therefore no longer taught to the younger generation. There are some who think that the centrality of the Liturgy, rightly stressed by the Second Vatican Ecumenical Council, necessarily entails giving lesser importance to the Rosary. Yet, as Pope Paul VI made clear, not only does this prayer not conflict with the Liturgy, it sustains it, since it serves as an excellent introduction and a faithful echo of the Liturgy, enabling people to participate fully and interiorly in it and to reap its fruits in their daily lives.*

*Perhaps too, there are some who fear that the Rosary is somehow unecumenical because of its distinctly Marian character. Yet the Rosary clearly belongs to the kind of veneration of the Mother of God described by the Council: a devotion directed to the Christological centre of the Christian faith, in such a way that “when the Mother is honoured, the Son ... is duly known, loved and glorified” (Dogmatic Constitution on the Church Lumen Gentium, 66). If properly revitalized, the Rosary is an aid and certainly not a hindrance to ecumenism! (Rosarium Virginis Mariae, 4)*

Then he writes about actuality of this prayer:

*Many signs indicate that still today the Blessed Virgin desires to exercise through this same prayer that maternal concern to which the dying Redeemer entrusted, in the person of the beloved disciple, all the sons and daughters of the Church: “Woman, behold your son!” (Jn19:26). Well-known are the occasions in the nineteenth and the twentieth centuries on which the Mother of Christ made her presence felt and her voice heard, in order to exhort the People of God to this form of contemplative prayer. I would mention in particular, on account of their great influence on the lives of Christians and the authoritative recognition they have received from the Church, the apparitions of Lourdes and of Fatima;(11) these shrines continue to be visited by great numbers of pilgrims seeking comfort and hope. (Rosarium Virginis Mariae, 7)*

And from the witnesses he gives let us just quote what he says about Blessed Bartolo Longo:

*As a true apostle of the Rosary, Blessed Bartolo Longo had a special charism. His path to holiness rested on an inspiration heard in the depths of his heart: “Whoever spreads the Rosary is saved!” As a result, he felt called to build a Church dedicated to Our Lady of the Holy Rosary in Pompei, against the background of the ruins of the ancient city, which scarcely heard the proclamation of Christ before being buried in 79 A.D. during an eruption of Mount Vesuvius, only to emerge centuries later from its ashes as a witness to the lights and shadows of classical civilization. By his whole life’s work and especially by the practice of the “Fifteen Saturdays”, Bartolo Longo promoted the Christocentric and contemplative heart of the Rosary, and received great encouragement and support from Leo XIII, the “Pope of the Rosary.” (Rosarium Virginis Mariae, 8)*

FR. BERNARD WITEK  
Director, St. John Paul II Liturgical Center

THE ORCHARD LAKE SCHOOLS  
joyfully celebrates a special Sunday Mass commemorating

# THE FEAST OF ST. JOHN PAUL II Sunday, October 20



## BEFORE THE FEAST

**NOVENA PRAYERS TO ST. JP II** after each Mass from Oct 13-21  
**ALL-NIGHT ADORATION** in preparation for the feast beginning Oct 18  
after the 7:00 PM Mass and ending Oct 19 with 9:00 AM Saturday Mass.

## FEAST DAY CELEBRATIONS ON SUNDAY, OCT 20

Holy Mass with Fr. Witek  
& Filarets Choir

**1:00 PM**

*All other masses are on the regular schedule.*

**Polish Luncheon after Mass**  
CAMPUS DINING HALL  
**Cost \$20**

**Please RSVP by Oct 16**

*Pizza is available for children under 16 for \$5*

**To RSVP, call (248) 602-7579 or email [bernardwitek@yahoo.com](mailto:bernardwitek@yahoo.com)**



# POLISH INDEPENDENCE DAY

## MASS & CELEBRATION



# POLAND

### Mass at 1:00 pm

POLISH LUNCHEON AFTER MASS IN CAMPUS DINING HALL

PRICE \$20

FOR CHILDREN UNDER 16 THERE WILL BE A PIZZA OPTION FOR \$5.

Centrum Liturgiczne Św. Jana Pawła II wraz z Weteranami zapraszają na specjalną Polską Mszę Świętą z okazji dnia niepodległości celebrowaną 10 listopada o 13:00 z udziałem Chóru Filaretów.

