ORCHARD LAKE SCHOOLS

## **CAMPUS COMMUNICATOR**

St. John Paul II Liturgical Center 🤏 St. Mary's Preparatory 🤻 Polish Institute of Culture & Research



**AUGUST 2024** 



"A friend loves at all times." ~ Proverbs 17:17

It's been 20 years since St. Mary's College students strolled the campus at Orchard Lake.

# WELCOME HOME! ST. MARY'S COLLEGE ALUMNI REUNION









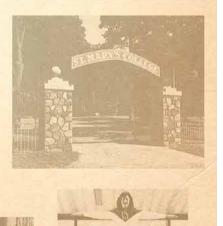
















## **OLS UPDATE**

## REUNION WELCOMES HOME ST. MARY'S COLLEGE ALUMNI, STUDENTS & FRIENDS



throughout the country, including those from California, Arizona, Texas, Illinois, and Ohio!

It's been 20 years since the college closed, but friendships among classmates proved to be timeless. Attendees shared their stories, recalled some of their greatest memories as those of their SMC years, and rekindled friendships as if they picked up right where they left off.



## **EVER FORWARD!**

ZAWSZE DO PRZODU!

## 2023-2024 Strategic Master Planning Project



We're excited to share that the Board of Regents approved the "Ever Forward" Strategic Plan earlier this summer! Many thanks to committee members and the countless other parents, alumni, students, faculty, staff, benefactors, and community members who all had input into this. This is a clear sign that the Orchard Lake Schools is moving forward – Ever Forward! Special thanks to the Richard & Mary Trzcinski Foundation for funding this important endeavor.

This strategic plan 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.



### A MESSAGE FROM HEADMASTER LEN KARSCHNIA

As we embark on an historic school year at Orchard Lake St. Mary's Prep, it is our commitment to our heritage, our history, and our Roman Catholic Faith that will guide us in our pursuits and dreams as we work together to learn, grow and resolve to make our shared world a better place.

The classical language of Latin has been woven together for centuries with elements of scholasticism in general and the academic pursuits in particular of medicine, science, literature and law, to name a few, or "et al" for purists in the audience of readers. Many slogans and creeds have been established as "mottos" of education, and as representations of numerous institutions of higher learning through the years. Harvard's single-term-motto "veritas", which means TRUTH, has always been a personal favorite. The "semper fi(delis)" of my father's United States Marine Corps (ALWAYS FAITHFUL) resonates, as well.

The school seal, or emblematic crest, of our very own St. Mary's Prep includes the Latin "Initium Sapientiae Timor Domini", translated as "the beginning of wisdom is fear of The Lord". And one might argue that Catholicism has succeeded like no other reality in keeping Latin from being classified as a "dead language". Years back, I proffered a Latin-language slogan that I feel represents both our individual and collective efforts at OLSM – and it was the command-directive of "*Ora Labora Vince*", which means simply: "Pray Work Win". I have always believed that we are able to pursue "absolute truths" in our human endeavors. Though rare, and at times difficult to define, pursuits of perfection can and do exist.

I formulated the "*Ora Labora Vince*" motto at a time when what St. Mary's was truly all about, and what our Founder, Father Dąbrowski, had envisioned in 1885 for all of us Eaglets, had been earned and fully understood via my tenure here at the Orchard Lake Schools.

Please allow me to explain. *Ora* means "PRAY". Let there never be a doubt that our FAITH in Jesus Christ, our Roman Catholic foundation, and our trust and loyalty to our Patroness Mary, The Blessed Mother, is at the very top and front and first in our efforts at St. Mary's Preparatory. May we never forget to pray, and place our charity in Jesus' name. *Labora* means "WORK"; once our day begins with the priority of prayer, we all, faculty and students alike, WORK at our pursuit of learning and betterment of our world through improvement of ourselves. In periods 1 through 8, each school day, and afterwards as we study and complete our educational tasks and homework, let us roll up our sleeves, so to speak, and "labor" with a strong work ethic and responsible diligence. And finally, *Vince*: "WIN"! So many of us are committed to our TEAM, being a student-athlete, and representing our championship school with sportsmanship and great effort as we use the talents God has given us to pursue victory on the courts, fields, rinks, courses and waters in the Orchard Lake Athletic Department.

