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"Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing" ~ 1 Thessalonians 5:11

OCTOBER 2026



EAGLET SPIRIT SOARS



A Beautiful Day

FOR THE EAGLETS!

The 9th Annual Alumni & Friends Golf Outing was a day to remember! What started as a chilly morning turned into a beautiful day at Oakhurst Golf & Country Club, one filled with great golf, friendly competition, St. Mary's spirit, and an amazing group of alumni, parents, friends, and supporters coming together for our Eaglets.

The day started with a Grab & Go breakfast sponsored by Gary and Lilliana Stoneback, followed by a boxed lunch at the turn sponsored by Varsity Lincoln, with the beverage cart sponsored by Jesse Venegas. By mid-afternoon, golfers returned for appetizers, fellowship, and a wonderful dinner sponsored by Reynolds Orthodontics. Live music from Bob Hughes, sponsored by Andy & Vicki Harrington, added to the fun, and every hole was supported by a generous sponsor. We are incredibly grateful to everyone who sponsored, played, donated, volunteered, or helped make this special day possible.

The competition was just as much fun! Our winning team, Zak Thompson, Rob Minielly, Tanner Pond

and Alex Zerbo took home the traditional prizes of Polish sausage, Żywiec, and a St. Mary's water bottle. Jeffrey Hoffman captured Closest to the Pin, sponsored by The Prep/Chad Bush, while Zak Thompson won Longest Drive, sponsored by Maria's Super Cleaners. Our Hole-in-One challenge was sponsored by LaFontaine, who brought a Cadillac out to the course and provided sleeves of golf balls as a special giveaway.

Then came the Alumni & Friends Challenge Cup! Teams earned points for participation, sponsorship and spirit, with the most points earning the Cup and bragging rights until next year. Congratulations to Dan Goodman, Brian Apsinal, Matt Fadlage and Brian Swanson! The Cup will be proudly displayed at school until it returns to the course next year. Most importantly, 100% of the proceeds support the Alumni Scholarship Fund, providing tuition assistance for four deserving students, two from the boy's school and two from the girl's school, for their senior year. We look forward to celebrating the impact of this year's support at our Alumni Scholarship Networking Event on Thursday, February 25, 2027.



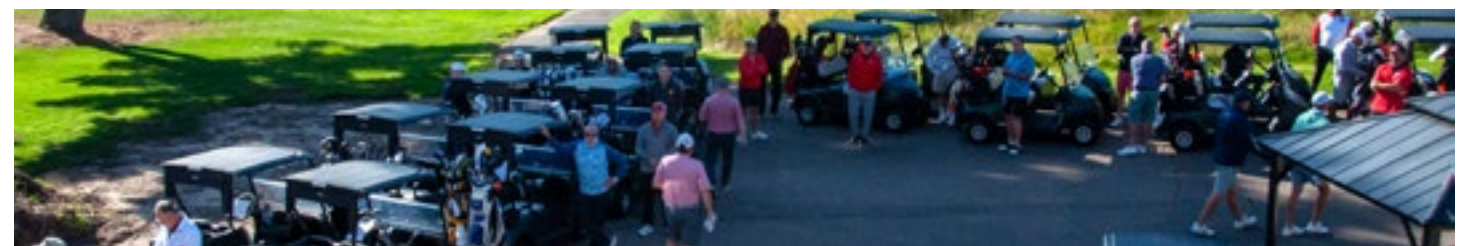
ON THE COVER

EAGLET SPIRIT SOARS
There's no place like homecoming to unify our Eaglet fans in the stands!

On the Cover Photos by Tara Johnson



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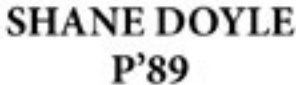


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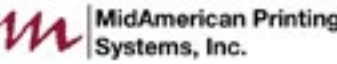












Moms and Dads Club Auction Donation

BRINGS FAMILY TOGETHER

Shawn and Christine Jappaya enjoyed a special family dinner purchased through the Moms and Dads Club Auction and generously donated by the Development Staff. When rain moved the celebration from the BAC veranda, the family gathered in the beautiful Galeria, enjoying stunning views of Orchard Lake and a family photo overlooking the water.

The St. Mary's Dining Hall team prepared and served an elegant lobster and filet dinner, creating a memorable evening of family, friendship, and exceptional hospitality. It was an evening that brought family together, created lasting memories, and showcased the beauty and hospitality of the St. Mary's campus.