Po Mszy będzie Polski Obiad w cenie \$20.

Dla dzieci poniżej 16 możliwość pizzy w cenie \$5.

Zgłoszenia na obiad do 6 listopada.

*Please RSVP for the luncheon by November 6.  
Call (248) 602-7579 or email [bernardwitek@yahoo.com](mailto:bernardwitek@yahoo.com)*

## Sunday, November 10 • 1:00 PM

## POLISH INSTITUTE UPDATE

### OCTOBER IS POLISH HERITAGE MONTH IN MICHIGAN

Dear Friends,

As we celebrate Polish American Heritage Month, we honor the generations of Polish Americans whose courage, hard work, and faith have shaped the vibrant Polish communities throughout Michigan. From the bustling streets of Hamtramck and the proud heritage of Bay City to the cultural centers in Grand Rapids and Detroit, Polish Americans have made their mark in every corner of our state.

Our ancestors arrived with little hope and determination, building strong foundations in fields like education, business, science, sports, and the arts. They established enduring institutions such as the Polish Institute of Culture & Research at Orchard Lake, and through their devotion, our Polish heritage continues to thrive. We take great pride in the values they passed down — faith, family, and a deep love of country.

St. John Paul II once said, “As the family goes, so goes the nation and so goes the whole world in which we live.” It is now our responsibility to carry forward that torch, ensuring that our rich heritage is not only preserved but passed on to future generations. Let us move forward with pride and unity, building on the legacy left to us, and ensuring that the spirit of Polish Americans continues to inspire Michigan for generations to come.”

I am also excited to share that we are expanding our efforts to better serve the Polish community across Michigan and beyond. We are now collecting and sharing events from Polish communities near the Michigan-Ohio border, recognizing how interconnected our communities are. This expansion reflects our commitment to strengthening communication and connections among our people.

May this new calendar become the premier resource for discovering Polonia events across Michigan and nearby regions. Please share, add, and view upcoming events, and if you'd like to post an event, email us at: [info@picrol.org](mailto:info@picrol.org).

To view our calendar of events, please visit: [picrol.org/calendar](http://picrol.org/calendar). Together, we can celebrate and elevate our vibrant heritage.

With great pride,

**ANIA BIECIUK**  
Associate Director for Polonia Affairs





# GALERIA GRAND OPENING

POLISH INSTITUTE OF CULTURE & RESEARCH

*SACRED IMAGES, HOLY SPACES: ART & FAITH IN POLAND AND ITALY*



Featuring a piano performance by:

**Kamil Pacholec**

*"One of the most promising young Polish pianists of this generation"*



\$50 per person | RSVP by 10/5  
Scan QR code or email [info@picrol.org](mailto:info@picrol.org)

**EXPLORE THE GALERIA'S NEW EXHIBITION**

**FROM 12:00-3:00 PM PRIOR TO THE PERFORMANCE**

*Doors open for performance seating at 3:30 PM.*

**Saturday, October 19, 2024 | 4 PM**

GALERIA, POLISH INSTITUTE OF CULTURE & RESEARCH AT ORCHARD LAKE

3535 COMMERCE ROAD • ORCHARD LAKE, MI

## PICR PRESENTS SPECIAL GALERIA GRAND OPENING WEEKEND EXHIBIT

The Polish Institute of Culture & Research at Orchard Lake is thrilled to present its first special exhibition: *Sacred Images, Holy Spaces: Art and Faith in Poland and Italy* curated by Dr. John Radzilowski, Director and coordinated by Elijah Majeski, Galeria Manager. Following nearly a decade of renovation and planning, the Galeria will hold a Grand Opening event featuring a performance by pianist Kamil Pacholec on October 19<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM.

*Sacred Images, Holy Spaces: Art & Faith in Poland and Italy* draws from the art collections at Orchard Lake to demonstrate the cultural exchanges that have occurred between Poland and Italy over centuries via their shared devotion to the Catholic faith. Pulling from the collections at Orchard Lake, the exhibition will trace developments in art-historical tradition while also demonstrating the relevance of such images to the daily practice of the faithful through the presence of home altars representative of those that might be found in villages. Spanning the 16th century to recent decades, featured artists will include Luca da Reggio, Giovanni Battista Lombardi, Saturnin Świerzyński, Jacek Malczewski, Kazimierz Sichulski, and Zofia Stryjeńska, among others.