My prayer as we begin this 2024-25 academic year is that we bring our very best versions of ourselves to the shores of Orchard Lake each day as we strive TOGETHER towards our dreams and goals.

Yours in Christ, and yours in education.

LEN KARSCHNIA

**OLSM Headmaster** 

## **WELCOME TO CAMPUS, FRESHMAN CLASS OF 2028!**

Students, Families & Friends of St. Mary's:

We're so excited you're here and happy to help you transition to this amazing campus community.

GOD. FAMILY. ST. MARY'S.

**OLSM STUDENTS & FAMILIES, ALUMNI & ALUMNI PARENTS:** 

Join us in celebrating an OLSM tradition!

## HOMECOMING WEEKEND

# BBQ & Corn Roast TAILGATE BEFORE THE GAME

2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Homecoming **Chili OOKnFFI** 

Campus groups compete to see who can cook up the tastiest tailgating chili!

## Bring your family!



Don't miss the opportunity for your children or grandchildren to stand with the Eaglets on the red turf during pregame festivities!

Fri, Sept 20<sup>th</sup> • 4-7:00 PM

## ST. MARY'S ALUMNI, FAMILY & FRIENDS



Play 18 holes on one of Michigan's premier championship golf courses!



To register: scan QR code or visit www.orchardlakeschools.com/ homecoming-2024

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PER GOLFER

- Free range time prior to the shotgun start
- · Hamburgers, hotdogs, chips & soft drink lunch
- · Heavy appetizers following the event
- Giveaways, prizes for closest to the pin, longest drive & more!

Proceeds benefit the Alumni Scholarship Fund.

For info & reservations, please contact Don Buchanan (248) 639-9699 • dbuchanan@orchardlakeschools.com



# MONDAY, SEPT 23<sup>rd</sup>



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24<sup>th</sup> 4:00-8:00 pm • OLSM CAMPUS QUAD

## BUILDING COLLEGE FOOTBALL CONNECTIONS: OLSM & MSU

In the recent *Spartans Illustrated* feature, "How Michigan State quickly built a connection with Orchard Lake St. Mary's," managing editor Ryan O'Bleness interviewed St. Mary's head football coach/athletic director Jermaine Gonzales and several of the Eaglets who recently committed to play college football for MSU. According to Gonzales, he appreciates the way the new Michigan State staff treats his programs and is grateful for the opportunities the Spartans are

providing many of his players at the college level. "We were one of the first schools that (MSU's new staff) came to . . . And they met our guys and it's been really good from there."

Three of our three-star seniors: DJ WHITE (linebacker), JAYDEN SAVOURY (tight end), and BRYSON WILLIAMS (athlete) had big college recruiting decisions to make and ultimately committed to Michigan State this spring and early summer to the Fall 2025 season. "We've got a great senior class, our senior leadership has been phenomenal up to this point, so we just look forward to seeing how that translates on the field," Gonzales told *Spartan Illustrated*. This season, the Eaglets are on a mission, setting their sights on a state championship, and

have spent the summer building even greater unity and togetherness at 7-on-7 events and workouts, especially with new offensive coach Nick Merlo coming in. The team can't wait to see their growth in both offense and defense on the

field, beginning with the season kick-off on Thursday, August 29 versus Portage Northern High School. The Eaglets are putting in the work to get the job done.