EVER FORWARD!
ZAWSZE DO PRZODU!
STRATEGIC MASTER PLANNING PROJECT

The “Ever Forward” Strategic Plan has been approved, and the Orchard Lake Schools has initiated a new path. We are moving on to the second phase of the Master Plan for campus. “Ever Forward” 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.

For more information, visit www.orchardlakeschools.com/Ever-Forward

Mr. Silvester opens the

9/11 25th ANNIVERSARY BOX

BY DARRIN SILVESTER
OLSM ECONOMICS AND GOVERNMENT TEACHER

I was a high school teacher who came to work on 9/11 thinking about our family celebration later that evening for my son's 3rd birthday. I shared a classroom with another teacher and collectively we had 70 students. Someone told me about the Trade Center, and the other teachers and I turned on our classroom TVs so our students could see the news.

For me, as a history person, I always wanted to document stuff, and 3-4 days later I wrote what looks like a poem about the tragedy. Throughout the school year, my colleague and I thought we'd have our students all write about the day – what it was like in the year since 9/11, not only what happened but what their response was. I brought out my poem and the letter my grandpa wrote to me on July 4, 1976, because sometimes letters have huge value to others in the future.

I told my students, "We're going to write these letters and I'm going to seal them in a box and I'm not going to open them until the 25th anniversary." I stored all 242 until September 9, 2026, when I brought the box to class and told all my current students about 9/11 — where I was, what happened, what the impact is, and the historical components.



Current students of Mr. Silvester's 9/11 Letters Project (Front row R to L): Lourdes Kizi, Adrianna Salem, Maddie Grabel, Grace Robison, Val Yono, Malaina Duff, Lexi Poota, Addie Ross, Emily Stacey, Reese Becall; (Back row R to L): Alice Wednieski, Elsie Boyle, Presley Rodriguez, Mr. Darrin Silvester, Kayla Lucia, Sidney Smerecki, Nessa Gonzales, Porsche Cariera, Lizzy Ayar

Then I let them open the box and gave them each a letter to read. I said, "Your job now is to try to track these people down – see if you can find them – if you can connect with them, share it with them because I think it's a good thing if they can see that their piece of history is still there." I did it that way to connect a generation of students, many of whom are 39 years old now, with my current OLSM students.

Anna Wilson-Britnell was one of my students 25 years ago. She went on to study at the University of Michigan, threw shots, and is now the Director of the Champions Circle for NIL Funding of U of M Football. Adrianna Salem, one of my current students, connected with her about Anna's letter and the events during and after the 9/11 attacks. On 9/11, my class and I called Anna to talk about shared history.

If you can personalize history, you have the students' attention. If you can make it relevant and personal, connecting it to them, they're more engaged and willing to participate. I spent 15 hours digitizing all the original letters and putting them on a link that's accessible to students and received a lot of memorable messages from many of those who wrote the originals and made history by sharing history.



Mr. Silvester's former students Anna Wilson-Britnell (2005) & Trey McKenney (P'25); Anna's letter from 2001 was read by Adrianna Salem, a current Prep

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

ROSARY CLUB

This month, we're excited to learn more about the good work of our senior students serving in the Rosary Club as mentors that help unify our campus community. Throughout this academic year, read more about groups of seniors who serve, share purpose, and model teamwork. **God. Family. St. Mary's.**



(Seniors, front row L to R): Noah Yaldo (founder), Alex George, Thomas Lemmer, Isaac Boji, Jayden Shuniya, Carmen Orah, Angelina Yaksich, Sabrina Mukhtar; (Seniors, back row L to R): Jack Cronberger, Mitchell Alexander, Nicholas Shamoun

Insights with Rosary Club president, NOAH YALDO

What does the Rosary Club mean to you? The Rosary Club is an opportunity for people to unite and pray together as one. It's a club where people can strengthen their faith while building long lasting friendships – that sense of brother- and sisterhood we speak of so often here on campus.

How can it serve others both on and off campus? One of the things we do is we have an intentions box outside Mrs. Kenrick's classroom. It's a place where you can drop an intention in anonymously or include one with your name. Every time we pray the rosary in this club, we pray for these specific intentions. It's a way we can all unite as one. Prayer is so important in our club. It brings the community along with the prayer.

