

ORCHARD LAKE SCHOOLS CAMPUS COMMUNICATOR

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

JULY 2024

"Be cheerful with joyous celebration in every season of life. Let your joy overflow! And let gentleness be seen in every relationship, for our Lord is ever near." ~ Philippians 4:4-7



The Founder's Day Celebration 2024 was exactly that! The common thread throughout the on-campus events and the Golf Outing at Orchard Lake Country Club was the sense of optimism for the future of the Orchard Lake Schools!



On a warm and sunny morning on June 3, the Founder's Day Soccer game unfolded on the red turf, bringing together alumni players. The event was filled with excitement and camaraderie, as participants relished the competition and the opportunity to reconnect. The match was competitive and entertaining, with Team Mirko ultimately securing the win, while Team Jeffery kept things interesting. The morning concluded with a BBQ where players enjoyed hamburgers, Polish sausages, and delicious Dutch Girl Donuts donated by Lynch and Sons, celebrating the fun and memories made. A big shout-out to all the players who joined in for an enjoyable day of soccer and fellowship!



Later that day, a thrilling hockey game took place in the Dombrowski Ice Arena, featuring the Orchard Lake St. Mary's hockey alumni against the Red Wings alumni. The match was hard-fought, with the Red Wings ultimately claiming victory. Proceeds from this successful event went to benefit the Jim Clark Memorial Scholarship Fund. The game began with a ceremonial puck toss by Kim Clark and her sons, Jack and Troy, alongside Mickey Redmond. After the game, both teams enjoyed a lunch hosted by Stahls', with food provided by Pine Lake Market, who also sponsored our Golf Outing. A big shout-out to all the players and supporters who made this event memorable and impactful!



FOUNDER'S DAY TENTED DINNER A JOY-FILLED EVENING

The Founder's Day Celebration 2024 on campus was the perfect opportunity to build upon tradition and lifelong memories. Over 100 people attended the 4:30 PM Mass at the Marian Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes at St. Mary's Preparatory. On this beautiful first day of June, many alumni crossed paths in the parking lot and along the storied walkways of the Richard & Mary Trzcinski Quad for the first time in decades. They picked up their undergrad stories as if it was just yesterday!



We were honored to recognize the 2024 Orchard Lake Schools Alumni honorees – Alumnus of the Year, Distinguished Alumni and Honorary Alumni. Together, they represent the full, rich history of Orchard Lake and are an extraordinary group.

Special thanks to members of the campus community who helped bring Founder's Day 2024 to all those who attended, our generous sponsors, and those who could not attend but gave back in other ways. Please see the links below to read more about the Alumni Awards and to see more event photos!

www.orchardlakeschools.com/alumni-awards www.orchardlakeschools.com/founder-s-day-2024-campus



The Founder's Day Golf Outing returned to the historic Orchard Lake Country Club on a sunny Monday, June 3, 2024. Over 120 golfers enjoyed the picture-perfect day beginning with a buffet on the veranda and warm-ups at the driving range before the shotgun start. After a fun-filled day on the links, many enjoyed dining al fresco along the shores of Orchard Lake.

Please see the link to view more event photos: www.orchardlakeschools.com/founder-s-day-golf-outing

EAGLETS SOAR IN SPRING SPORTS

We're so excited to share that the boys golf team won the MHSAA State Championship at Forest Akers! Congratulations on being the first golf team in St. Mary's Prep history to win the state championship!



Congratulations to our soaring Eaglets. These amazing OLSM girls soccer athletes achieved the following recognition:

- 1st Team All State: CAMERON COLE
- 3rd Team All State: DELANEY DAVID
- Honorable Mention All-State: CAROLINE KOPMEYER.

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Congratulations to the following softball athletes who earned these MHSSCA accolades:

- All District: MADDY ANSON, LILY MCCAFFREY, MIA TRIBUL, and MACY WARD
- All-Region: MADDY ANSON, MIA TRIBUL, MACY WARD
- Honorable Mention All-State: MIA TRIBUL
- All State: MADDY ANSON



"ALUMNI NEWS" NOW FEATURED ON OUR WEBSITE

Alumni of St. Mary's Preparatory, St. Mary's College/Madonna University, & SS. Cyril & Methodius Seminary are doing wonderful things! We are excited to share these on our new Alumni News website feature at: www.orchardlakeschools.com/alumni-news

You can help spread the good news by sharing it with us, including announcements about:
 College/University/Trade School/Seminary Accomplishments • Community Service Recognition • Career News • Industry Awards • Changemakers • Engagements • Weddings • Births/Adoptions **AND MORE!!!**

TO INFORM THE ORCHARD LAKE SCHOOLS OF ALUMNI NEWS,
 PLEASE EMAIL US AT: INFO@ORCHARDLAKESCHOOLS.COM



EVER FORWARD! ZAWSZE DO PRZODU!

