

ORCHARD LAKE SCHOOLS

SS. CYRIL & METHODIUS SEMINARY ✠ ST. MARY'S PREPARATORY ✠ THE POLISH MISSION

CAMPUS COMMUNICATOR

APRIL 2021

*"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son,
that whoever believes in him shall have eternal life."*

- John 3:16

Easter commemorates the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. It represents our eternal salvation. We renew our faith and rekindle our spirit as we reflect on Jesus' ultimate expression of love, one where he forgave those who wronged him. Let us remember His grace and be more compassionate toward others as we call upon forgiveness, even in these uncertain times. Please remember that after every Good Friday, there is an Easter Sunday!

Easter symbols help remind us of new life much like changing seasons. The Easter bunny, although not an ancient biblical reference, is a symbol of fertility and life. It is said that the Easter bunny tradition was first introduced to the Americas in the 1700s, and that nests were replaced with decorated baskets filled with symbols of the holiday and blessed on Holy Saturday.

The Traditional Polish Easter Basket

Butter (Maslo): We often see butter formed into a lamb (Baranek Wielkanocny) or cross. It symbolizes the good will of Christ we should have toward all things.

Easter Bread (Babka): A round or long loaf topped with a cross or fish, symbolic of Jesus, who is the Bread of Life.

Horseradish (Chrzan): This is symbolic of the Passion of Christ still in our minds.

Eggs (Jajka and Pisanki): These are often decorated with symbols of Easter and represent new life and Christ's resurrection from the tomb.

Sausage (Kielbasa): This food is symbolic of God's favor and generosity.

Ham (Szynka): This meat symbolizes great joy and abundance, and some prefer lamb or veal.

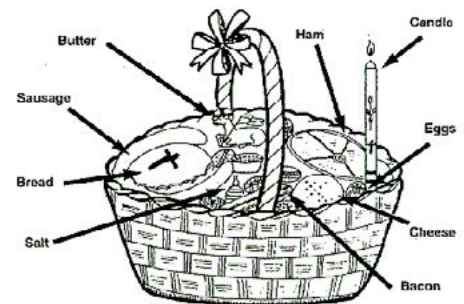
Smoked Bacon (Slonina): This represents the overabundance of God's mercy and generosity.

Salt (Sol): It is a necessary element in our physical life, representing prosperity and justice and a time to remind us people are the flavor of the earth.

Cheese (Ser): This food symbolizes moderation Christians should have at all times.

Candle: A candle represents Christ as the Light of the World.

Linen Cover: A linen or other cloth cover is placed over the top of the basket and removed in time for the priest's food blessing on Holy Saturday.



May the grace and compassion of this Lenten season be with you and your rekindled spirit. We encourage you to join us for Mass, whether in person or via our Orchard Lake Schools Facebook live stream (no account required). You are in our daily prayers. May the grace of God shine upon us. Have a blessed Holy Triduum and Easter Sunday!

The Orchard Lake Schools

+ Holy Saturday Food Basket Blessing +
OUTSIDE THE ARCH. SHRINE OF ST. JOHN PAUL II
Saturday, April 3, 2021 at 12:00 PM



MESSAGE FROM BOARD OF REGENTS

It is difficult to believe that just over one year ago the COVID-19 pandemic halted our country. We watched the news in disbelief of what was happening on other continents. We prayed for the health and well-being of our loved ones, including our campus community family both near and far.

But when it moved the Orchard Lake Schools to a virtual learning platform, altered the course of countless traditions, and reminded us that history does repeat itself, we took steps to help mitigate the losses. Thanks to your generous support and that of so many others, the COVID-19 Emergency Fund has helped the Orchard Lake Schools recover from the financial hardships of these uncertain times.

This past year, our campus community has risen above the uncertainty proving once again that our 136-year tradition is stronger than ever. Let me cite a few examples of our courage and commitment.

We are proud of our staff and faculty who all worked tirelessly through the spring and summer of 2020 to bring a 2020-21 academic year hybrid learning model to all our students, giving them the opportunity to learn in person on campus four days per week with virtual learning Fridays. *The Detroit News* recently reported on the decline of Catholic school enrollments, but here at Orchard Lake, enrollments are soaring!

The Prep community took the Sr. Judie Outreach Food Drive to the next level during Catholic Schools Week by exceeding expectations of their socially distanced food collections to help provide for the less fortunate in metro Detroit. This year, it took place in the library parking lot February 5-6, and in accordance with CDC and AOD guidelines, it was limited to Prep families. The call to donate was so great that the drive was extended through the 11th!