### SACRED IMAGES, HOLY SPACES:

ART & FAITH IN POLAND AND ITALY

*will be on view*

**OCTOBER 19, 2024 – JANUARY 7, 2025**

For more information regarding our Grand Opening  
please visit: [picrol.org/galeria](http://picrol.org/galeria)

*The Galeria is open to the public by appointment and on  
Polish First Sundays at Orchard Lake.*

Please contact Elijah Majeski at [emajeski@picrol.org](mailto:emajeski@picrol.org) to schedule a visit.

## ZAPRASZAMY

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

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

**Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> • 1:00 PM**

- Polish Dinner after the Mass in the Dining Hall - Cost: \$20 (Kids Pizza for \$5)
- Please RSVP to the dinner by Wednesday, October 30<sup>th</sup>.
- For more information, call (248) 602-7579 or [bernardwitek@yahoo.com](mailto:bernardwitek@yahoo.com).



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



# STUDENT FEATURE: OLSM SENIOR SIENNA SMITH’S CULTURAL STUDIES PROGRAM JOURNAL

## SIENNA’S JOURNAL: RAFAŁ TRZASKOWSKI, MAYOR OF WARSAW

I had the wonderful opportunity to attend an event at the University of Michigan sponsored by the Copernicus Center for Polish Studies featuring the Mayor of Warsaw. Rafał Trzaskowski was first elected mayor in 2018 and was reelected in 2024. Mr. Trzaskowski discussed various global issues such as the war in Ukraine, Israeli Palestinian conflict, border security, the economy, the European Union, and Poland being the new hope for Europe.

Trzaskowski was the runner up in the most recent Polish presidential election, and even though he has not announced his official running, he is projected to win the upcoming election in 2025.

Following the program, I was able to meet with Mr. Trzaskowski, and even take a few photos. Overall, it was a great experience, and I certainly will be following the Polish presidential elections in 2025.



# STEFAN NORBLIN ART DECO POSTER EXHIBIT

Congratulations to our Galeria Manager, Elijah Majewski, for an outstanding lecture on "Revisiting 20th Century Art Deco Posters" by Stefan Norblin (1892-1952). The collection was acquired by Friends of Polish Art. The event, co-hosted by the Friends of Polish Art and the Polish Institute of Culture & Research, captivated all in attendance with a deep dive into this treasured collection. Thank you to everyone who joined us on September 28th.

# WELCOME TO THE 2024-25 POLISH LANGUAGE SCHOOL YEAR!

At the Polish Institute of Culture & Research at Orchard Lake, we are proud to witness the vibrant community of Polish language schools thriving in the Metro Detroit area. We extend our heartfelt congratulations to the students, teachers, and parents involved in these esteemed institutions. As we embark on another academic year, let's continue to celebrate and cherish our shared heritage and language. Wishing everyone a successful and enriching year ahead!

# WITAMY W ROKU SZKOLNYM 2024-25!

Jesteśmy dumni, mogąc obserwować prężnie rozwijającą się społeczność szkół języka polskiego w rejonie Metro Detroit. Serdecznie gratulujemy uczniów, nauczycieli i rodziców związanych z tymi szanowanymi szkołami. Rozpoczynając kolejny rok akademicki, kontynuujemy celebrowanie i pielęgnowanie naszego wspólnego dziedzictwa i języka. Życzymy wszystkim owocnego i wzbogacającego roku!