What have you and your fellow senior club members learned from the club that you will carry with you after graduation? I believe we've learned how important it is to rely on the rosary in your faith. God is always there for you, especially with the rosary. It's such a powerful tool, and sharing that message with others is important to us.

"FIRST LASTS"

SPIRIT WEEK

Homecoming Spirit Week is a one-of-a-kind experience, and this year's themes (Sept. 14-18) were O-mazing! *Girls Division:* 'merica Monday, Heroes vs. Villians, Mass Day, Throwback Thursday, Field Day; *Boys Division:* Patriotic, Greek Life, Mass Day, Y2K, Field Day.



2026 Senior Homecoming Court. Students voted September 16 for king and queen, and at the Friday night football game halftime, Charlie Bear and Eva D'Agostino were crowned king and queen!

RING DAY: GROWTH & UNITY

Ring Day is a cherished OLSM tradition. Each October, juniors from the Boys and Girls Divisions, joined by special guests, officially become upperclassmen. During the ceremony, each student's ring is individually blessed, symbolizing growth, unity, and the beginning of their final two years at the Prep.



CAMPUS Project UPDATES

Take a look around this month's *Communicator*, and the abundance of tradition and energy is everywhere. It reflects our campus and Orchard Lake's legacy. We are especially in the business of honoring our history, preserving its importance, and building on that energy to sustain us for the next century of excellence.

Two important projects are underway on campus. Here is an update.

UNITY TOWER RESTORATION

The interior cleaning of Unity Tower is complete, and the new roof and windows are scheduled to be installed in the coming month. The remaining restoration work is planned for the spring. As work progresses, we continue to raise the funds needed to complete the project. The Class of 1975 (pictured in the photo below at their 50th class reunion) has led the way in bringing new life to this campus landmark while preserving its historic importance. It is a symbol that unites graduates of the Orchard Lake Schools, past, present, and future.



THE LILLIAN DEROSE CONSTANTAKIS CENTER

Work continues on the Lillian DeRose Constantakis Center for Eaglet Student-Athletes in the Dombrowski Fieldhouse. The renovation features a new home for our Girls Division Student Athletes with new locker rooms and team facilities, a new fitness center on the second floor, and expanded locker facilities for our boys' teams. Together, these improvements will give student-athletes and coaches better spaces to train, prepare, and come together as teams. Clarence Constantakis's (P'44) extraordinary commitment has helped move this project forward, and we look forward to completing this work in the late fall or early winter.

One project restores a landmark that generations of alumni know; the other builds for the students who will carry Orchard Lake forward. Both reflect our commitment to caring for this place and investing in its future.

THE UNITY TOWER RESTORATION FUND

A LANDMARK. A LEGACY. A SHARED COMMITMENT.

The Unity Tower honors every graduate of the Orchard Lake Schools. Inspired by a leadership gift from the Class of 1975 and strengthened through the support of the Orchard Lake Ambassadors, this historic restoration will preserve one of our campus's most recognizable landmarks while adding a cross that reflects the faith and mission that have guided the Orchard Lake Schools since 1885.

Join generations of Orchard Lake alumni, family, and friends in completing this lasting symbol of our shared legacy.

MAKE YOUR GIFT TODAY

Your gift to the **Unity Tower Restoration Fund** will help preserve this historic landmark while ensuring it continues to inspire generations of Eaglets for years to come.

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UNITY TOWER RESTORATION FUND
Orchard Lake Schools | 3535 Commerce Road
Orchard Lake, MI 48324

DONOR RECOGNITION

Every donor will be recognized as a Founding Supporter of the **Unity Tower Restoration Fund**.

Donors making a gift of \$100 or more will receive a commemorative Unity Tower baseball cap. Donors making gifts of \$5,000 or more will also be eligible for a personalized engraved brick paver within the Unity Tower Dedication Circle, subject to design specifications and available space.

For more information, contact **Chris Czarnik** at cczarnik@orchardlakeschools.com or call 248-392-9267





Kalin Lucas (P'07)

Orchard Lake St. Mary's would like to take this opportunity to congratulate this Mary's alumnus who was recently inducted into the Michigan State Athletics Hall of Fame. Kalin's example serves as a lesson for all the young people who are currently among us: legends aren't created in a single instant, but are instead achieved through discipline, sacrifice, resilience and the efforts that no one else notices. From No. 23 at St. Mary's to a Spartan great to a Hall of Famer — what an extraordinary journey. "Kalin has remained in touch with his alma mater and his OLSM coaches and teachers ever since his OLSM graduation," said Len Karschnia, OLSM Headmaster. "His connection and communication with us have never ceased – and never will.



