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"Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity.." ~ 1 Timothy 4:12

Four years ago, St. Mary's Preparatory made history with the addition of the first Girls Division. In the fall of 2020, these young women became changemakers of the Class of 2024.

These 53 young women not only proved they could overcome some of the challenges of in-person learning in the wake of the pandemic but also the transitions both the Girls Division and the Boys Division faced in adapting to this Co-Divisional model. We are so proud of these young women for breaking new ground, exploring the unexplored, pushing beyond norms, and taking charge of change.

Words can't express all the achievements the Girls Division Class of 2024 has reached nor how much the Boys Division Class of 2024 has grown and excelled as a result the paths they walked in shared spaces, the history they made, and the dreams they reached TOGETHER and INDEPENDENTLY. But in the words of Merriam-Webster conveying an adage popularly attributed to Confucius, "A picture is worth a thousand words." Today, we celebrate how some of the Girls Division Class of 2024 social media moments captured the last four years' moments in time.

The Orchard Lake Schools





2024 HONORS CONVOCATION

Award Winners

BOYS DIVISION

<u>AWARD</u> <u>WINNER</u>

Valedictorian Kyle Kavc

Salutatorian Norman Klawender Jr.

Freshman of the Year Charlie Bear; Landon Draper

Sophomore of the Year GAETANO DI PONIO

Junior of the Year Noah Sallach

Senior of the Year Norman Klawender Jr.

Anthony & Stella Kozma Award Luke Jasinski

Senior Athlete of the Year AIDAN DONOVAN

Msgr. Milewski Spirit Award Owen Turner

Ken & Jackie Smerecki Award

ALESSANDRO TARTAGLIA

Karen Stewart Award JACK MORAN

NICHOLAS PINKSTAFF

Cathy Koterba Award

Julian Stirparo

Tim Zebari Award PATRICK KAKOS

Paul Ziemba Award Noah Heymes

TIMOTHY HUMES JR.

Tim Teklinski Award Arkadiusz Sobesto

Iron Man Award Andrew Smith

Headmaster's Award Mason Wisniewski

Patrick Daneluk "Unsung Hero" Award Brett Alexander

Nicholas Lazar Ashton Denha

Brendan Kelly

ASHTON SHAMMAMI

Ronan Stonehouse

John Philip Sousa Award Nicholas Fritsch

5 YOUNG MEN WHO CHOSE TO SERVE OUR COUNTRY

U.S. Air Force Academy Norman Klawender Jr.

Joshua Janda

Navy ROTC at Univ. Notre Dame

NICHOLAS GRAYSMARK

U.S. Air Force enlistment SAMUEL ROGERS

U.S. Army enlistment Ronan Stonehouse

Award Winners

GIRLS DIVISION

Valedictorian Reece McNutt

Salutatorian Alexandra Fritsch

Freshman of the Year Zoey Kapeller

Sophomore of the Year VICTORIA KAKOS

Junior of the Year KIRA HOWCROFT

Senior of the Year REECE MCNUTT

Anthony & Stella Kozma Award Sienna Smith

ARIEL COSNOWSKI

Senior Athlete of the Year Macy Ward

Msgr. Milewski Spirit Award CAMERON COLE

Ken & Jackie Smerecki Award Josephine Roodbergen

Karen Stewart Award Applison Selby

GRACE KLIMMEK

Mary Kaye Neumann Award PIA ZAMMIT

Tim Zebari Award Sophia Borowski

Maureen Gross "Mary Project" Award

Amelia Czarnik

MIRIAM CZARNIK

Iron Eaglet Award Jenna Viaene

Headmaster's Award Emma Lawrence

"Lady Eaglet" Award Ashley Hegedus

ELENI LIGERAKIS RACHEL WARD ISABELLA ATTO AVERY DRAPER

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COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES 2024

Adrian College* Albion College* Alma College Arizona State University* Auburn University* **Baylor University** Beloit College **Boston University**

Bowling Green State University* Butler University* Calvin University Case Western Reserve

Central Michigan University* Clemson University*

Colorado State University Concordia University*

Cornerstone University

DePaul University Drexel University

Eastern Michigan University* Ferris State University* Florida A&M University

Florida State University Grand Valley State University* Hillsdale College

Hope College*

Howard University

Indiana University* Kelley School of Business*

Kalamazoo College* Kansas State University* Kent State University

Kettering University Lawrence Technological University* Loyola University Chicago* Lynn University