## ŻYCZYMY UDANEGO ROKU SZKOLNEGO 2024-2025!

Drodzy Uczniowie, Nauczyciele i Rodzice

# Witamy w Nowym Roku Szkolnym

### POLISH LANGUAGE SCHOOLS IN THE METRO DETROIT AREA

- 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



# MAB CONFERENCE STRENGTHENS CONNECTIONS

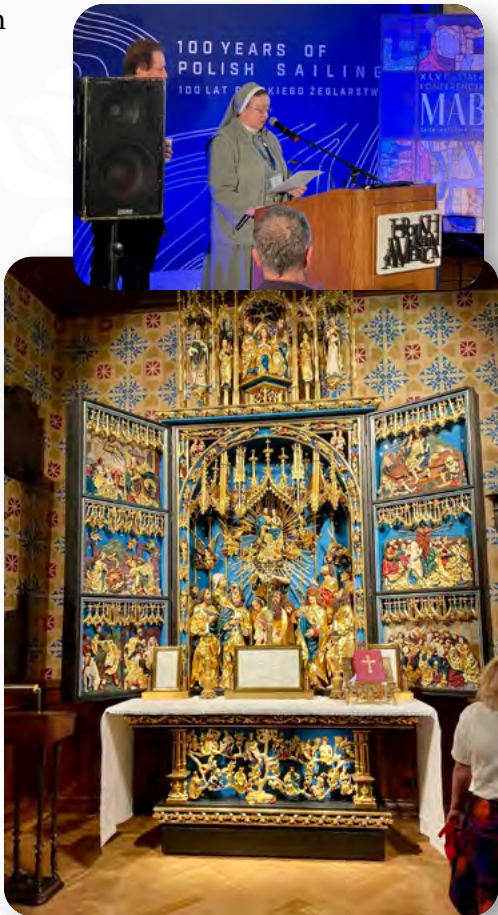


The Standing Conference of Polish Museums, Archives, and Libraries in the West (MABPZ), established in 1979 at the Polish Museum in Rapperswil, unites 25 Polish institutions from across 9 countries on 4 continents. This year's 46<sup>th</sup> conference was held at the Polish Museum of America in Chicago from September 24-28, 2024, providing a productive platform for collaboration and exchange.

Representing the Polish Institute of Culture & Research at Orchard Lake, Sr. Genowefa Potaczała and Dr. John Radzilowski attended the conference. Sr. Genowefa shared updates on the significant progress being made at Orchard Lake, highlighting the campus's ongoing achievements.

The conference agenda included insightful presentations, tours of Polish Chicago, a visit to Holy Trinity Parish, and a Mass, all fostering a meaningful exchange of ideas and strengthening connections between institutions.

*A detailed reproduction of the renowned Wit Stwosz Altar, located at Saint John Cantius Church in Chicago, Illinois.*



## EXCITING NEWS: INTERNATIONAL DESIGN EXHIBITION & MARKETPLACE

Mark your calendars! The Polish Institute of Culture & Research at Orchard Lake is thrilled to participate in the upcoming International Design Exhibition & Marketplace, hosted by the Metropolitan Museum of Design Detroit. This event will feature Poland alongside Italy and Finland, showcasing the vibrant and dynamic realms of design, fine art, and music fashion.

Date: Opening Reception on November 8

Tickets: General Admission \$100, Members \$50

Join us for an evening of innovation and creativity, celebrating the global impact of design. Secure your tickets early to be part of this unique cultural showcase.



THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup>  
WABEEK COUNTRY CLUB



## COOPER HOLLIS: US ROWING’S HONOR ROLL

Congratulations, **COOPER HOLLIS** (P’24), on being chosen for the Class of 2025 Scholastic Honor Roll by USRowing.org from an incredibly competitive pool of candidates.



The organization received 321 applications and judged applicants on the basis of outstanding academics, rowing career successes, and the candidate’s response to short-answer questions.

*(Online readers can click below to see the full article about this national honoring of Cooper Hollis. Print readers can scan the code to access the article as the link is too long to print)*

[Link to article](#)



## ALLEN ROBINSON: RUNNING WITH THE LIONS

On Thursday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, the Detroit Lions signed wide receiver, **ALLEN ROBINSON**, (P’11), to their active roster for Week 3 versus the Arizona Cardinals.

In 2011, Allen was a three-star recruit out of St. Mary’s Prep who went on to play football for Penn State. In 2014, the Jacksonville Jaguars selected him in the second round of the NFL Draft, and he made the 2015 Pro Bowl. In 2018, he went on to play for the Chicago Bears for three seasons before the LA Rams in 2022 and the Pittsburgh Steelers in 2023.