(L to R) - Kris Daiek (former OLSM JV and Assistant Varsity Coach), Leonard Karschnia, Todd Covert, Kalin Lucas (P'07), George Porritt

We are so proud of the man and Father that Kalin has become. His words of gratitude at his Hall of Fame induction ceremony in thanking all of us for his time at St. Mary's were poignant and powerful. CONGRATULATIONS, Kalin."

Sienna Smith (P'25)

In 2025, Stephanie and Sue Augustyniak established the Stephan Augustyniak Fellowship in Polish Studies in honor of their father to help support graduate student research and undergraduate internships in Poland. Congratulations to OLSM alumna, Sienna Smith, on receiving one of these inaugural awards. The University of Michigan student in the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, interned at the Warsaw, Poland, City Hall in the office of Mayor Rafal Trzaskowski, and had the opportunity to meet Stephanie Holmes, Deputy Chief of Mission at the U.S. Embassy in Warsaw.



Felix Olekszyk (P'50, C'54) and the Class of '82



It was O-mazing to see members of the Prep Class of 1982 and Felix Olekszyk (P'50, C'54) rally to cheer on Eaglet football as the team defeated Detroit King at the September 4th home opener!

Tommy Doman (P'21)

OLSM alumnus, University of Michigan Football NCAA National Champion, and Florida Gators (2025) punter Tommy Doman was the seventh round (239th) draft pick of the NFL's Buffalo Bills. After beating out their veteran punter in training camp for the starting punter position in late August, Doman made the official regular season roster, kicking off the season against the Texans.



Photo Credit: Buffalo Bills



THE MARY PROJECT
AT ORCHARD LAKE SCHOOLS

Please visit and enjoy the NEW
WALKING ROSARY AND REFLECTION AREA
in the Marian Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes at St. Mary's Preparatory.

**WE ARE ASKING FOR DONATIONS TO HELP DEFRAY
THE COST OF THIS ADDITION TO THE GROTTTO.**



3 WAYS TO DONATE:

- 1. PURCHASE A BRICK PAVER.** Order forms are available at the gate, by scanning the QR code, or online at www.orchardlakeschools.com/ways-to-give
- 2. LEAVE A DONATION** in the donation box at the Grotto inside the candle area.
- 3. MAIL A CHECK** (payable to The Mary Project) to:
The Mary Project | 3535 Commerce Road | Orchard Lake, MI 48324



SCAN CODE

For naming opportunities, please contact Maureen Gross at
themaryproject@myyahoo.com.

All donations are tax deductible. EIN: 82-5453994



Jingle all the Way

Christmas Tree Lighting

AT ORCHARD LAKE ST. MARY'S
PRIVATE EVENT FOR OLS FAMILIES, ALUMNI & FRIENDS

SUNDAY, NOV. 22
4-8 P.M.
TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY | 6:15
TRZCINSKI QUAD

Crafts, Candy & Stockings for the Kids
Visit Camels, Donkeys & Reindeer
Visit by Santa & His Reindeer
Gift Baskets Drawing
Holiday Photographer
Christmas Carolers
Warm & Cozy Food
Christmas Market
Lighted Train Rides
Live Music





Alumni Football Fridays

FIELD-SIDE FOOD, FUN & FESTIVITIES FOR ALUMNI!
Join your fellow Eaglet alumni in the designated field-side *Alumni Tent* for pregame food as well as the perfect seat to watch the big game!

Sept. 4 | OLSM vs. King
Sept. 11 | OLSM vs. St. John Jesuit
Sept. 18 | OLSM vs. St. Francis De Sales | Homecoming*
*Pregame Homecoming tailgate | Dining Hall | 5-7 PM
Oct. 9 | OLSM vs. CC
Oct. 23 | OLSM vs. U of D



For more info:
Contact Alumni Relations Officer, Robert Mazur at 248-830-9711 or rmazur@orchardlakeschools.com



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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2026
6:00 PM

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Red attire encouraged • Denim prohibited

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EXTRACURRICULAR & ATHLETIC OPEN HOUSE





SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH
12:00-2:00PM

PROSPECTIVE FAMILIES ARE INVITED TO BECOME FAMILIAR WITH ATHLETIC AND CLUB OFFERINGS AT OLSM. THIS "FAIR STYLE" EVENT WILL ALLOW FAMILIES TO VISIT WITH CLUB MODERATORS, STUDENT MEMBERS, COACHES, AND STUDENT-ATHLETES.

