Shrine Chapel Faithful Honor

FR. BERNARD WITEK

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On Saturday, October 16, 145 residents of the Greater West Bloomfield Township area who regularly attend religious services at the Archdiocesan Shrine of St. John Paul II gathered at the Royal Palace Hall at 6123 Haggerty Rd. to honor Fr. Witek, wish him success in his upcoming new assignment (February 2027), and say goodbye. He will depart the Orchard Lake Schools the end of January 2027. This reception was an outpouring of gratitude to Fr. Witek for his 4+ years of ministry to the local community.

It was organized by Patricia Minor, St. Mary's College alumna and benefactor, and Nella Mati, regular religious service attendee.

This was a significant demonstration of the degree to which local residents value and appreciate the religious services made available to them by the St. John Paul II Liturgical Center of the Orchard Lake Schools. It also demonstrates how well Fr. Witek is appreciated and valued by them. Many attendees expressed hope that another priest will replace Fr. Witek in the same capacity.



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

A SPECIAL MASS AT THE ORCHARD LAKE SCHOOLS TO PRAY FOR POLONIA

SUNDAY, DEC. 6, 2026 | 1:00 PM
Please RSVP to the dinner by Wednesday, December 2nd.

SUNDAY, JAN. 3, 2027 | 1:00 PM
Please RSVP to the dinner by Wednesday, December 30th.

- Polish Dinner after the Mass in the Dining Hall – Cost: $20
- For more information, call (248) 602-7579 or bernardwitek@yahoo.com

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

~ SHRINE ALTAR PROJECT UPDATE ~

Thank you to all those who have steadfastly supported the Shrine Altar Project. The ambos (sides of the altar) to finish this blessed work have arrived and will be here on campus for installation very soon.