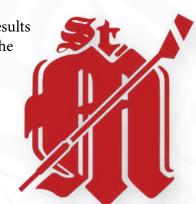


Out of the 50+ teams that compete within the Midwest region, the Michigan Scholastic Rowing Association voted Coach Don Wright (P'10) the Women's Coach of the Year and the OLSM Rowing Team was the Most Improved team in the region. Below are the write ups:

Women's Coach of the Year: Don Wright (Orchard Lake St Mary's): Under Don's guidance over the past nine years, OLSM athletes have experienced great success on both sides of the program, "because of the speed they produce, but also [with] how the young men and women act as competitors" whether they win or lose. Four years ago, OLSM opened their team to female athletes from the school, and Don "has grown the program's speed to finish 3<sup>rd</sup> at MSRA in Women's Sweep points . . . [they then] took [home] their first Women's Michigan State Championship," which contributed to

OLSM taking home the overall Michigan State title as well. It is notable that taking first at the Michigan State Championship "was the first State Championship for any girls' team at OLSM."

MSRA Team Improvement Award: Factors considered included a team's on-water results and program growth and development. Based on analysis of team improvement at the MSRA 2024 Championship Regatta, we are excited to recognize Orchard Lake St Mary's (MI) as the Most Improved Team of 2024. While their roster size remained roughly the same as at last year's championship, Orchard Lake showcased their improvement throughout all levels of competition, leading their team to take home third in both the Men's and Women's Sweep categories. The athlete's improvement in each of these categories contributed to their overall improvement in their team's ranking with a jump from 9th to 3rd place in the Combined Points, earning 89 points more than in 2023. Orchard Lake closed out their 2024 season with a gold medal in the Women's Junior 4+ at SRAA Nationals.



### **OLS SUMMER CAMPS SHINE BRIGHT**



Basketball camp MVPs received Gatorade goodies and photos with our Gatorade

Player of the Year, TREY MCKINNEY (P'25), and fellow 2024 state champ ISIAH HINES.

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Joshua & James Ross brought their first annual youth camp to OLSM.
Josh Ross is an NFL linebacker for the Baltimore Ravens. Former Michigan Wolverine football player James Ross III is the University of Cincinnati's outside linebackers coach.





University of Michigan football punter, TOMMY DOMAN, brought fellow collegiate kickers from all over the state, including MSU and Grand Valley, to help coach our summer campers. He also shared his championship rings, including the national championship ring!



## м ST. JOHN PAUL II LITURGICAL CENTER UPDATE

August 15 marks the solemnity of the Assumption of Mary. According to our Catholic belief, the Immaculate Mother of God, the ever-Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory. This teaching was infallibly defined by Pope Pius XII on Nov. 1, 1950. This is "a divinely revealed dogma" and is thus a matter of faith that has been divinely revealed by God and that has been infallibly proposed by the Magisterium of the Church as such.

Here are some thoughts below from the homily of St. John Paul II for the solemnity of the Assumption in 1998.

Fr. Bernard Witek

Director, St. John Paul II Liturgical Center



## IN THE WORDS OF ST. JOHN PAUL II:

"Blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her from the Lord." (Lk 1:45).

With these words, Elizabeth welcomes Mary who has come to pay her a visit. This same beatitude resounds in heaven and on earth, from generation to generation (cf. Lk 1:48), and particularly in today's solemn celebration. Mary is blessed because she immediately believed in the Lord's Word, because she unquestioningly accepted the Almighty's will revealed to her by the angel at the Annunciation.

We could see in Mary's journey from Nazareth to Ain-Karin, recounted in today's Gospel, a prefiguration as it were of her unique spiritual journey which, beginning with her "yes" on the day of the Annunciation, is crowned by her Assumption into heaven in body and soul. A journey to God, ever illumined and sustained by faith.

The Second Vatican Council says that Mary "advanced in her pilgrimage of faith, and faithfully persevered in her union with her Son unto the Cross" (Lumen gentium, n. 58). For this reason, she so pleased the King of the universe in her incomparable beauty that now, fully associated with him in body and in soul, she is resplendent as the Queen standing at his right hand ...