2023-2024
STRATEGIC MASTER PLANNING PROJECT



BOARD OF REGENTS APPROVES THE "EVER FORWARD" STRATEGIC PLAN

Thank you to the Committee members and the countless other parents, alumni, students, faculty, staff, benefactors, and community members who all had input into this. The board's approval of this plan, by a resounding majority, is an affirmation of all their hard work and a clear sign that the Orchard Lake Schools has a viable and exciting way forward. Ever Forward! Special thanks are appropriate to the Richard & Mary Trzcinski Foundation for funding this important endeavor.

Given the regional and national demographic facts, the social and cultural realities of 21st century America, the fiscal realities of operating a complex educational institution, and the two wise and vitally significant strategic decisions most recently made by the Board of Regents, 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.

EVER FORWARD STRATEGIC PLAN

OUR SHARED OLS MISSION:

What does OLS do? What makes OLS distinctive?

The mission of the Orchard Lake Schools is the formation of Catholic leaders who engage their communities, their families, their work, and their country with openness, compassion, and wisdom.

OUR SHARED OLS VISION:

At its very best, what does OLS aspire to be and strive to do?

The Orchard Lake Schools, headquartered on its stunning 115-acre, lakeside campus, strives to be recognized as:

- One of the premier Catholic preparatory schools in the United States.
- The nation's foremost center of Polish cultural events, education, arts, and research.
- A welcoming place to pray, learn, play, serve, and connect with others.

We are a Catholic institution that seeks to answer Jesus' call for justice, peace, and love of God and neighbor.

OUR SHARED OLS VALUES:

What values are so important to OLS that OLS will never compromise them?

At the Orchard Lake Schools we deeply value faith, family, learning, service, trust, and community.

- In the spirit of Christ, we are welcoming to all who seek the Truth and strive to follow His commandments.
- We cherish and proudly celebrate our Polish American heritage.
- Our highest value is our Catholic identity and faith.

Guided by these values, the Orchard Lake Schools embodies its mission with integrity, character, accountability, commitment, and a focus on positive achievement.

To review more of the approved plan, visit: www.orchardlakeschools.com/ever-forward.

*"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.
The Mary Project is a registered 501(c)(3) and all donations are tax exempt.





ST. JOHN PAUL II LITURGICAL CENTER UPDATE

In July, we celebrate the Feast of Saints Joachim and Ann, parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Grandparents of Jesus. In view of this feast day, St. John Paul II devotes a few words to old age and its value. We may therefore quote from his Angelus address on July 25, 1999:



IN THE WORDS OF ST. JOHN PAUL II:

1. The so-called "third age" is first of all a value in itself by the very fact that life is prolonged and life is a gift of God. It also brings some special "talents" due to the wealth of experience, knowledge and teaching which the elderly possess. This is why in all cultures old age is synonymous with wisdom and common sense. By their very presence, older people remind everyone, especially the young, that life on earth is a "parable" with its own beginning and end: to

find its fulfilment, life must be based on values that are not transient and superficial, but solid and profound.

2. In industrially and technologically advanced societies, the condition of the elderly is ambivalent: on the one hand, they are less and less integrated into the fabric of the family and society; but on the other, their role is becoming ever more important, especially for the care and education of grandchildren. Young couples, in fact, find grandparents to be an indispensable help. In one way, then, the elderly are marginalized and, on the other, they are sought after. All this reveals the typical imbalance of a social model dominated by economics and profit, which tends to penalize "non-productive" groups, considering persons more for their usefulness than for themselves.

3. In this context it is all the more necessary to draw the truth about the human person and, in particular, about the elderly, from the fresh sources of divine Revelation. In Sacred Scripture old age is surrounded with veneration (cf. 2 Mc 6:23). The just man does not ask to be deprived of old age and its burdens; on the contrary, he prays: "You O Lord, are my hope, my trust, O Lord, from my youth... So even to old age and grey hairs, O God, do not forsake me, till I proclaim your might to all the generations to come" (Ps 71 [70]:5, 18).

On the threshold of the New Testament, it is precisely Joachim and Anne who prepare for the Messiah's coming by welcoming Mary as a gift of God and offering her to the world as the immaculate "ark of salvation". According to the apocryphal Gospel of James, they in turn were welcomed and revered by the Holy Family of Nazareth, which thus becomes a model of tender care for them.

I pray to Sts. Joachim and Anne, and especially to their sublime Daughter, the Mother of the Saviour, for loving understanding towards the elderly, so that in our society the family in all its members will know how "to guard, reveal and communicate love" (Familiaris consortio, n. 17).

