



ORCHARD LAKE SCHOOLS CAMPUS COMMUNICATOR

❖ JUNE 2025 SUPPLEMENT ❖

"Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice." ~ Philippians 4:4



Our Founder's Day weekend celebrates our 140-year history rich in tradition built by alumni, family and friends. Look inside this special supplement to the June 2025 Campus Communicator for information on how you can make your reservation and see WHAT'S NEW this year! Join us and be part of something truly special!

ORCHARD LAKE SCHOOLS
FUNDER'S DAY
2025

*Mass at
the
Grotto*



*Come join us at this special Mass
and celebrate the 30th Anniversary
of Fr. Witek's Priestly Ordination!*



HOLY MASS AT THE GROTTTO
Saturday, June 7th • 4:30 PM

(In case of rain, the mass will be at the Archdiocesan Shrine)

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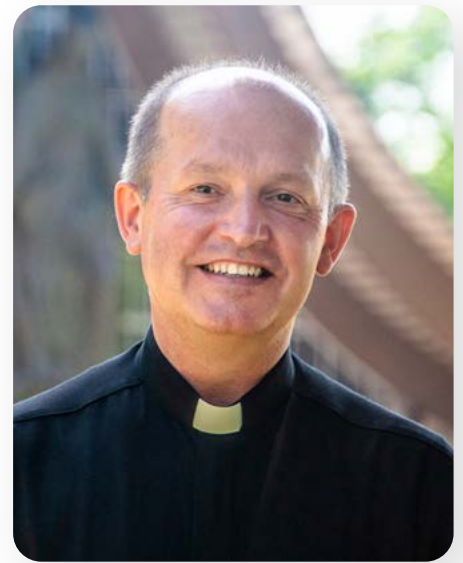


YOU'RE INVITED TO COME CELEBRATE WITH FR. WITEK ON 30 YEARS OF PRIESTLY MINISTRY

This month, Fr. Bernard Witek will be celebrating the 30th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood. He was ordained on May 27th, 1995 in the city of Bielsko-Biała, Poland.

Not a diocesan priest, Fr. Witek is a member of a religious order called the Society of the Divine Savior, also referred to as the Salvatorians. He is a member of the Polish province and their provincial house is located in Kraków, Poland. His hometown is Ruda Śląska.

Fr. Witek arrived in Orchard Lake on April 12, 2022 after ministering in various locations assigned by the Salvatorian Order, spending several years in Italy and in the African nation of Tanzania. We are so very grateful for his caring and cheerful presence here as our spiritual leader. Congratulations, Fr. Witek, and thank you for giving your life to serve us!



Congratulations to
RICHARD WALAWENDER
&
ANN BANKOWSKI

*who were recently selected to the
Piast Institute's "Top 25 Polish American Leaders in 2025."
This award recognizes individuals who have made significant
contributions to Polonia in Michigan.*

For more information about the Sunday, June 1st event, including tickets, visit:
<https://tinyurl.com/Top25Awards>

ORCHARD LAKE SCHOOLS
FOUNDER'S DAY
2025

FOUNDER'S ALUMNI & FRIENDS
CELEBRATION!



4:30 PM • Holy Mass at Grotto • Fr. Witek, Celebrant

5:30 PM • Cocktail Reception

6:45-10:30 PM • Founder's, Alumni & Friends Dinner

7:30-10:30 PM • Las Vegas Style Entertainment

Casino Tables are for entertainment purposes only and are free and open to the public.

NEW ACTIVITIES THIS YEAR!

CIGAR BAR



LAS VEGAS STYLE ENTERTAINMENT

Casino tables are for entertainment purposes only and are free and open to the public.

BOURBON TASTING



ADMISSION • \$125
\$100 FOR 1885 CLUB MEMBERS

SCAN CODE TO REGISTER OR
email: foundersday@orchardlakeschools.com

SATURDAY, JUNE 7th

TRZCINSKI QUAD, OLS CAMPUS

ORCHARD LAKE SCHOOLS
FOUNDER'S DAY
2025

ALUMNI EVENTS

ALUMNI: SCAN CODES TO REGISTER TO PLAY



FRIDAY 6/6

PINE KNOB COUNTRY CLUB

Tee times available starting at 10:30 AM

**Traditional Founder's Day Golf Outing
 moved to August 2025*

Payment at course



8:00 AM REGISTRATION
8:30 AM RACE START

Come on out and join us for a brisk
 morning walk or run while enjoying the
 sights of our beautiful campus!



RED TURF FIELD

9:00 AM Registration

9:30 AM Start time

You can scan this code to play or come
 to watch as alumni compete for the
 coveted alumni soccer trophy!



RED TURF FIELD

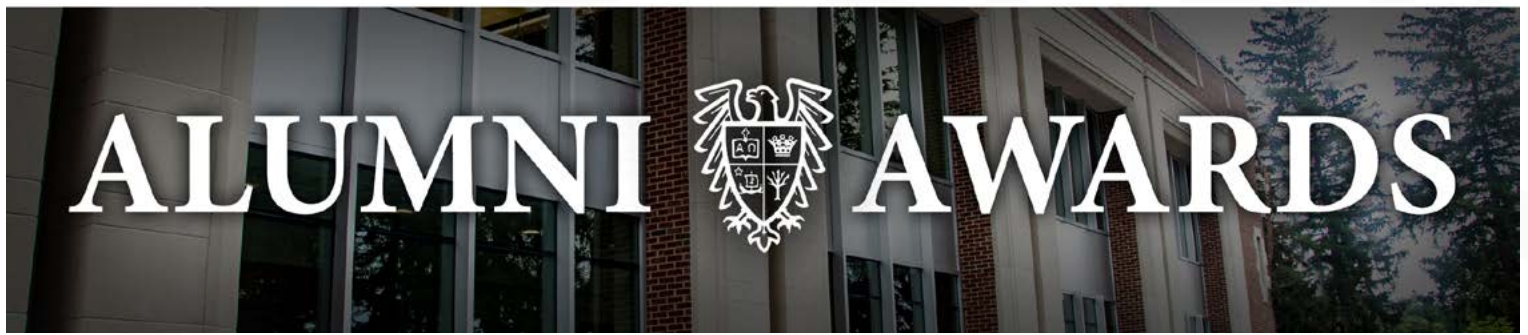
11:30 AM Registration

12:00 PM Start time

Scan this code to play or come to watch
 as OLSM Football alumni compete in a
 7-on-7 game on the red turf field!