### 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 August. Prayers are offered at every mass at the Archdiocesan Shrine of St. John Paul II for those names enrolled.*

*For more enrollment information, please contact Lisa Gray at [lgray@orchardlakeschools.com](mailto:lgray@orchardlakeschools.com).*

ROSE COGNE	JERRY HOLLY	RONALD E. NIEDZWIECKI
HOWARD COLE	KHELOOD JARJIS	MICHAEL PATRICK QUINN
DELORES DERRY	KEVIN KERR	JACK J. TABONE
ALFRED M. DUBANIECICZ	MIKE MCCARTHY	CHRISTOPHER E. VAQUERA
BEVERLY FAY GRAY	MICHAEL GENE MCHAUGHLAN	NAJIB ZEBARI
MATTHEW J. GRIGORIAN	LARY NAWOJSKI	
PEGGY ANN HOFFMAN	RICHARD NEWMAN	

## Upcoming Event Highlights OCTOBER 2024

- 1 Girls Golf at CHSL Tournament at DGC
- 2 Varsity Boys Soccer @ CHSL -- TBD
- 3 OLSM Academic Open House Tours (4-7:00 PM)  
Girls Golf vs. Regina @ St. Clair Shores Golf Course
- 4 V Football vs. Country Day (*SENIOR NIGHT*) @ 7:00 PM
- 5 Cross Country @ Portage  
Varsity Boys Soccer vs. WL Western @ 1:00 PM  
Varsity Volleyball @ Mercy Power Series
- 6 **Polish 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday**
- 7 Girls Golf @ MHSAA Regionals -- TBD  
Varsity Boys Soccer vs. University Liggett @ 7:00 PM
- 8 Varsity Volleyball @ CHSL Semifinals -- TBD
- 9 Cross Country @ CHSL Championship -- TBD  
Varsity Boys Soccer @ MHSAA Districts -- TBD
- 10 Varsity Volleyball @ CHSL Championship -- TBD
- 11 End of 1<sup>st</sup> Marking Period
- 12 Crew @ Kensington Metro Park  
Cross Country @ Gabriel Richard Inv. @ 8:45 AM  
Varsity Volleyball @ Beast of the East Tournament
- 13 Junior Class Ring Day
- 14 Columbus Day
- 17 Parent-Teacher Conferences  
Varsity Volleyball @ Mercy Quad @ Schoolcraft @ 4:30 PM
- 17-18 **NO SCHOOL**
- 18 Galeria Grand Opening – Ribbon Cutting  
Girls Golf @ MHSAA Finals @ GVSU -- TBD
- 19 Galeria Grand Opening Exhibition & Performance
- 20 Feast of St. John Paul II Mass & Reception
- 22 Varsity Boys Soccer @ MHSAA Regionals – TBD  
Varsity Volleyball vs. Troy @ 6:30 PM
- 25 Boys Division Junior Class Retreat
- 25-26 Crew @ Blake Haxton Regatta @ Columbus OH
- 30 Varsity Boys Soccer @ MHSAA Semifinals -- TBD
- 31 Halloween

*Check [www.olsmathletics.com](http://www.olsmathletics.com) for more information on MHSAA playoffs, and check for results on Instagram and Facebook.*



ALUMNI, LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS SEASON!

# FOOTBALL FRIDAYS

FIELD-SIDE FOOD, FUN & FESTIVITIES FOR ALUMNI!

## "FOOTBALL FRIDAYS" ALUMNI TENT

Join your fellow Eaglet alumni in the designated field-side tent for pregame food as well as the perfect seat to watch the BIG GAME!

### AVAILABLE TO ALUMNI ON THE FOLLOWING GAMES:

Sept. 6<sup>th</sup> • OLSM vs. St. John Jesuit • FUTURE EAGLET NIGHT  
Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> • OLSM vs. Warren De La Salle  
Sept. 20<sup>th</sup> • OLSM vs. Catholic Central • HOMECOMING  
Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> • OLSM vs. Detroit Country Day • SENIOR NIGHT

### FOR MORE INFO:

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On Homecoming night,  
a special Football Fridays will start  
at the BBQ & Corn Roast Tailgate  
area outside the Dining Hall. Come pregame with  
your fellow alums and enjoy the big Chili Cookoff, Corn  
Roast, BBQ and more at this HOCO pregame tailgate tradition!

BBQ & Corn Roast  
**TAILGATE**

2<sup>nd</sup> Annual  
Homecoming  
Chili  
Cookoff!