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Christmas Tree Lighting

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

\$5,000 JINGLE ALL THE WAY SPONSOR
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REFLECTION

BY **FR. BERNARD WITEK**
DIRECTOR | ST. JOHN PAUL II LITURGICAL CENTER

In various Marian apparitions, Blessed Virgin Mary is asking us to pray the Rosary. Many people come to our grotto or to the church to pray the Rosary either individually or in groups. For years, seminarians with the faithful were praying the Rosay at the Grotto in the months of May and October. And we continue this tradition, and this October we will pray the Rosary every day at 6:30 pm at the Grotto (in case of rain it will be in the Shrine chapel).

In the Words of

ST. JOHN PAUL II

The Rosary of the Virgin Mary, which gradually took form in the second millennium under the guidance of the Spirit of God, is a prayer loved by countless Saints and encouraged by the Magisterium. Simple yet profound, it still remains, at the dawn of this third millennium, a prayer of great significance, destined to bring forth a harvest of holiness. It blends easily into the spiritual journey of the Christian life, which, after two thousand years, has lost none of the freshness of its beginnings and feels drawn by the Spirit of God to “set out into the deep” (duc in altum!) in order once more to proclaim, and even cry out, before the world that Jesus Christ is Lord and Saviour, “the way, and the truth and the life” (Jn 14:6), “the goal of human history and the point on which the desires of history and civilization turn”.

The Rosary, though clearly Marian in character, is at heart a Christocentric prayer. In the sobriety of its elements, it has all the depth of the Gospel message in its entirety, of which it can be said to be a compendium. It is an echo of the prayer of Mary, her perennial Magnificat for the work of the redemptive Incarnation which began in her virginal womb. With the Rosary, the Christian people sit at the school of Mary and is led to contemplate the beauty on the face of Christ and to experience the depths of his love. Through the Rosary the faithful receive abundant grace, as though from the very hands of the Mother of the Redeemer . . .

St. John Paul II was known for his deep Marian devotion and on various occasions he was encouraging us to pray the Rosary. In October 2002, he proclaimed the Year of the Rosary in his Apostolic Letter Rosarium Virginis Mariae. Let us read some excerpts from this document:



But the most important reason for strongly encouraging the practice of the Rosary is that it represents a most effective means of fostering among the faithful that commitment to the contemplation of the Christian mystery which I have proposed in the Apostolic Letter Novo Millennio Ineunte as a genuine “training in holiness”: “What is needed is a Christian life distinguished above all in the art of prayer”. Inasmuch as contemporary culture, even amid so many indications to the contrary, has witnessed the flowering of a new call for spirituality, due also to the influence of other religions, it is more urgent than ever that our Christian communities should become “genuine schools of prayer”.

The Rosary belongs among the finest and most praiseworthy traditions of Christian contemplation. Developed in the West, it is a typically meditative prayer, corresponding in some way to the “prayer of the heart” or “Jesus prayer” which took root in the soil of the Christian East. (Rosarium Virginis Mariae, 1 & 5)

ZAPRASZAMY

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

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

Sunday, Nov. 1st • 1:00 PM

- Polish Dinner after the Mass in the Dining Hall - Cost: \$20
- Please RSVP to the dinner by Wednesday, October 28th.
- For more information, call (248) 602-7579 or bernardwitek@yahoo.com.

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



*“Dla ciebie stąpiłem z nieba” Misterium o Bożym Miłosierdziu
Słowa z Dzienniczka św. Faustyny*

*“For you, I came down from heaven” A Mystery Play on
Divine Mercy. Words from St. Faustina’s Diary*

Sunday, October 4

1 PM | Polish Mass celebrated by Fr. Bernard Witek

2 PM | A Mystery Play on Divine Mercy in Polish by Mrs. Silva & Fr. Witek

3 PM | Polish Dinner (\$20 per person)

RSVP for the Polish Dinner by September 30
(248) 602-7579 or bernardwitek@yahoo.com

Archdiocesan Shrine of St. John Paul II
3535 Commerce Rd | Orchard Lake, MI 48234

SHRINE OF ST. JOHN PAUL II: JUBILEE YEAR PILGRIMAGE SITE

Did you know that the Archdiocese of Detroit has designated our Shrine Chapel at Orchard Lake one of 12 Detroit-area pilgrimage sites ahead of the Jubilee 2025; a place for pilgrims to visit and receive a plenary indulgence?