After welcoming our history-making, Class of 2024 Girls Division last fall, we have witnessed their amazing partnership with Ford Motor Company's WiM (Women in Manufacturing) and STEaM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) programs, and are proud of the mentorship opportunities that will be available to our students.

From academics to service to athletics, our students have demonstrated that our in-person hybrid learning model has helped them grow, serve, and thrive. We are so proud of their accomplishments, including those recently inducted into the National Honor Society.

We are blessed to have the spiritual support of good, faithful priests who have remained on campus throughout most of the last year and continue to do God's work through SS. Cyril & Methodius Seminary, weekly in-person and live stream Masses, and outreach to parishes in surrounding communities. They pray for us daily, and please remember them in your prayers.

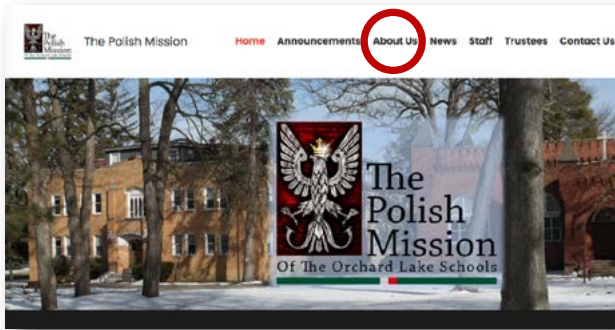
Thank you for putting your trust in us, especially throughout these uncertain times. Unfortunately, this year's Ambassadors Ball and Polish Country Fair have been canceled due to the pandemic restrictions, but we look forward to the Founder's Day Golf Outing on Monday, June 14, 2021 at Wabeek Country Club. We will see the return of more campus tradition soon, as CDC and AOD guidelines and state restrictions permit us to do so in a manner that permits larger gatherings. Our prayers are with you and your family. Great things are happening here on campus! We can't wait to share them with you.

God Bless,

STEPHEN M. GROSS, CHAIRMAN
Orchard Lake Schools Board of Regents

Did you know...

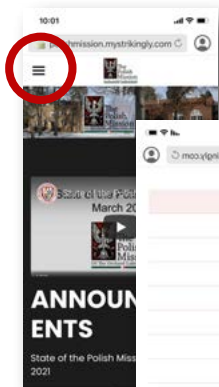
... The Polish Mission Introduced Its New Website?



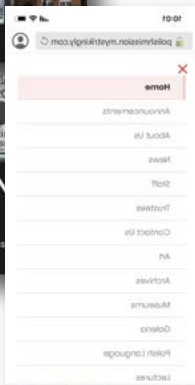
Be sure to visit the Polish Mission's newly introduced website! It focuses more on the Polish Mission's assets, what it is responsible for as part of the Orchard Lake Schools, and how it integrates into the larger Polonia community. In addition, a series of videos help you gain a greater understanding of what The Polish Mission currently possesses in its collection. On your computer, e-reader or cell phone, connect with The Polish Mission at:

<https://www.polishmission.com>

FROM A CELL PHONE • Access the shortcuts by selecting the three bars in the upper left corner of the home screen.



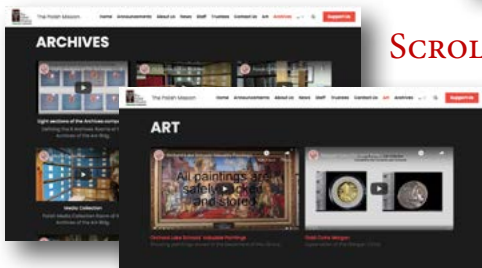
Explore this new website!



FROM A COMPUTER • You will see website shortcuts (*see circle above*) at the top of the screen as well as links to our other OLS institutions on the landing page you see in front of you. Select any of the shortcuts to explore the wealth of information about the Polish Mission, including a link to a 50-minute State of the Polish Mission video and more detailed videos about the archives, museums, art, Galeria, and the Ark.



ABOUT US • This section features “More Detailed History of the Orchard Lake Schools,” including both Polish and English versions of our campus history authored by our archivist, **Sr. GENOWEFA POTACZALA.**



SCROLL DOWN FOR EVEN MORE! • Find more amazing video content about the Polish Art collections, archives, and inspiring lectures. And these sections will be updated and grow over time, so visit this website often for new additions particularly of interest to the Polish and Polonia communities.