SATURDAY • JUNE 7
ORCHARD LAKE ST. MARY'S CAMPUS



CELEBRATING OUR 2025 ALUMNI AWARDS HONOREES

We are excited to announce the 2025 Orchard Lake Schools Alumni Awards honorees and celebrate their extraordinary contributions to their professions, communities, and more.

Please join us in sharing their accomplishments and inviting others to join us at Founder's Day on June 7 to celebrate our honorees, welcome alumni, family and friends back to campus, and help all of the mission and values that make our OLS story 140 years strong! Each of the following honorees exemplifies the values of faith, leadership, and service inherent within the extraordinary history of the Orchard Lake Schools.

2025 ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR

ALLEN ROBINSON II (P'11). NFL wide receiver and St. Mary's Prep alumnus, Allen has excelled over an 11-year professional career and played last season for the Detroit Lions. Through his Within Reach Foundation, he champions educational opportunities for underserved youth.



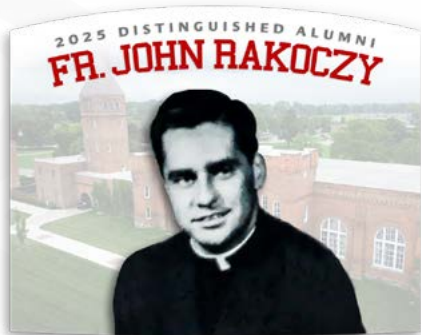
2025 DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI



SUE AMATANGELO (C'84). Sue has led dynamic careers in both healthcare and horticulture, launching national corporate health initiatives and growing global horticultural programs. As a Master Gardener and national speaker, she brings healing and beauty to communities everywhere.

PAUL C. ODROBINA (P'65, C'69)
A tireless advocate for Polonia and public service, Paul has directed over \$100 million in humanitarian relief and held national leadership in Polish American organizations. He lives out his dedication to heritage, faith, and community service every day.



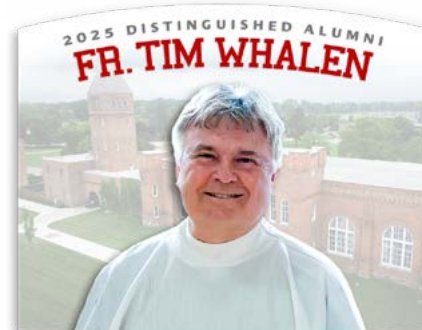


FR. JOHN RAKOCZY (P'44, C'47)

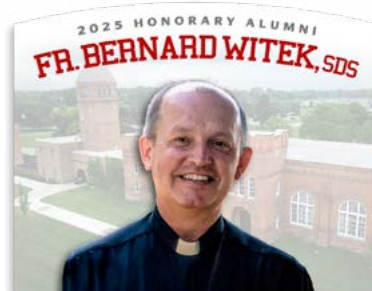
"Fr. Rock" was a beloved coach, teacher, and spiritual leader whose athletic legacy and moral guidance shaped generations at St. Mary's. His name and spirit live on in the Fr. Rakoczy Old Gym, a tribute to his enduring impact.

FR. TIM WHALEN (P'70)

As former Chancellor of the Orchard Lake Schools and current pastor of Our Lady of Good Help Parish in the diocese of Pittsburgh, Fr. Tim has led with vision and devotion. His lifelong commitment to faith and formation has inspired countless students and future Church leaders.



2025 HONORARY ALUMNI



Read more about our honorees at: www.orchardlakeschools.com/alumni-awards

ZAPRASZAMY

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

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

Sun, July 6th • 1:00 PM

PLEASE NOTE: No gathering or refreshments after the Mass this month.



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

JUNE 2025

MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, JUNE 1 • THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

9:00 AM	FR. WITEK • POLISH*	SEMINARY CHAPEL
9:00 AM	FR. SUHY • 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

SATURDAY, JUNE 7 • VIGIL FOR PENTECOST SUNDAY**

4:30 PM	FR. WITEK • ENGLISH - FOUNDER'S DAY MASS	MARIAN GROTTO
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SUNDAY, JUNE 8 • PENTECOST SUNDAY

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

SUNDAY, JUNE 15 • THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

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*	ST. JOHN PAUL II SHRINE

SUNDAY, JUNE 22 • CORPUS CHRISTI

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

SUNDAY, JUNE 29 • SAINTS PETER & PAUL

9:00 AM	FR. WITEK • POLISH*	SEMINARY CHAPEL
9:00 AM	FR. MDONELL • 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 ** This mass fulfills the Sunday Obligation

DAILY MASSES

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

SHRINE OPEN HOURS

SCHOOL DAYS	3:00 PM - 9:00 PM	ST. JOHN PAUL II SHRINE
ALL OTHER DAYS	8:00 AM - 9:00 PM	ST. JOHN PAUL II SHRINE

CONFESSIONS

MONDAYS-FRIDAYS	6:00 PM - 6:55 PM	ST. JOHN PAUL II SHRINE
SATURDAYS	8:00 AM - 8:55 AM	ST. JOHN PAUL II SHRINE