*In today's solemnity, the liturgy invites us all to contemplate Mary as the "woman clothed with the sun, with the* moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars" (Rv 12:1). In her shines forth Christ's victory over Satan, described in apocalyptic terms as the "great red dragon" (Rv 12:3).

This glorious and at the same time dramatic vision reminds the Church in all the ages of her destiny of light in the kingdom of heaven, and of comfort in the trials she must bear during her earthly pilgrimage. As long as this world endures, history will always be the theatre of the clash between God and Satan, between good and evil, between grace and sin, between life and death.

The events of this century, now drawing to a close, also witness with extraordinary eloquence to the depth of this struggle that marks the history of peoples, but also the hearts of every man and woman. However, the Easter proclamation which has just resounded in the Apostle Paul's words (cf. 1 Cor 15:20), lays the foundation of sure hope for everyone. Mary most holy, taken up into heaven, is a luminous icon of this mystery and hope.

Mary, glorified in her body, appears today as the star of hope for the Church and for humanity... Her sublime exaltation does not distance her from her people or from the world's problems, on the contrary, it enables her to watch effectively over human affairs with that attentive concern with which she obtained the first miracle from *Jesus at the wedding in Cana ...* 

Mary, taken up into heaven, show yourself to everyone as Mother of hope! Show yourself to everyone as Queen of the civilization of love!

## **POLISH INSTITUTE UPDATE**

## GENERAL ANDERS' GREATEST VICTORY:

## THE POLES AT ANCONA, JULY 1944

In 2024, we continue to mark the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversaries of some of the most critical events in Polish history during World War II. In May, we remembered the epic struggle of the Polish Second Corps under the command of General Władysław Anders to capture Monte Cassino and break Germany's formidable Gustav Line: <a href="mailto:polishweekly.com/the-poles-at-monte-cassino-1944-2024">polishweekly.com/the-poles-at-monte-cassino-1944-2024</a>.

Although Monte Cassino was the most dramatic and best remembered battle of the Polish Second Corps, it was not their biggest or even the most successful battle. After victory at the Monte Cassino and the capture of Rome, it is easy to forget that the war in Italy and the story of the Polish soldiers there was by no means over.



#### A NEW COMMAND FOR GENERAL WŁADYSŁAW ANDERS

After a few weeks of rest and refitting in the wake of the Battle of Monte Cassino, the soldiers under the command of Polish General Władysław Anders were ready to go back to the front. Now, however, they were not a fresh, untested unit and the Poles and their commander had won the respect of the Allied Command in Italy. In June, General Anders was given command of the Adriatic Coast sector of the Allied front, located on the eastern side of the Italian peninsula.

During June and July, the Allies were pushing hard against the German defenses. In north central Italy, Nazi commanders were preparing a new line of fortifications to halt Allied armies in the mountains and prevent them from reaching the flat open ground of Italy's Po River valley where Allied tanks and airpower would have an overwhelming advantage. To do this they needed to delay the Allied advance and complete their preparations. The Allies, for their part needed to capture as

much ground as they could before the start of winter when bad weather would allow the enemy to use Italy's rough terrain and poor infrastructure to their best advantage. The Allies were hindered by the fact that central Italy had few good ports. Most Allied supplies and reinforcements were coming from the port of Naples well south of Rome and then trucked north over Italy's poor roads made worse by the Germans' systematic campaign to destroy every road and bridge as they retreated north. To have any chance of winning the race against time, the Allies needed to capture not only territory but ports.

The city of Ancona was one of the only major ports on Italy's eastern coast. Its capture would help relieve the Allied supply situation and perhaps allow Allied forces to reach the Po Valley before winter. General Anders and the men of the Second Corps now set their sights on Ancona. It was a measure of the trust the Allies placed in Anders that he was not only allowed to plan the battle but was given command of other Allied troops to support the Polish efforts. These soldiers included the British armored forces of 7th Queen's Own Hussars and the IX Assault Unit of the Italian Co-Belligerent Army. (The latter were under the free Italian government that sought to liberate their homeland from the Germans as well as Mussolini's fascist forces.)