The Church celebrates ordinary jubilees every 25 years. In December 2024, the late Pope Francis ushered in the Holy Year 2025 by opening the Holy Doors of St. Peter’s Basilica in Rome for a year of grace, forgiveness and renewal — centered on the theme, “Pilgrims of Hope.”

In 1470, Pope Paul II established the practice of celebrating jubilees every 25 years, instead of 50, to allow more people to experience a Holy Year within their lifetimes.



THE ORCHARD LAKE SCHOOLS
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THE FEAST OF
ST. JOHN PAUL II
Sunday, October 18



FEAST DAY CELEBRATIONS ON SUNDAY, OCT 18

Holy Mass
WITH FR. BERNARD WITEK
& Filarets Choir
1:00 PM

Polish Dinner after Mass
CAMPUS DINING HALL
Cost \$20
Please RSVP by Oct 14

Pizza is available for children under 16 for \$5

To RSVP, call (248) 602-7579 or email bernardwitek@yahoo.com



Polish Independence Day

MASS & CELEBRATION
Sunday, November 15 | 1 PM



Polish Luncheon after Mass in Campus Dining Hall
Cost | \$20 per person

Centrum Liturgiczne Św. Jana Pawła II zaprasza na specjalną
Polską Mszę Świętą z okazji dnia niepodległości celebrowaną
15 listopada o 13:00 z udziałem Chóru Filaretów.
Po Mszy będzie Polski Obiad w cenie \$20.
Zgłoszenia na obiad do 11 listopada.

Please RSVP for the luncheon by November 11.
Call (248) 602-7579 or email bernardwitek@yahoo.com



Fall FEAST DAYS

10/1 ST. THÉRÈSE OF LISIEUX
10/2 THE HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS
10/4 ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI
10/5 ST. FAUSTINA
10/7 OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY
10/13 OUR LADY OF FATIMA
10/22 ST. JOHN PAUL II

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IN MEMORIAM . . .

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.
+ MAY THEY REST IN PEACE +*

**ARDEN BOYD COLLIER [FATHER OF
TERRY PORRITT; FATHER-IN-LAW OF
FORMER OLSM ATHLETIC DIRECTOR
GEORGE PORRITT; GRANDFATHER
OF KENNY, MARILYNN, AND ALUMNUS
MASON PORRITT (P'13)]**

July 19, 2026 ~ Age 84
Clarkston, Michigan

BRUCE EDWARD GRESKOWIAK (P'69)

April 6, 2026 ~ Age 74
Brooklyn, Michigan

ROBERT ALAN HILLS (P'98)

August 25, 2026 ~ Age 46
Hainesville, Illinois

**STEVE MATHENY [ALUMNI PARENT;
HUSBAND OF MARIA AND FATHER
OF SONS, OLSM ALUMNUS MATTEO
MATHENY (P'14) AND
ANTHONY MATHENY]**

August 10, 2026 ~ Age 64
West Bloomfield, Michigan

+ Remembering our loved ones who recently passed into eternal rest.

You can view previous years by visiting our website at: www.orchardlakeschools.com/in-memoriam

To inform the OLS of the passing of a friend or alumnus of the Orchard Lake Schools, email us at: info@orchardlakeschools.com

MONTHLY ENROLLMENTS

Throughout the year, donors to the Orchard Lake Schools enroll their loved ones in the "Friends of the Orchard Lake Schools". Prayers are offered at every mass at the Archdiocesan Shrine of St. John Paul II for those names enrolled. These names are those that have been added from the month of August.