Madonna University

Marquette University*

Miami University (OH)* Farmer School of Business*

Michigan State University* Broad College of Business*

Michigan Technological University* North Carolina A&T

North Carolina State University

Northern Michigan University*

Northwood University*

Oakland University* Ohio Northern University*

Ohio University

Purdue University*

Rensselaer Polytechnical University Saginaw Valley State University*

Saint Joseph's University

Seton Hall University*

Southern Methodist University Cox School of Business

Syracuse University

The Ohio State University

The Pennsylvania State University* Smeal College of Business

> **Tulane University** U.S. Air Force Academy* University of Alabama*

University of Arizona* University of Cincinnati* University of Colorado Boulder

Leeds School of Business University of Connecticut

University of Dayton* University of Denver

University of Detroit Mercy* 6 year dental, MBA, Law 3+3

> University of Florida* University of Kansas*

University of Kentucky*

University of Miami* Herbert Business School

University of Michigan* Ross School of Business* Honors College

University of Michigan Dearborn University of Notre Dame* University of South Carolina* University of Southern California Marshall School of Business*

University of Tennessee Knoxville* Halsam College of Business University of Utah Villanova University*

University Honors Program' Wake Forest University Wayne State University* Western Michigan University*

Xavier University*

NC44

*denotes multiple acceptances

TOTAL SCHOLARSHIPS EARNED:

\$12,088,840

(as of April 22, 2024)

EAGLETS PLAYING AT THE NEXT LEVEL

BOYS DIVISION:

JACK CALDWELL • Rowing, Syracuse University Joe Salvatera • Rowing, Adrian College HARRY SMITH • Rowing, Adrain College

GIRLS DIVISION:

CAMERON COLE • Soccer, University of Toledo Hannah Lahue • Softball, Madonna University **REECE McNutt** • Rowing, University of Notre Dame **ADDISON SELBY** • Rowing, Dusquene University MACY WARD • Softball, Kalamazoo College

STELLANTIS VISIT SPARKS CAREER CURIOSITY

OLSM was fortunate to spend the morning with a management team from Stellantis who gave engineering and business

presentations to junior and senior students. They brought their most recent vehicle and answered student questions on supply chain



regulations, and automotive engineering. We are grateful for their time, attention, and expertise!

FORMER ASSISTANT TO ERNEST HEMINGWAY SPEAKS TO STUDENTS

management,

What does Prep alumnus and Class of 2023 Salutatorian SEBASTIAN HINTON'S grandmother, Anne Bouch, have in common with Nobel Prize laureate Ernest Hemingway? Valerie Danby-Smith who, five years after Ernest Hemingway's death, married the writer's estranged son, Gregory, and became a Hemingway. She is Bouch's former Bath, Ireland classmate and best friend, Ernest and Mary Hemingway's former personal secretary, and author of Running with the Bulls: My Years with the Hemingways. The incredible connection that brought Valerie to OLSM surfaced when Chris Czarnecki, Prep English teacher and crew head coach, met Bouch, the grandmother of Hinton, a crew alumnus, at the rowing fundraiser, and learned of her friendship with Valerie.



On Wednesday, April 24th, Valerie Hemingway visited the Prep and spoke to AP English students about her prolific times with Mr. and Mrs. Hemingway in the later part of the 1950's and early '60's when they were touring Spain and he was collecting work for his final book, The Most Dangerous Summer, which chronicled the 1959 bullfighting season. Valerie Hemingway was critical to the family's move out of Cuba, keeping everything that was there at their family farm just outside of Havana intact, following the Cuban revolution. It is still a museum, where Ernest lived and kept all his writings, responses and photos, all of which had to be catalogued and preserved.

"I went to a school that was also called St. Mary's Dominican in Dublin, Ireland," said Hemingway. "I thought, what can I be? I was very interested in English literature and writing so I thought I'd like to be a journalist . . . I applied for a job at the local newspaper, The Irish Times, and was rejected . . . I went to Spain (January, 1959) and a managing editor friend back in Ireland said if I sent him some dispatches from Madrid, he'd look at them and if he felt he could use them, he'd pay me. I really felt like I was already hired, I was on my way . . . I stayed with a family getting free room and board in exchange for teaching the school age children English . . . I would spend one weekend day with them . . . On Easter Sunday, we went to the bullfight . . . so that was my first bullfight and that was influential in getting my job with Hemingway . . . I met some friends who introduced me to a couple who ran a Belgian news service, and they were looking for someone to do interviews in the English language. I said I'd do it, and it was very easy because they gave me a list of questions. So, the fourth interview I was doing, they sent me off to Ernest Hemingway . . . So off I went to Hemingway, and the lead question was, 'Mr. Hemingway, why have you come back to Spain? You promised that after the Spanish Civil War, you would not go back to Spain until Franco, the leader of the country,



was either dead or defeated . . .' Hemingway sort of turned to me and said, 'Well, I came back in 1953 on my way to Africa and back to Spain, and then I came in 1956 ... to see the bullfights and now I'm here.' I had no other question. I hadn't looked up where Hemingway was from, what books he read, it was a completely empty page for me. I had to use my ingenuity ...