#### Anders' Plan

At Monte Cassino, the Poles had little choice but to attack into the teeth of well-prepared German defenses, suffering heavy losses to finally break through. This time, General Anders planned to use movement and deception to capture Ancona, which could not only reduce his losses but hopefully capture the city without widespread destruction which would make using the port even harder.



Opposing Anders were German forces amounting to nearly two divisions under the command of Gen. Henry Hoppe, a veteran officer who had fought the Poles before in 1939. Many of his men were veteran soldiers and the German high command reinforced Hoppe's force with additional tanks and artillery. By the time the Poles attacked, the Germans had created a new fortified line around Ancona.

Anders had two options, to attack up the coast, taking advantage of the flatter ground but also allowing the Germans clear fields of fire. The other

option would be to outflank the German forces, but this would require Anders' men to cross rough terrain. In both cases, the Germans were ready with reserves able to shift in either direction to contain any attack Anders might launch. The key to victory, Anders knew, was to deceive the enemy about where the blow would fall.

#### THE MIRACLE AT LORETO

In late June 1944, Polish forces supported by Italian troops began to move against the Germans south of Ancona who were trying to delay the Allied advance as long as possible. By the first week of July, the Poles secured the important town of Loreto, just south of Ancona. Loreto is the site of the Holy House, the dwelling of the Blessed Virgin Mary, which is a relic incorporated into the city's cathedral and an important pilgrimage site for Catholics for centuries.



On July 6, the German artillery began to target the town, now occupied by Polish forces. Enemy shells rained down on the cathedral and in a short time, the ancient church was engulfed in flames. Then, soldiers of the Second Corps rushed into action, not with weapons this time but with ladders and buckets of water, braving the flames and smoke to save the cathedral and its precious relics. Many Poles were injured pulling burning debris from the building, but several minutes and hundreds of buckets of water later the raging flames suddenly died away. Many of the townspeople who witnessed this believed it was a miracle since their precious church had appeared to be completely lost to the fire.

The Cathedral of Loreto contains chapels to pilgrims of many nations and after the war when the damaged caused the by shelling was repaired, the grateful residents commissioned a new stained-glass window for the Polish chapel showing the soldiers with buckets and ladders putting out the fire, which can be seen by visitors yet today.

#### THE BATTLE OF ANCONA

To keep the German commanders guessing, Anders' men began a series of actions to hide their real plans. Units would move during the day and then return to their original positions at night. Sounds made by the movement of tanks and heavy vehicles were masked by artillery fire. Dummy vehicles and artillery positions were created to deceive German observers. Polish commandos attached to Anders' command conducted nighttime raids on German advance positions, causing enemy casualties and capturing prisoners in order to further suggest where a preliminary attack might take place.



By July 17, Anders was ready. German reserves were concentrated nearer to the coastal sector of the line. Here, Anders positioned the 3<sup>rd</sup> Carpathian Rifles Division under Gen. Bronisław Duch. Inland, his strike force would be the 5<sup>th</sup> Kresowa (Borderland) Rifle Division commanded by Gen. Nikodem Sulik which would be closely supported by the 2d Armoured Brigade assisted by the British armored regiment.

At 0630 hours, Polish artillery and American fighter bombers commenced bombardment of German positions.

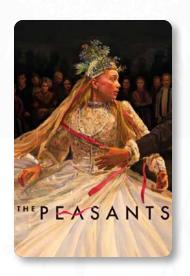
Behind the bombardment came the 5<sup>th</sup> Kresowa, breaking through the German defenses. Polish tanks followed the infantry and exploited the initial gains. The Polish Shermans ran amok, trampling German trenches and artillery positions. Enemy troops retreated or surrendered. Along the coast, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Carpathian Division also stepped up the pressure, pinning down the Germans' reserves and preventing them from stemming the Polish advance further inland.