We are excited to announce the promotion of **ROBERT MAZUR** to the Polish Mission department as our new Manager of Galeria & Museums. Robert will maintain his current role as the Orchard Lake Schools Events Coordinator and Summer Camp Director. However, in a couple months he will make a complete transition away from being the Director of Grounds & Maintenance. Please join the rest of the Orchard Lake Schools community and congratulate Robert on his new role within the organization.

- TODD COVERT, VICE CHANCELLOR

ENROLLMENT EXCITEMENT

A recent *Detroit News* feature reported “Enrollment in Roman Catholic schools in the United States dropped 6.4% from the previous academic year amid the pandemic and economic stresses – the largest single-year decline in at least five decades . . .” But at Orchard Lake St. Mary’s Preparatory, enrollment is soaring!

“It is an exciting time at OLSM as we grow and expand our enrollment, resources, and educational opportunities,” said Bob Pyles, Headmaster. The 2020-21 academic year began with a warm welcome to the history-making Girls Division Class of 2024. We partnered with Ford Motor Company for “Women in Manufacturing” (WiM) and “Ford STEaM” (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) programs, giving students mentorship opportunities few have in high school. And our Boys Division students continue to exceed Prep pillars in academics, athletics and service.

“St. Mary’s Prep has always been THE most unique Catholic high school,” said Candace Castiglione, Dean of Admissions. “With the addition of the Girls Division, we have expanded our incredible opportunities to families who had previously never had the chance. We are so proud of our school, campus and community.”

In these uncertain times throughout the world, OLSM remains constant. “St. Mary’s is inclusive,” said Ann Bartus, College Counselor. “There is a space for everyone here. During stressful times, the tradition and years of experience of Orchard Lake are especially comforting. OLSM has survived world wars, global pandemics, and financial depressions. It has done so because of its ability to adapt. When we combine our decades of tradition with innovation and change, St. Mary’s is magic.”

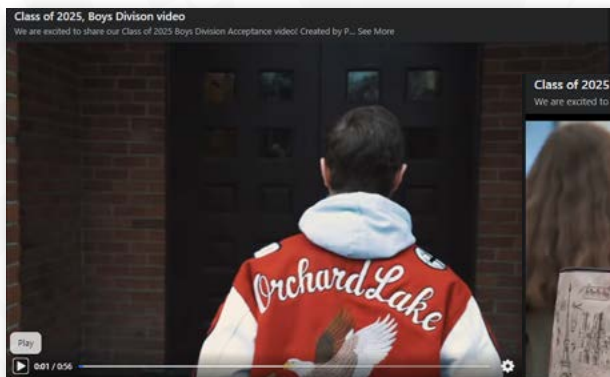
DETROIT NEWS ARTICLE: [Catholic schools in US hit by unprecedented enrollment drop \(detroitnews.com\)](https://detroitnews.com)

[Boys Class of 2025 Welcome Video 1](#)

[Girls Class of 2025 Welcome Video 2](#)



(Offline viewers, visit to the OLSM Facebook page)



PARTNERSHIP WITH FORD MOTOR COMPANY

St. Mary's Prep and Ford Motor Company formed a unique partnership this academic year to bring programs to the OLSM Girls Division students. "Women of Ford's manufacturing group said, 'How do we bring more women into manufacturing?'" said Kristina Karschnia, Vice

President of Manufacturing and Operations for the Troy Design & Manufacturing Division. "We collaborated with Len Karschnia, my brother-in-law, and headmaster Bob Pyles on this grass-roots effort, which led to a kick-off event with students, parents, and our female executive manufacturing team." WiM (Women in Manufacturing) and STEaM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) are organically developing on campus. The program is evolving, but Girls Division students will be learning about topics such as engineering courses of study and career paths, creating and competing in their own Shark Tank style invention pitches, and potential mentoring opportunities. Read more in the upcoming issue of the Orchard Lake *Good News*.



Ford executives Kristina Karschnia (left) and Sandy Ilievski (top).