There will be moments when somebody asks you a question and you'll need to answer because it could pertain to your future and you need to think ... Hemingway always said, 'Write what you know about. I would also say to you, answer what you know about' ... So I was able to tell him about the scene in Ireland ...

One of Hemingway's interests was people so he started questioning me and it was almost his interview and he asked me, 'What are you doing in Madrid?' and I told him one of the things the managing editor of the Irish Times said to me was if you go to the Embassy and find out who are the interesting, social people . . . find out why they are in Spain and we'll do a little social and personal (story). And Hemingway said to me, 'No, no, you're going about it completely the wrong way. If you want to be a journalist, that's not the way you do it. When you leave your country, when you visit another country, you learn everything about that country. You learn everything about the culture, the background and what's going on in the

country now. Where have you been?... Of course, you have to go up to Pamplona in July (for the running of the bulls) ... find out as much as you can about it' ...

When I got there, there was a note to meet the Hemingways for dinner in the big square ... while in Spain, he celebrated his 60th birthday in Mallorca ... he asked me, 'Can you come?' and I said, 'I have to get back to Madrid to work.' ... The next day, he said, 'If you have to work, why don't you come and work for me and you could be our secretary for the Quadria and work for two months as a summer job?"

And that was how Valerie Hemingway's interview with an interesting person for a local Irish paper, answering the right questions, changed her future. Read more about author Valerie Hemingway in her book, *Running with the Bulls: My Years with the Hemingways*.

DERBY-THEMED BRUNCH HELPS ANGELS PLACE

The Girls Division's Mother-Daughter event was a tremendous success with 270 guests



enjoying the derby-themed brunch and derby-inspired attire at the Detroit Yacht Club. This 3rd annual gathering for all four grades celebrated the special women in the girls' lives and helped build community. Many thanks to the volunteer committee including Sarah D'Agostino (chair), Cheri Cosnoski, Laura Hoffman, Crystal Jabiro, Carla Rotole, Abigail Traynor, and Tonya Yono, all those who generously donated to the raffle, all those in attendance, and the DYC staff for coming together for the beautiful ambiance, great food and a fun raffle.

In addition to honoring the senior girls, the event raffle raised over \$2,500 for Angel's Place,

a Christian-based organization primarily in Oakland County whose purpose is to enrich the lives of people with special needs. Its CEO, Tom Szczepanski, is a St. Mary's Preparatory Class of 1977 graduate. Soon, members of the event committee and St. Mary's girls will visit one of the houses to present the donation, meet the residents and share a meal and activity.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

IMPACTING EMPLOYMENT • The Girls Division's Women in Business Club at OLSM hosted a donation drive April 29 to May 3 to collect donations for the organization Career Dress, located in downtown Pontiac. The organization collects business attire for women who are less fortunate and dresses them for their job interviews and workplace. Donation items included gently used business attire, shoes, accessories and new undergarments and personal hygiene products. Great work, students and families, on helping others in their employment journey.



CARING FOR MAMA BEARS • In honor of Mother's Day again this year, the St. Mary's Girls Division and Prep families are collecting items for underprivileged expecting and new moms in our neighboring communities. They are working with the Kids Empowered organization to provide at least 10 laundry baskets full of newborn essentials and a few Mother's Day goodies for the Care for Mama Bears Nonprofit. They are also working with the Right to Life - Wee Cares Outreach Program to provide infant clothing, blankets, diapers and so much more to moms and their babies in need. Collections take place through May 7th.

Music Technology's 9th grade girls

Musical Notes



division students continued to get familiar with chords and learned new

Music Appreciation strumming patterns on the ukulele!

10th grade boys division students did great work on their music presentations this



HUGE thanks to OLSM for purchasing the OLSM Band a new stand rack. This will make transporting stands to and from events a million times easier! Thank you to the students who stayed after dismissal to help Gina Dlugosielski build it.

quarter!





CONGRATULATIONS TO St. Mary's CHSL Scholar Athlete Award Recipients:

CAMERON COLE • Girls Soccer
PIA ZAMMIT • Girls Skiing
MACY WARD • Softball, Girls Hockey, Girls Golf
SAMANTHA STACEY • Girls Cross Country
BELLA RAYNISH • Girls Basketball
SOPHIE BOROWSKI • Volleyball

Rachel Ward • Tennis
Andrew Smith • Boys Basketball
Josh Simpson • Boys Track
Kyle Kavc • Boys Hockey
Matthew Graves • Boys Skiing
Anson Gorski • Lacrosse

MICHIGAN ASSOCIATED PRESS (AP) ALL STATE HONORABLE MENTION & BASKETBALL COACHES ASSOCIATION OF MICHIGAN (BCAM) BEST:

Allie Crighton • Girls Basketball Layla Stewart • Girls Basketball

AMBASSADORS BALL CELEBRATES 50th ANNIVERSARY

Thank you to all those who have joined the esteemed group of Orchard Lake Ambassadors, those who are making a lasting impact on the Orchard Lake Schools through the Ambassadors Endowment Fund. Annual earnings from this fund are used to support the core parts of the Orchard Lake Schools. Since 1974, the Ambassadors Endowment has provided more than \$5 million to projects impacting education, our Catholic faith and Polish heritage.