FR. BERNARD WITEK

Director, St. John Paul II Liturgical Center

POLISH ARMED FORCES DAY Sunday, August 18, 2024



1:00 PM

Polish Mass in the
Shrine Chapel of
St. John Paul II

*Celebrated by
Fr. Bernard Witek*

*Singing by
Filaret Choir*

2:00 PM

Polish Dinner

*Campus
Dining Hall*

\$20/person



PLEASE RSVP BY AUGUST 14, 2024

Contact Fr. Witek at: (248) 602-7579 OR bernardwitek@yahoo.com

POLISH MINISTRY VISIT AT ORCHARD LAKE

From June 12-14, we had the immense pleasure of hosting distinguished representatives from the Ministry of Culture and National Heritage of the Republic of Poland. We are deeply grateful for the support and cooperation of the Polish government, as well as the invaluable contributions from our Board, Regents, and friends.

Prior to their arrival at Orchard Lake, our esteemed guests spent two days exploring the Polish Museum of America. Once here, they toured the newly renovated Galeria and learned about our ambitious plans for constructing a new Research Center at Orchard Lake Schools. This future center will provide a permanent and properly maintained home for our extensive archives and treasured artworks.

During their meticulously organized visit, Director Dr. John Radziłowski provided an in-depth look at our archival collections and current projects. Their thorough review and insightful recommendations are crucial as we continue our mission. Our guests also had enjoyed a tour through historical Hamtramck and Detroit with a guided tour of Sweetest Heart of Mary Church in Detroit and a visit to the Tadeusz Kościuszko monument.

We are optimistic that this brief yet highly productive visit will yield significant outcomes for the Polish Institute, particularly regarding our archives and art collections. We also look forward to enhanced collaboration with the State Archives and the Ministry of Culture of Poland. We extend our heartfelt thanks to:

- Ms. Jolanta Miśkowiec, Director of the Department of Polish Heritage Abroad and Memorial Sites
- Ms. Aleksandra Figurska, Head of the Division of Polish Cultural Heritage Abroad
- Mrs. Monika Matwiejczuk, Head of the Collections Department at the Polish History Museum
- Mr. Paweł Pietrzyk, General Director of the State Archives

Thank you for your continued support as we work towards preserving and promoting our rich cultural heritage.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL 2024 INDUCTEES TO THE 51st NATIONAL POLISH AMERICAN SPORTS HALL OF FAME!

This year's Annual Banquet took place on June 20th at the American Polish Cultural Center in Troy. The Polish Institute was proud to participate and support remarkable Polish American Athletes.

The National Polish American Sports Hall of Fame (NPASHF) was founded in 1973 in Troy, Michigan with the mission "to honor and recognize outstanding American athletes, both amateur and professional, of Polish descent." (www.polishsportshof.com)



The 2024 NPASHF inductees were Ron Yary (football), Troy Tulowitzki (baseball), Jenn Suhr (pole vaulting) and Greg Meyer (distance running).

The NPASHF also has a scholarship program named after another sports legend, the baseball player, Stan Musial. The 2024 Stan Musial Scholarships were presented to four students, two of whom, **JACK BARTUS** of Orchard Lake St. Mary's Prep School and Brady Courtney of Troy High School were there to accept the awards.

Photos: Polish Media Center



FATHER DĄBROWSKI
POLISH LANGUAGE
CENTER W ORCHARD LAKE

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Art^{on} the Lake



Thank you to all those who participated in the annual ART ON THE LAKE FINE ART SHOW & SALE!

The Polish Institute of Culture & Research's Art on Lake Fine Art Show will not be held this year. However, our dedication to celebrating the immense talent of Polish and other ethnic artists and artisans remains unwavering. This remarkable event has always been a highlight, bringing together exceptional art, music, and community spirit. We want to express our heartfelt gratitude to the vendors, artists, and patrons who have supported and participated in our fine art show over the years. Your loyalty and enthusiasm have made this event truly special, and we cherish the relationships we've built with each of you.

We are thrilled about the many exciting events we have planned, including the much-anticipated Galeria's Grand Opening in October, which promises to be a spectacular occasion. Stay tuned for updates and check our website calendar at <https://picrol.org/events> for more information.

The Art on Lake Fine Art Show has always been a unique celebration of community, with the involvement of Orchard Lake Saint Mary's student and parent volunteers adding to the event's charm. Together, we have created a vibrant space where fine art, music, and excellent food bring people together in celebration of culture and creativity. Thank you for being a part of our vibrant community. We look forward to sharing many more memorable events with you and continuing this remarkable journey together.