NHS HONORS • On Tuesday, March 2, OLSM honored the 2021 National Honor Society Inductees. The ceremony was held in the Archdiocesan Shrine of St. John Paul II and, in accordance with CDC and AOD guidelines, each student was allowed two guests. Many thanks to Mrs. Ashley Yenor, OLSM's NHS Advisor, for her guidance. Congratulations to the new NHS members listed below:

Seniors: MITCHELL GRAFMILLER, ALEXANDER HAYNES AND WILLIAM SMYTHE. **Juniors:** MAX ARCHER, NOAH AUDIA, ALEC BLENDEA, BRENNEN BOCHENEK, JOHN BRUNELL, JACK BUNGART, DANIEL CALVANO, ANDERSON CARLSON, CIARAN CAUGHEY, JACK CRIGHTON, KYLE

CROCKETT, TYLER CROCKETT, TRENT FATUR, CHARLIE GAUDETTE, NOAH GULLI, FLETCHER HOVEN, NICHOLAS IACOBELL, JOE JANDA, KELLY KANE, AIDAN KLINGBEIL, NICKLAS LEVASSEUR, DYLAN MAGDICH, DONOVAN MITCHELL, RYAN MONAGHAN, CAMERON MORLEY, ALEXANDER MUCHNIK, EVAN MURPHY, ANTHONY OZOG, JAKE PLAGENS, THOMAS RANDALL, MICHAEL REDMOND, NOLAN SCHUBART, JOHN-PAUL SHEENA, DAVID SKEWES, BRANDON SKORUPSKI, VAUN SLIMAK, DOMINIC STEWART, DAVID STRZELEWICZ AND COLE WHALEN.



GEARUP • The GearUp Drive, created by NHS Vice President Jimmy Collins, culminated March 18 with the collection of gently used sporting goods to be delivered to Ferndale Parks & Recreation to help lift up children in need.

SERVING RELIEF EFFORTS • Boys division upperclassmen spent March 20th packaging supplies for the World Medical Relief organization to be sent out to countries in need.



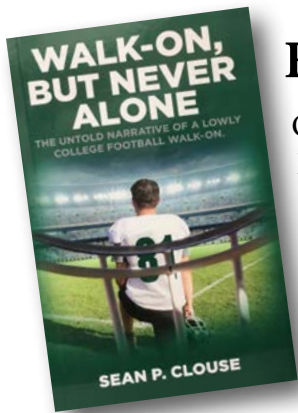


CONGRATULATIONS, SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Congratulations to Thomas Randall and Connor Whalen who were the winners of Alumni Association Scholarships for their essays about what it means to be a Man of St. Mary's! Thomas won a \$3,000 scholarship and Connor won a \$2,000 scholarship towards the cost of tuition for their senior year at the Prep! The alumni committee had a very tough decision. The winners will receive tuition stipends they can apply to their senior year. "The committee had a very difficult time narrowing down the finalists this year because the essays were phenomenal!" said Don Buchanan, Director of Alumni Relations.

HONORARY ALUMNUS

On March 8 at the halftime of the OLSM varsity basketball game against Ferndale, Jeffery Stewart received the Honorary Alumni Award from the Class of 2020. It was an exciting night, especially when the Eaglets beat Ferndale 81-40 and Will Smythe set a new school record for 3-pointers in a game with 12.



FACULTY OFFERING

One of our own, Mr. Sean P. Clouse, St. Mary's Prep long time faculty member has recently published a book titled "Walk-On, But Never Alone. The Untold Narrative of a Lowly College Football Walk-On". Sean's odyssey into the world of major college football was not easy. There were countless ups and downs. Luckily for us, he documented his whole journey in a series of journal entries, written as a 20-something year old student. He didn't write just about the sport of football, but encapsulated his entire college experience. Now more than 30 years later, Sean is revisiting those years with a need to relate his experiences and share that bygone world with future generations.

Lynda Kosco, the Assistant to the Headmaster, read this book in its entirety, and shared with the *Campus Communicator* that she was amazed with Sean's perseverance, hard work, and determination. The book is now available in the campus bookstore, and the autograph of the author can be easily obtained.

"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.