On Saturday, April 20th, the Ambassadors Ball returned to The Townsend Hotel in Birmingham, Michigan, to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of its inception, to celebrate members and honor our 2024 Fidelitas Medalists, Mr. Stephen Gross and Dr. Stan Majewski, and our 2020 recipient, Mr. Lud Koci. It truly was a night filled with inspiration, elegance, and generosity.



FIND YOUR WAY TO FOUNDER'S DAY 2024

Founder's Day 2023 was a two-day celebration filled with many new faces and a few new places, including the Founder's, Alumni & Friends Dinner under the big white tent in the Trzcinski Quad and inside the Fr. Rakoczy Gym AND the Founder's Day Golf Outing & Dinner at the historic Orchard Lake Country Club!

The Founder's Day 2024 Celebration is filled with incredible new and time-honored traditions you won't want to miss! For decades, supporters have come home to campus to experience alumni games and events, Holy Mass, a special dinner filled with friendship, awards and entertainment, and the popular golf outing at a nearby course. This year, we're bringing you all that and more!

It all begins Saturday, June 1st, when we kick off the first-ever Founder's Day 5K Run/Walk through our historic campus and along the pristine shores of Orchard Lake.

Rise and shine at your event pace, grab a snack, and catch up

with friends and family over fond alumni memories. Share campus with friends and family while exploring the beautiful Marian Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes at St. Mary's Prep before ascending the steps to the allnew Trzcinski Quad, just a few minutes' walk from the new and updated athletic fields.

The morning is full of alumni athletics fun and games, so if you're participating, get your game on! If you're a spectator, be there to cheer on alumni soccer, football, baseball and hockey, including the Alumni

vs. Red Wings Alumni game to benefit the Jim Clark Memorial Fund. We'll have food and beverages available throughout the day.

The Founder's Day Campus Celebration continues after Holy Mass at the Grotto (if inclement weather, Mass will take place in the Seminary Chapel). We'll kick off the evening between the Fr. Rakoczy Gym and the big white tent in the Trzcinski Quad where the Founder's, Alumni & Friends Dinner takes place.

On Monday, June 3rd, grab the rest of your foursome and join us at the historic Orchard Lake Country Club to warm up at the driving

range and have lunch before heading to the links for the shotgun start scramble format plus contests and prizes! After an amazing afternoon

on the course, don't miss the fabulous cocktail

reception and strolling dinner overlooking breathtaking views of Orchard Lake!

What could be better? The friendships you make or renew at Founder's Day 2024 and making sure you don't miss out on all this fun! Check out all the event info, make your reservations,

and get ready because here comes Founder's Day!







SATURDAY, JUNE 1 • FOUNDER'S DAY ON CAMPUS

ALUMNI GAMES & EVENTS

FOOD & MUSIC AT ST. MARY'S ATHLETIC COMPLEX

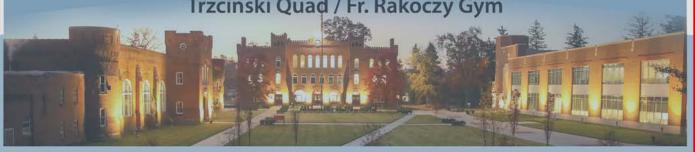
Alumni Games, Food, Music, and more!

FOUNDER'S DAY CAMPUS CELEBRATION

4:30 PM • Holy Mass at the Grotto

5:00-10:00 PM • Founder's, Alumni & Friends Dinner

Polish & American Food & Entertainment - Fun and Friends in the Trzcinski Quad / Fr. Rakoczy Gym



MONDAY, JUNE 3 • FOUNDER'S DAY GOLF OUTING

HISTORIC ORCHARD LAKE COUNTRY CLUB

10:30 AM Registration • Driving Range • Lunch

12:30 PM Shotgun Start • Scramble Format • Prizes & Contests

5:30 PM Cocktail Reception • Strolling Dinner overlooking beautiful Orchard Lake

FOR MORE INFO, CONTACT STEPHANIE GONZALES AT SGONZALES@ORCHARDLAKESCHOOLS.COM







SMAC

St. Mary's Hockey Alumni Game, then against Red Wings Alumni! Admission at door - \$20.00

ALL PROCEEDS SUPPORT JIM CLARK





You can sign up to play or come to watch as OLSM Soccer alumni compete for the coveted alumni soccer trophy!





