



FAITH-Filled JOURNEYS...

Daniel Whalen (P'18)

is entering his final year of seminary formation and was ordained a transitional deacon for the Archdiocese of Detroit on April 12, 2025, by Detroit auxiliary Bishop, Robert Fisher. He will be ordained a priest for the Archdiocese of Detroit on May 23, 2026.

Brendan Tabone (P'16)

is entering his third year of seminary and received the Rite of Candidacy this past August for the Archdiocese of Detroit. Seminarians receive the Rite of Candidacy when they begin their graduate studies in Theology. It is an important step in seminary as it is an opportunity for a seminarian to express publicly his intention to receive the sacrament of Holy Orders and is then officially declared a candidate by the Archbishop. Brendan is on track to be ordained to the diaconate in December 2028, and to the priesthood in the summer of 2029.



Deacon Daniel Whalen (second from left in photo) at the historic and deeply moving moment at the new altar in the Archdiocesan Shrine of St. John Paul II.



Brendan Tabone, first on the right, after receiving the Rite of Candidacy on August 6, 2025 at the Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament by Detroit Archbishop, Edward Weisenburger.

Staff News

Welcome JEN VALENTE



We are excited to welcome Jen Valente as our new Graphic Designer and Communications Specialist here at the Orchard Lake Schools! She brings with her many years of experience in the field, and we are thrilled

to have her creativity and expertise supporting our mission and communications efforts.

Jen is stepping into the role previously held by Martin Doman, who made a lasting impact during his time with us. We are incredibly grateful for his dedication,

creativity, and the many contributions he made to the Orchard Lake Schools. We wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

Jen is already a familiar face in our community – her youngest son, Dominic, is a current senior at St. Mary's. She and her husband are proud parents of three boys. Jen is a Michigan State University alumna; her oldest son recently graduated from MSU, and her middle son is currently studying there.

Please join us in giving her a warm OLS welcome. We're blessed to have her on board!