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Upcoming Event Highlights

APRIL 2021

- 1 Holy Thursday
- 1-11 No School- Easter Break (OLSM)
- 2 Good Friday
- 3 Holy Saturday (*Easter Food Basket Blessing @ 12:00 PM at Shrine*)
- 4 Easter Sunday
- 7 National Walking Day
Baseball vs. N. Lothrop @ 4:30 PM
- 9 Baseball vs. Univ. Liggett @ 5:00 PM
- 10 Crew vs. Norville, AA Pioneer @ Kens. Park
- 11 Divine Mercy Sunday
- 12 Classes Resume (OLSM)
Golf @ DGC Invitational
- 14 Baseball vs. Divine Child @ 4:00 PM
- 17 Baseball vs. Brother Rice @ 2:00 PM
Lacrosse vs. Macomb Dakota @ 2:00 PM
- 18 Seminary Graduation Mass
- 19 Baseball vs. Country Day @ 4:30 PM
Golf @ Plum Hollow Classic
- 20 Golf vs. Brother Rice
- 22 Earth Day
Golf vs. Cranbrook
- 23 Baseball vs. W. Bloomfield @ 4:30 PM
Lacrosse vs. Battle Creek Lakeview @ 2:00 PM
- 24 Crew vs. Skyline, ND @ Concordia College
Baseball vs. Catholic Central @ 11:00 PM
- 26 Track & Field vs. Catholic Central @ OLSM
Golf @ Leon Braisted Invitational
- 27 Golf @ Catholic Central
- 29 Lacrosse vs. Catholic Central @ 7:00 PM
Golf @ De La Salle
- 30 Baseball vs. Saline @ 5:00 PM

JESUS, I TRUST IN YOU!

April 11th

Divine Mercy Sunday

11:00 AM Holy Mass

12:00 PM Eucharistic Exposition
& Adoration

2:00 PM "Do Not Be Afraid" Talk

3:00 PM Divine Mercy Chaplet
& Benediction

ARCHDIOCESAN SHRINE OF JOHN PAUL II

PLEASE WEAR A MASK AND USE
SOCIAL DISTANCING



*The OLSM Bookstore will have the
Diary of St. Faustina and other items for
purchase in the rear of the Shrine.*

SAVE THE DATE!

Monday, June 14
FOUNDER'S DAY GOLF OUTING
AT WABEEK COUNTRY CLUB
(there will be no on-campus events)

APRIL 2021

MASS SCHEDULE

APRIL 1

HOLY THURSDAY OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

- 7:00 PM FR. IWAŃCZUK • LATIN • ST. JP II SHRINE

APRIL 2

GOOD FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

- 1:30 PM FR. IWAŃCZUK • LATIN • ST. JP II SHRINE

APRIL 3

- 12:00 PM FOOD BASKET BLESSING [FRONT STEPS OF SHRINE]

THE EASTER VIGIL IN THE HOLY NIGHT

- 8:00 PM FR. McDONNELL • LATIN • ST. JP II SHRINE

APRIL 4

EASTER SUNDAY OF RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

- 9:00 AM FR. IWAŃCZUK • POLISH* • SEMINARY CHAPEL
- 11:00 AM FR. BANAZAK • ENGLISH • ST. JP II SHRINE
- 1:00 PM FR. NOWAK • POLISH* • ST. JP II SHRINE

APRIL 11

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

- 9:00 AM FR. IWAŃCZUK • POLISH* • SEMINARY CHAPEL
- 9:00 AM TBD • LATIN • ST. JP II SHRINE
- 11:00 AM FR. IWAŃCZUK • ENGLISH • ST. JP II SHRINE

APRIL 18

- 9:00 AM FR. NOWAK • POLISH* • SEMINARY CHAPEL
- 9:00 AM FR. IWAŃCZUK • LATIN • ST. JP II SHRINE
- 11:00 AM FR. BANAZAK • ENGLISH • ST. JP II SHRINE

SEMINARY GRADUATION MASS

- 5:00 PM FR. NOWAK • ENGLISH • SEMINARY CHAPEL

APRIL 25

- 9:00 AM FR. NOWAK • POLISH* • SEMINARY CHAPEL
- 9:00 AM MSGR. BROWNE • LATIN • ST. JP II SHRINE
- 11:00 AM FR. BANAZAK • ENGLISH • ST. JP II SHRINE

HOW TO RETURN TO MASS SAFELY

"Those of us who are able are invited to return to participate fully in the celebration of the Eucharist."

— Arch. of Detroit

<https://www.aod.org/comehometohope>

The Oakland County Latin Mass Association (OCLMA) offers a weekly Sunday 9:00 AM High Mass in the Extraordinary Form at the Archdiocesan Shrine of St. John Paul II. We invite you to join us for the Paschal Triduum during Holy Week.

(see Mass Schedule)

* Feed for the Live stream of the Polish Masses is below:

<https://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.