9:30 AM **IV BASEBALL FIELD**

Sign up to play in this softball game with other OLSM Baseball alumni or just come watch the game!





You can sign up to play or come to watch as OLSM Football alumni compete 7 on 7 on the red turf field!



SATURDAY • JUNE 1

ORCHARD LAKE ST. MARY'S CAMPUS



ORCHARD LAKE COUNTRY CLUB

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POLISH INSTITUTE UPDATE

THE PEASANTS MOVIE (POLISH: CHŁOPI)

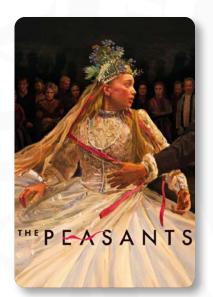
By Sienna Smith, Junior at Orchard Lake St. Mary's Preparatory

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 world premiere of *The Peasants* took place at the Toronto International Film Festival before being released in Poland on October 13, 2023. Even though internationally it received mixed reviews, the ticket sales reached above one million in Polish cinemas by November of 2023.

The critical consensus reads: "*The Peasants* is a tremendous visual achievement, although the story may be disappointingly conventional in comparison."



The movie, like Reymont's novel, is divided into four parts corresponding to each of the four seasons. It takes place at the turn of the twentieth century, over the course of one year, in the village of Lipce. It is a story of Jagna, a young woman determined to shape her own life path in a very traditional Polish village full of envy, greed, gossip, and truly little joy. Jagna finds herself forced to marry the richest, widowed peasant in the village (Maciej) while being in a love affair with his married son (Antek). Jagna and Antek continue their love affair, which puts Jagna on a tragic collision course with the community around her, who decides to banish Jagna from the village.

Despite the mixed reviews, *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 not only for Polish people, but for everyone. For the last few weeks, the movie was shown in select theaters around Michigan. However, it may now be bought or rented on Blue Ray, Digital and DVD from Sony Pictures online. For more information, visit the Polish Institute's website at www.picrol.org.

WELCOME, ELIJIAH MAJESKI

The staff of the Polish Institute of Culture & Research is excited to share that Elijah Majeski has joined us as our new Galeria Manager. He is an artist and writer from Romeo, Michigan. He loves music and credits his parents with always encouraging the arts. He grew up attending concerts, the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, and Detroit Jazz Fest, running cross-country and track, and appreciated photography and set design, often using art to express his interests.



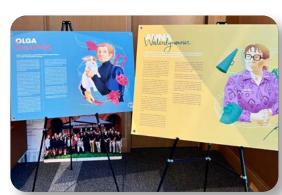
Following his passion for the arts, he obtained a BFA with a concentration in Photography from the Pratt Institute in New York City in 2016. After graduation, he began working as an assistant to many artists to support exhibitions across the country. This pushed him to think more critically, to know more, and communicate it through art. As a Curatorial Assistant at Glenstone in Potomac, Maryland, Majeski coordinated presentations by notable international contemporary artists including Rirkrit Tiravanija, Faith Ringgold, Louise Bourgeois, Jeff Wall, Arthur Jafa, Dan Flavin, and Vija Celmins, among many others.

In 2021, he returned to Detroit to serve as the Gallery Manager for Reyes | Finn in Detroit, Michigan. While at Reyes | Finn, he oversaw the day-to-day operations of the gallery's program while building relationships with Southeastern Michigan's flourishing arts community.

As the Galeria Manager, he is eager to bring his years of experience as an arts professional to share the incredible collection of works at the Polish Institute of Culture & Research.

OUTSTANDING POLISH WOMEN EXHIBIT

For the last several months, a display titled "Outstanding Polish Women" has been on loan from the Embassy of the Republic of Poland in Washington D.C. sponsored by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Republic of Poland as well as the #IamPolka movement. This display was placed in the lobby of the Burkacki Academic Center. Students, faculty and staff were able to discover these remarkable women, many of whom were introduced to these historical figures for the first time. We are proud to share the stories of these seven women:



Wanda Rutkiewicz (1943-1992) was a Polish mountaineer and computer engineer. She was the first woman to reach the summit of K2 and the third woman (first European woman) to summit Mount Everest.