COME SEE US BEFORE THE GAME, WE'RE FAMILY!



**THE MARY PROJECT**

AT ORCHARD LAKE SCHOOLS

*"We never give more  
honor to Jesus than when  
we honor his Mother."*

*St. Louis DeMontfort*



### PLEASE NOTE:

PLEASE BE RESPECTFUL OF THE GROTTO AND THOSE WHO KEEP IT CLEAN AND BEAUTIFUL FOR US.  
NO CANDLES FROM HOME ALLOWED, ESPECIALLY IN THESE TIMES AS SOMEONE HAS TO REMOVE THEM.  
NO VASES, BASKETS, PAPERS, OR ITEMS SHOULD BE PLACED ON THE ALTAR OR LEFT ANYWHERE ON GROTTO  
GROUNDS. WE HAVE PLACED TWO LARGE VASES ON THE SIDES OF THE ALTAR FOR CUT FLOWERS.

*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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# OCTOBER 2024

## MASS SCHEDULE

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6

9:00 AM	FR. WITEK • POLISH*	SEMINARY CHAPEL
9:00 AM	FR. NGUYEN • LATIN	ST. JOHN PAUL II SHRINE
11:00 AM	FR. WITEK • ENGLISH	ST. JOHN PAUL II SHRINE
1:00 PM	FR. WITEK • POLISH* <b>POLISH 1<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY</b>	ST. JOHN PAUL II SHRINE

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13

9:00 AM	FR. WITEK • POLISH*	SEMINARY CHAPEL
11:00 AM	FR. WITEK • ENGLISH	<b>SEMINARY CHAPEL</b>

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20

9:00 AM	FR. WITEK • POLISH*	SEMINARY CHAPEL
9:00 AM	FR. WARD • LATIN	ST. JOHN PAUL II SHRINE
11:00 AM	FR. WITEK • ENGLISH	ST. JOHN PAUL II SHRINE
1:00 PM	FR. WITEK • POLISH* <b>MASS FOR FEAST OF ST. JP II</b>	ST. JOHN PAUL II SHRINE

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27

9:00 AM	FR. WITEK • POLISH*	SEMINARY CHAPEL
9:00 AM	FR. WHITAKER • LATIN	ST. JOHN PAUL II SHRINE
11:00 AM	FR. WITEK • ENGLISH	ST. JOHN PAUL II SHRINE

\* Feed for the Live stream of the Polish Masses: [www.facebook.com/olsnews](http://www.facebook.com/olsnews)

### EXTRA-LITURGICAL DEVOTIONS

1 <sup>ST</sup> THURSDAY 10/3	MASS AT 7:00 PM THEN DEVOTIONS • FR. WITEK	ST. JOHN PAUL II SHRINE
1 <sup>ST</sup> FRIDAY 10/4	MASS AT 7:00 PM THEN DEVOTIONS • FR. WITEK	ST. JOHN PAUL II SHRINE
1 <sup>ST</sup> SATURDAY 10/5	MASS AT 9:00 AM THEN DEVOTIONS • FR. WITEK	ST. JOHN PAUL II SHRINE
WEDNESDAY 10/16	<b>KRAĞ BIBLIJNY</b> AT 8:00 PM	SEMINARY CHAPEL
THURSDAY 10/17	<b>BIBLE STUDY</b> AFTER MASS AT 7:45 PM	ST. JOHN PAUL II SHRINE
FRIDAY 10/18	<b>DIVINE MERCY PRAYERS</b> AT 7:45 PM	SEMINARY CHAPEL

### DEVOTIONS FOR ST. JOHN PAUL II FEAST

SUNDAY 10/13	NOVENA FOR ST. JOHN PAUL II FEAST BEGINS
FRIDAY 10/18	ALL NIGHT ADORATION BEGINS AFTER 7:00 PM MASS
SATURDAY 10/19	ALL NIGHT ADORATION ENDS BEFORE 9:00 AM MASS

### CONFESSIONS

MONDAY-FRIDAY	6:00 PM - 6:55 PM	ST. JOHN PAUL II SHRINE
SATURDAYS	8:00 AM - 8:55 AM	ST. JOHN PAUL II SHRINE