Nightfall brought no relief for the Germans. Polish armor cars and tanks continued to press their advantage in spite of the darkness, capturing the town of Agugliano overlooking the road north of Ancona and the Germans' only escape route. By morning on July 18, Polish and British tanks supported by teams of Polish infantry, cleared German defenders from the small villages west of Ancona and began driving toward the Adriatic Sea.

German forces now fled north to avoid being completely cut off. By midafternoon, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Carpathian Division entered Ancona, capturing the town and the remaining German defenses with hardly a shot. The Germans lost 800 dead and over 3000 captured (many of them wounded). Additionally, the Poles captured 25 tanks and considerable haul of artillery and supplies. Polish losses were 498 dead and 1789 wounded.

Although General Anders and the Polish Second Corps will always be remembered for their capture of Monte Cassino, Ancona was perhaps their greatest victory, won through superior generalship, tactical skill, and deception that overcame powerful German defenses, captured a key port, and minimized Allied losses.

Dr. John Radzilowski is a historian and Director of the Polish Institute of Culture and Research, Orchard Lake, Michigan.



## "CHŁOPI" FEATURED ON NETFLIX

The critically acclaimed, animated historical movie, "*The Peasants*" (Chłopi), is on Netflix. If you have not had the opportunity to view this Polish classic, be sure not to miss your chance! The following review is an excerpt from Prep Class of 2025 Sienna Smith's movie review published in the May 2024 *Campus Communicator*.

"The Peasants (Polish: Chłopi) is a Nobel Prize-winning novel written between 1904 and 1909 by Władysław Reymont. The novel is a chronicle of peasant life during the four seasons of a year and is a mandatory read for Polish students... The 2023 adaptation of *The Peasants* was directed and written by D.K. Welchman and Hugh Welchman and produced using the painted animation technique over the production of five years. Initially the adult animated historical drama was shot with the actors. Then, more than one hundred painters from four studios in Poland, Lithuania, Ukraine, and Serbia painted over 40,000 oil paintings based on the shots,

which became frames in the film. Animators then worked to supplement the paintings to make the whole film seamless. The artists spent over 200,000 hours in total working on the project . . . 'The Peasants' is a must see. The visual intricacy, time, and effort it took to create this movie make it a one-of-a-kind experience."

# PICR HOSTS PROFESSORS FROM JOHN PAUL II CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF LUBLIN, POLAND

Fr. Dr. Prof. Sławomir Bylina and Fr. Dr. Jacek Golbiak, distinguished professors from the John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin (KUL), recently spent a week at our archives with Archivist Sr. Genowefa Potaczała. During their visit, they conducted extensive research on Polish military chaplains and related subjects.



## UNIQUE PARTNERSHIP WITH PICR AND METROPOLITAN MUSEUM OF DESIGN DETROIT

Earlier this year, the Polish Institute of Culture & Research (PICR) and Friends of Polish Art (FPA) joined forces and partnered with the Metropolitan Museum of Design Detroit (MM-o-DD) for the upcoming seventh edition of the International Design Exhibition & Marketplace exhibit. In addition to Poland, the 2024 exhibit will also feature Finland and Italy, and will open on November 8, 2024, at The Metropolitan Museum of Design Detroit, located at 905 Henry Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Detroit, Michigan 48207.

If you are interested in being included in the Polish American artist registry and possibly becoming a part of the MM-o-DD exhibit in November, please contact Alina Klin (ad7484@wayne.edu) or Elijah Majeski (emajeski@picrol.org) and they will provide you with details. PICR and FPA would also appreciate your help with spreading the news about this initiative.