Maria Skłodowska-Curie (1867 -1934), a Polish and naturalized-French physicist and chemist who conducted pioneering research on radioactivity. She was the first woman to win a Nobel Prize, the first person to win a Nobel Prize twice, and the only person to win a Nobel Prize in two scientific fields. Her husband, Pierre Curie, was a co-winner of her first Nobel Prize, making them the first-ever married couple to win the Nobel Prize and launching the Curie family legacy of five Nobel Prizes. In 1906, she became the first female professor at the University of Paris.

Irena Sendler (1910 –2008) was a Polish humanitarian, social worker, and nurse who served in the Polish Underground Resistance during World War II in German-occupied Warsaw. From October 1943 she was head of the children's section of Żegota, the Polish Council to Aid Jews (Polish: Rada Pomocy Żydom).

Olga Boznańska (1865 –1940) was a Polish painter of the turn of the 20th century. She was a notable painter in Poland and Europe, and was stylistically associated with the French impressionism, though she rejected this label.

Anna Walentynowicz (1929 –2010) was a Polish free trade union activist and co-founder of Solidarity, the first non-communist trade union in the Eastern Bloc. Her firing from her job at the Lenin Shipyard in Gdańsk in August 1980 was the event that ignited the strike at the shipyard, set off a wave of strikes across Poland, and quickly paralyzed the Baltic coast. The Interfactory Strike Committee (MKS) based in the Gdańsk shipyard eventually transformed itself into Solidarity; by September, more than one million workers were on strike in support of the 21 demands of MKS, making it the largest strike ever.

Krystyna Chojnowska-Liskiewicz (1936 –2021) was a Polish naval engineer and sailor as well as the first woman to have sailed single-handed (i.e. solo) around the world. She sailed from the Canary Islands on March 28, 1976, and returned there on April 21, 1978, completing a circumnavigation of 31,166 nautical miles in 401 days.

Maria Siemionow (1950- present) is a Polish transplant surgeon and scientist. She is known for leading a team of eight surgeons through the 22 hour, first near-total face transplant procedure performed in the United States at the Cleveland Clinic in 2008. The patient, Connie Culp, a 45-year-old woman from a small town in Ohio, was exceedingly disfigured by a close range shotgun blast in 2004. (*Source: Wikipedia*)



HAPPY NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK: APRIL 21-27th

We extend our deepest gratitude to our dedicated volunteers from both our St. Mary's and Polonia families. Special thanks to Therese Leszcz, Valerie Koselka, and Jane Stevenson of the Polish Genealogical Society of Michigan, whose regular contributions to our archives are invaluable. Dziękujemy!

Therese Leszcz, PGSM President; Dr. John Radziłowski, PICR Director and Jane Stevenson, PGSM Member.



VISIT THE POLISH INSTITUTE ON SOCIAL MEDIA!

We invite you to explore our social media pages for more photos and news.

(Online readers can click below)

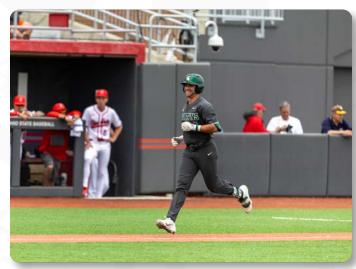
FACEBOOK: Polish Institute of Culture & Research at Orchard Lake INSTAGRAM: @picrOrchardLake



ANOTHER HOME RUN FOR DILLION KARK (P'19)

Congratulations to DILLION KARK, Prep Class of 2019, who continues to make news in the ballpark! The Michigan State University 5th-year senior and starting 3rd basemen, recently received MSU Baseball's Scholar-Athlete Award for the highest cumulative GPA on the team!

He graduated this spring after majoring in Communication and is now working through his Master's in Strategic Communication. "My goals after the season and graduation are to play professionally or become a Major League Baseball scout," added Kark. "Coming from a school that is at the top of the state in baseball every year, I took what I learned in the few high-pressure situations that high school baseball offers and used them in college baseball where there are high pressure situations constantly. Life is like a camera. Focus on what's important. Capture the good times. Develop from the negatives. And if things don't work out, take another shot." What a home run!