ANIA BIECIUK
Associate Director for Polonia Affairs
Polish Institute of Culture & Research



Orchard Lake's beauty and proximity to the water is known to all. However, many individuals help create and maintain pockets of beauty for Our Lady and many of the monuments around campus. Many thanks to Mr. Doug Fackler for the recent improvements near the statue of Our Lady near the Administration building. We also thank Sister Genowefa Potaczala, Margaret Wozny, and Ania Bieciuk for adding flowers. We are grateful for coworkers who care!



THE MARY PROJECT

AT ORCHARD LAKE SCHOOLS

After many years of thoughtful footsteps, the pathways of the Marian Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes at Orchard Lake St. Mary's have given way to age and are in need of repair. The Mary Project needs your help to sustain this prayerful space.

We are soliciting your support to repave the walkways and paths, starting with the walkway from the Grotto towards the lake. It will be paved with custom bricks to make it much more attractive and durable than poured concrete, and we are asking that you donate one or more of the bricks.

You may individualize a brick for you, or your family, honor a loved one or create an in-memoriam message. The donated bricks will become a part of the Grotto, paving the way for generations of visitors. As a friend of the Grotto and Orchard Lake Schools, please take advantage of this exceptional opportunity to have your commemorative brick(s) become a permanent part of this prayerful space.

Construction of Phase 1 will begin in early November. Sales for Phase 2 (continuing towards the lake) began October 1, 2023. There is plenty of space for additional commemorative bricks. Bricks purchased for Phase 2 are \$150 each and will be installed in November 2024.

The bricks are 4" x 8" x 2 1/4" and are engraved using state-of-the-art laser technology. Every brick engraving is guaranteed for life!

All donations are tax deductible. EIN: 82-5453994

PLEASE PROOF READ CAREFULLY! \$20.00 FOR CHANGES MADE AFTER ORDER IS PLACED



\$150 - 4x8 Brick

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LINE 1
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Name: _____

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MAIL FORM AND PAYMENT TO:

The Mary Project
3535 Commerce Road
Orchard Lake, MI 48324

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:

The Mary Project

ST. MARY'S COLLEGE ALUMNI REUNION



It's been 20 years since St. Mary's College students strolled the campus at Orchard Lake.

All former St. Mary's College students and alumni are invited to COME BACK HOME to Orchard Lake this summer!

Celebrate, reconnect with fellow alumni, and enjoy a great BBQ dinner on the campus of your alma mater!



BBQ DINNER • BEER & WINE • \$45 PER PERSON



SCAN CODE TO REGISTER

JULY 13, 2024 • 5:00-9:00 PM
BURKACKI ACADEMIC CENTER VERANDA

Upcoming Event Highlights

JULY 2024

1-7 Campus Offices Closed

4 Independence Day

7 Polish 1st Sunday

8 Campus Offices Reopen

July-Aug Orchard Lake Schools Summer Camps

Check www.olsmathletics.com for more information on MHSAA playoffs, and check for results on Instagram and Facebook.

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 May. 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.

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THEODORE LING

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TOM MCCULLOUGH
WILLIAM MELLEROWICZ
WILLIAM J. MELLEROWICZ (P'71)
RODOLFO OBANIANA

ROBERT OKRAY (P'60)
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LACIE SANTIA
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MARY TOCKSTEIN
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ZAPRASZAMY

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

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

Sunday, August 4th • 1:00 PM

- There will be light refreshments after the mass, (no need to RSVP)
- For more information, call (248) 602-7579 or bernardwitek@yahoo.com



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

JULY 2024

MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, JULY 7

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* POLISH 1ST SUNDAY	ST. JOHN PAUL II SHRINE

SUNDAY, JULY 14

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

SUNDAY, JULY 21

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

SUNDAY, JULY 28

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

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

EXTRA-LITURGICAL DEVOTIONS

1 ST SATURDAY 7/4	MASS AT 9:00 AM THEN DEVOTIONS • FR. WITEK	ST. JOHN PAUL II SHRINE
1 ST THURSDAY 7/5	MASS AT 7:00 PM THEN DEVOTIONS • FR. WITEK	ST. JOHN PAUL II SHRINE
1 ST FRIDAY 7/6	MASS AT 7:00 PM THEN DEVOTIONS • FR. WITEK	ST. JOHN PAUL II SHRINE
THURSDAY 7/18	BIBLE STUDY AFTER MASS AT 7:45 PM	SEMINARY CHAPEL
FRIDAY 7/19	DIVINE MERCY PRAYERS AT 7:45 PM	ST. JOHN PAUL II SHRINE
	KRAK BIBLIJNY AT 8:00 PM	SEMINARY CHAPEL

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

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

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