## CONSULAR VISIT DYŻUR KONSULARNY

AUGUST 2-3, 2024

ORCHARD LAKE
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ORCHARD LAKE VILLAGE,
MI 48324





THE POLISH INSTITUTE OF CULTURE & RESEARCH'S ART ON THE LAKE FINE ART SHOW

WILL NOT BE HELD THIS YEAR.

We look forward to sharing many more memorable events with you and continuing this remarkable journey together.





St. Mary's Students, Teachers & Staff

## WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL





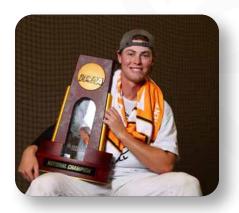
## ALUMNI NEWS

## KEVIN JAPPAYA (P'99) IS A CRAIN'S DETROIT BUSINESS REAL ESTATE LEADER

We're excited to share that Kevin Jappaya (P'99), has been recognized by *Crain's Detroit Business* as a 2024 Notable Commercial Real Estate Leader!

To read the full feature, visit: <a href="https://www.crainsdetroit.com/awards/kevin-jappaya-notable-commercial-real-estate-leaders-2024">https://www.crainsdetroit.com/awards/kevin-jappaya-notable-commercial-real-estate-leaders-2024</a>





## NCAA NATIONAL BASEBALL CHAMPION BLAKE GRIMMER (P'23)

BLAKE GRIMMER (P'23), Prep alumnus and current University of Tennessee student athlete is holding the NCAA National Baseball Championship trophy he and his teammates won in June 2024! He played varsity baseball at the Prep and was part of the State Championship team.

## POLISH ARMED FORCES DAY Sunday, August 18, 2024



## 1:00 PM

Polish Mass in the Shrine Chapel of St. John Paul II

Celebrated by Fr. Bernard Witek

Singing by Filaret Choir

## 2:00 PM

Polish Dinner

Campus

Dining Hall

\$20/person



## PLEASE RSVP BY AUGUST 14, 2024

Contact Fr. Witek at: (248) 602-7579 OR bernardwitek@yahoo.com





After many years of thoughtful footsteps, the pathways of the Marian Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes at Orchard Lake St. Mary's have given way to age and are in need of repair. The Mary Project needs your help to sustain this prayerful space.

We are soliciting your support to repave the walkways and paths, starting with the walkway from the Grotto towards the lake. It will be paved with custom bricks to make it much more attractive and durable than poured concrete, and we are asking that you donate one or more of the bricks.

You may individualize a brick for you, or your family, honor a loved one or create an in-memoriam message. The donated bricks will become a part of the Grotto, paving the way for generations of visitors. As a friend of the Grotto and Orchard Lake Schools, please take advantage of this exceptional opportunity to have your commemorative brick(s) become a permanent part of this prayerful space.

Construction of Phase 1 will begin in early November. Sales for Phase 2 (continuing towards the lake) began October 1, 2023. There is plenty of space for additional commemorative bricks. Bricks purchased for Phase 2 are \$150 each and will be installed in November 2024.

The bricks are 4" x 8" x 2 1/4" and are engraved using state-of-the-art laser technology. Every brick engraving is guaranteed for life!

All donations are tax deductible. EIN: 82-5453994

## **ALL ORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED BY SEPTEMBER 15, 2024**

### PLEASE PROOF READ CAREFULLY! \$20.00 FOR CHANGES MADE AFTER ORDER IS PLACED

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#### MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:

The Mary Project

If you have any questions, please contact: Maureen Gross themaryproject@myyahoo.com

## Upcoming Event Highlights AUGUST 2024

- 4 Polish 1st Sunday
- **15 Feast of the Assumption**Polish Armed Forces Day (Poland)
- 18 Polish Soldiers Day Mass & Dinner @ Shrine Chapel @ 1:00 PM Galeria open from 1:00-3:00 PM
- **19-20** Freshman Orientation (½ day)
  - 21 Sophomores, Juniors & Seniors Orientation (½ day)
  - **22** Classes Begin (All Students Full Day)
  - 29 Varsity Football vs. Portage Northern HS
  - 30 No School Labor Day Weekend

Check www.olsmathletics.com for more information on MHSAA playoffs, and check for results on Instagram and Facebook.