CALL TO ARTISTS



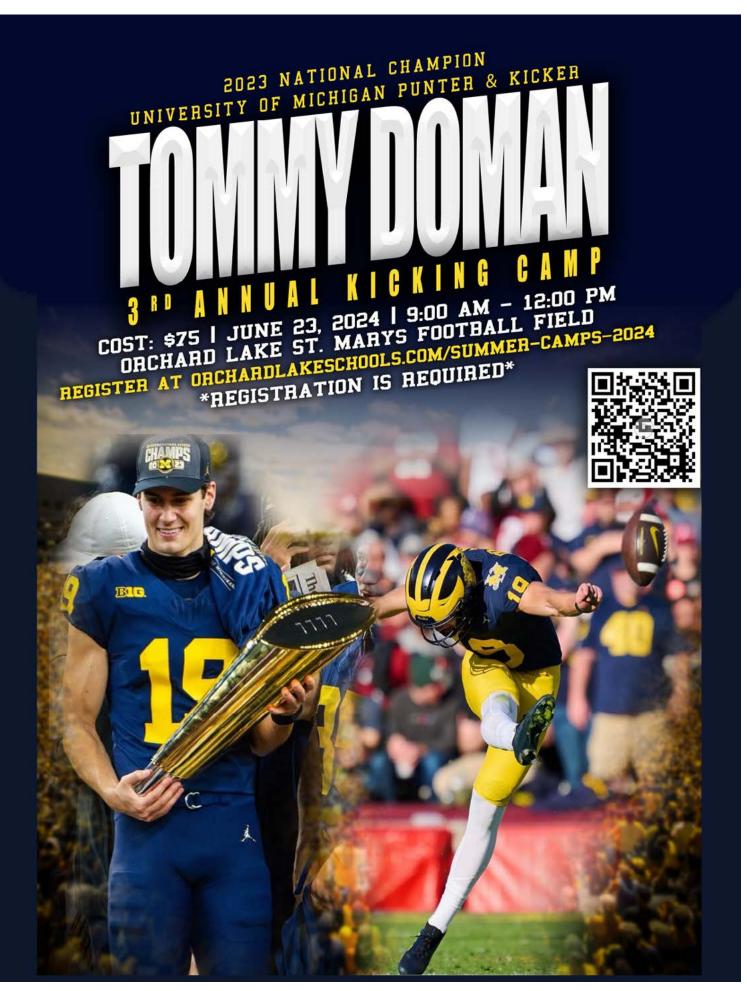
Upon approval, you will receive an informational packet. Booth size is 10'x10'. You must provide your own tent, table, and chairs. You may request additional booths available if necessary (\$50 for both days).

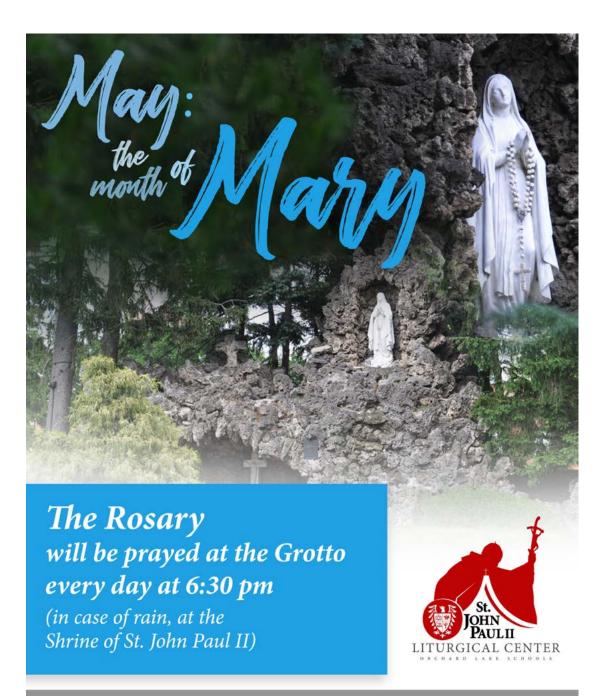
REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS AUGUST 30th, 2024

visit: www.picrol.org/art-on-the-lake for more information and to register









www.sjp2liturgicalcenter.com • <u>Facebook</u>: @sjp2liturgicalcenter

ZAPRASZAMY

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

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

Sunday, June 2nd • 1:00 PM

- There will be a Polish Dinner after the Mass \$20 per person
- Please RSVP for the dinner by Tuesday, May 28th
- Call (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

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

	\$150 - 4x8 Brick 3 lines of text, 20 characters per line (including spaces and punctuation)	
LINE 1		
LINE 2 LINE 3		

Address:		
		State:
Zip:	Phone:	

MAIL FORM AND PAYMENT TO:

The Mary Project 3535 Commerce Road Orchard Lake, MI 48324

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:

The Mary Project

Upcoming Event Highlights • MAY 2024

- 1 Softball CHSL Ouarterfinals TBD
- 2 Senior Prom
- 3 Constitution Day in Poland Softball vs. New Boston Huron @ 4:30 PM Baseball vs. Toledo St. Francis @ 5:00 PM Girls Soccer vs. Liggett @ 5:00 PM Track @ Mitch Lutzke Williamston Invite
- 4 14th Annual Laddie Cup Regatta 5K Run/Walk Baseball vs. U of D Jesuit @ 11:00 AM
- 5 Polish Constitution Day Mass & Lunch
- 6 Baseball vs. Divine Child @ 4:30 PM Softball @ CHSL Semifinals TBD
- **7-10** Final Exams for Seniors
 - Teacher Appreciation Luncheon
 OLSM Spring Band Concert @ 7:00 PM
 @ Dombrowski Field House
 Girls Soccer vs. Lutheran North @ 7:00 PM
- 8-11 CHSL Baseball Playoffs TBD
- 10 Track @ Algonac Friday Night Lights
- 11 Track @ CHSL Championship
- 13 Baseball vs. Okemos @ 5:00 PM Lacrosse vs. Clarkston @ 7:00 PM
- **13-14** Crew @ Midwest Scholastic Championship @ Kensington State Park
 - 15 Softball vs. Country Day @ 4:30 PM Track @ Lincoln Invitational