RONALD ACHO	RICHARD L. HURFORD	FRIEDA MAE PINKERSON SINKS
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JERZY DABROWSKI	MARY MCBRIDE	
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For more enrollment information, please contact Lisa Gray at lgray@orchardlakeschools.com

October 2026

Upcoming EVENTS highlights

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| 3 | Boys Varsity Soccer vs. Divine Child 12:30 PM
30th Friends of Polish Art Fine Arts Competition Opening Reception Galeria |
| 4 | POLISH 1st SUNDAY 1:00 PM Mass
2:00 PM A Mystery Play on Divine Mercy in Polish by Mrs. Silva & Fr. Witek
3:00 PM Polish Dinner Dining Hall
Galeria Open 12 – 3:00 PM |
| 8 | Half-Day (OLSM)
OLSM Academic Open House 4-7:00 PM |
| 9 | Dr. Mazurkiewicz Visits OLSM Students Business Roundtable
Varsity Football vs. Catholic Central 7:00 PM
Alumni Football Friday Tent 7:00 PM |
| 10 | Crew @ Heron Henley Challenge Kensington Metro Park Milford |
| 11 | Ring Day Masses (Junior Class) |
| 16 | End of 1st Card Marking |
| 18 | Feast of St. John Paul II Shrine Chapel 1:00 PM Polish Dinner to follow Dining Hall |
| 20 | Girls Varsity Volleyball vs. Troy Athens (Senior Night) 7:00 PM |
| 22 | NO SCHOOL (Parent-Teacher Conferences) |
| 23 | NO SCHOOL (OLSM)
Varsity Football vs. U of D Jesuit (Senior Night) 7:00 PM
Alumni Football Friday Tent 7:00 PM |
| 24-25 | Crew @ Blake Haxton Regatta Columbus, OH |
| 30 | MHSAA Football Pre-Districts TBD 7:00 PM |

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MASS schedule

MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

6:30 PM DAILY ROSARY PRAYER MARIAN GROTTO
(In case of rain, the Rosary prayer will be in the Shrine Chapel)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4

9:00 AM	FR. WITEK POLISH*	SEMINARY CHAPEL
9:00 AM	FR. BROWNE LATIN	ST. JOHN PAUL II SHRINE
11:00 AM	FR. WITEK ENGLISH	ST. JOHN PAUL II SHRINE
Polish 1st Sunday		
1:00 PM	FR. WITEK POLISH*	ST. JOHN PAUL II SHRINE

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7

7:00 PM FR. WITEK | ENGLISH MARIAN GROTTO
(In case of rain, Our Lady of the Rosary Mass will take place in the Shrine Chapel)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11

9:00 AM	FR. WITEK POLISH*	SEMINARY CHAPEL
NO LATIN MASS		
11:00 AM	FR. WITEK ENGLISH	SEMINARY CHAPEL

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18

9:00 AM	FR. WITEK POLISH*	SEMINARY CHAPEL
9:00 AM	MSGR. BROWNE LATIN	ST. JOHN PAUL II SHRINE
11:00 AM	FR. WITEK ENGLISH	ST. JOHN PAUL II SHRINE
Feast of St. John Paul II		
1:00 PM	FR. WITEK POLISH*	ST. JOHN PAUL II SHRINE

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25

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



*Polish Mass is now live streamed at:
www.youtube.com/@orchardlake-schools9385/streams

"Then press "Live" for the current Sunday live broadcast."

DAILY MASSES

MONDAY-FRIDAYS	7:00 PM ENGLISH	ST. JOHN PAUL II SHRINE
SATURDAYS	9:00 AM ENGLISH	ST. JOHN PAUL II SHRINE

SHRINE OPEN HOURS

SUNDAY & SATURDAY	8:00 AM – 9:00 PM	ST. JOHN PAUL II SHRINE
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EXTRA-LITURGICAL DEVOTIONS

1ST THURSDAY 10/1	MASS 7:00 PM *FR. WITEK	ST. JOHN PAUL II SHRINE
1ST FRIDAY 10/2	MASS 7:00 PM * FR. WITEK	ST. JOHN PAUL II SHRINE
1ST SATURDAY 10/3	MASS 9:00 AM * FR. WITEK	ST. JOHN PAUL II SHRINE
THURSDAY 10/15	BIBLE STUDY AFTER MASS 7:45 PM	SEMINARY CHAPEL
FRIDAY 10/16	DIVINE MERCY PRAYERS 7:45 PM	ST. JOHN PAUL II SHRINE
	KRAŁ BIBLIJY 8:00 PM	SEMINARY CHAPEL

CONFESSIONS

MONDAY-FRIDAY	5:30 – 6:25 PM	ST. JOHN PAUL II SHRINE
SATURDAYS	8:00 – 8:55 AM	ST. JOHN PAUL II SHRINE