#### MONTHLY ENROLLMENTS

Throughout the year, donors to the Orchard Lake Schools enroll their loved ones in the "Friends of the Orchard Lake Schools" Enrollment. These names are those that have been added from the month of June. Prayers are offered at every mass at the Archdiocesan Shrine of St. John Paul II for those names enrolled. For more enrollment information, please contact Lisa Gray at <a href="mailto:lgray@orchardlakeschools.com">lgray@orchardlakeschools.com</a>.

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## ZAPRASZAMY

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

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

## Sunday, September 1st • 1:00 PM

- There will be a Polish Dinner after the Mass in the Dining Hall.
- Please RSVP to the dinner by Tuesday, August 27th.
- For more information, call (248) 602-7579 or bernardwitek@yahoo.com.



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

## **AUGUST 2024**



#### **SUNDAY, AUGUST 4**

<b>9:00</b> AM	Fr. WITEK • POLISH*	SEMINARY CHAPEL
<b>9:00</b> AM	Fr. Nguyen • Latin	St. John Paul II Shrine
<b>11:00</b> AM	Fr. WITEK • ENGLISH	St. John Paul II Shrine
1:00 PM	Fr. Witek • Polish* Polish 1st Sunday	St. John Paul II Shrine

#### **SUNDAY, AUGUST 11**

9:00 AM	Fr. WITEK • POLISH*	SEMINARY CHAPEL
<b>9:00</b> AM	Fr. Perrone • Latin	St. John Paul II Shrine

#### 11:00 AM Fr. WITEK • ENGLISH St. John Paul II Shrine

7.00 pm	FD WITEK . FNGLISH	GPOTTO

#### **SUNDAY, AUGUST 18**

THURSDAY, AUGUST 15 - FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION

<b>9:00</b> AM	Fr. WITEK • POLISH*	SEMINARY CHAPEL
<b>9:00</b> AM	Fr. McDonell • Latin	St. John Paul II Shrine
<b>11:00</b> AM	Fr. WITEK • ENGLISH	St. John Paul II Shrine
<b>1:00</b> PM	Fr. Witek • Polish* Polish Armed Forces Day	St. John Paul II Shrine

#### **SUNDAY, AUGUST 25**

<b>9:00</b> AM	Fr. Witek • Polish*	St. John Paul II Shrine
9:00 AM	Fr. Whitaker • Latin	SEMINARY CHAPEL

11:00 AM Fr. WITEK • ENGLISH St. John Paul II Shrine

#### **EXTRA-LITURGICAL DEVOTIONS**

1 <sup>ST</sup> SATURDAY 8/1	Mass at 9:00 am then Devotions • Fr. Witek	St. John Paul II Shrine
1 <sup>ST</sup> THURSDAY 8/2	Mass at 7:00 pm then Devotions • Fr. Witek	St. John Paul II Shrine
1 <sup>ST</sup> FRIDAY 8/3	Mass at 7:00 pm then Devotions • Fr. Witek	St. John Paul II Shrine
THURSDAY 8/14	BIBLE STUDY AFTER MASS AT 7:45 PM	SEMINARY CHAPEL
FRIDAY 8/16	<b>DIVINE MERCY PRAYERS</b> AT 7:45 PM	St. John Paul II Shrine
	Krąg Biblijny at 8:00 pm	SEMINARY CHAPEL

**CONFESSIONS** 

 MONDAY-FRIDAY
 6:00 pm - 6:55 pm
 St. John Paul II Shrine

 SATURDAYS
 8:00 am - 8:55 am
 St. John Paul II Shrine

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