- **16** Girls Soccer CHSL Semifinals TBD
- **16-18** Track @ MHSAA Regional Championship
- 16-20 MHSAA Lacrosse Regionals TBD
 - 17 Senior Boys Celebration Breakfast
 Graduation Practice
 Senior Girls Celebration Lunch
 Polish School Graduation
 End of 4th Marking Period
 Baseball vs. Rochester Adams @ 7:00 PM @ Legacy
 Center
 - 19 Graduation Day Pentecost Sunday
 - 20 Crew at Michigan State Championship @ Kensington State Park Baseball vs. Sterling Hgts. Stevenson @ 4:30 PM
- **20-23** Final Exams
 - 23 Last Day of School Softball vs. Holly @ 4:00 PM
 - **24** Track @ Oakland County Championship
 - **26** Concert at the Lake
- **26-27** Crew @ SRAA National Championship @ Oakridge, TN
 - 27 Memorial Day
 - 29 Track @ Divine Child Championship
 - 30 Feast of Corpus Christi Softball vs. Clarkston @ 4:30 PM

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 March. 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 lgray@orchardlakeschools.com.

NORMA ABRAM
RENE & NORMA ARTUSI
JOSEPH BETZ
MANOLO BUMANLAG
MAUREEN ELIZABETH MAHER CARR

MAUREEN ELIZABETH MAHER CARRON GLORIA CLAEYS

GLORIA CLAEYS

MODESTA CRUZ

DR. DENNIS GUT

LORRAINE LAFFERTY
DELORES M. MARROLETTI
JOHN NAZZARO
MICHAEL W. PAWLOWSKI
RICHARD & ANNA RITA PAWLOWSKI
CHRISTOFER RUNION

HARRY SCHEIB RITA SHONK

MAY 2024



SUNDAY, MAY 5

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
1:00 PM	Fr. Witek • Polish* Polish 1st Sunday	St. John Paul II Shrine

SUNDAY, MAY 12 • FEAST OF THE ASCENSION

9:00 AM	Fr. Witek • Polish*	SEMINARY CHAPEL
9:00 AM	Fr. Nguye • Latin	St. John Paul II Shrine
11.00 AM	FR WITEK . FNGLISH	ST JOHN PAUL II SHRINE

SATURDAY-SUNDAY, MAY 19* • PENTECOST SUNDAY

7:45 PM ALL NIGHT ADORATION BEGINS

9:00 AM Fr. Witek • Polish* All night Adoration Ends Seminary Chapel
11:00 AM Fr. Witek • English Seminary Chapel

* NO LATIN MASS ON PENTECOST SUNDAY

SUNDAY, MAY 26 • FEAST OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

9:00 AM	Fr. Witek • Polish*	St. John Paul II Shrine
9:00 AM	Fr. Ward • Latin	SEMINARY CHAPEL
11:00 AM	FR WITEK • FNGLISH	ST JOHN PAUL II SHRINE

^{*} Feed for the Live stream of the Polish Masses: www.facebook.com/olsnews

EXTRA-LITURGICAL DEVOTIONS

I THUKSDAY 5/2	IVIASS AT 7:00 PM THEN DEVOTIONS • FR. VVITEK	SI. JOHN PAUL II SHRINE
1 ST FRIDAY 5/3	Mass at 7:00 pm then Devotions • Fr. Witek	St. John Paul II Shrine
1 ST SATURDAY 5/4	Mass at 9:00 am then Devotions • Fr. Witek	St. John Paul II Shrine
THURSDAY 5/16	BIBLE STUDY AFTER MASS AT 7:45 PM	SEMINARY CHAPEL
FRIDAY 5/17	DIVINE MERCY PRAYERS AT 7:45 PM	St. John Paul II Shrine
	Krąg Biblijny at 8:00 pm	SEMINARY CHAPEL

MAY CONFESSIONS

(Different this month for the May Rosary everyday at the Grotto at 6:30 PM)

 MONDAY-FRIDAY
 5:30 pm - 6:20 pm
 St. John Paul II Shrine

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



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