

ORCHARD LAKE SCHOOLS

ST. MARY'S PREPARATORY ✦ ST. JOHN PAUL II LITURGICAL CENTER ✦ POLISH INSTITUTE OF CULTURE & RESEARCH

CAMPUS COMMUNICATOR

• NOVEMBER 2023 •

*"The Lord gives strength to his people,
and the Lord blesses his people with peace." - Psalm 29:11*

'Tis the season to ring in religious, cultural, and seasonal celebrations here at Orchard Lake. It may be getting colder outside, but we invite you to warm your heart and spirit by joining our campus community and experiencing traditions woven into our 139th year.

Prep students are fully engaged in the academic year. The two junior class divisions celebrated a cherished spiritual tradition in October by having their graduation rings blessed during their perspective Ring Days.

Universities value St. Mary's students and a steady string of college recruiters are visiting campuses and appealing to Eaglets regularly. Last year, our students earned more than nine million dollars in scholarships from colleges and universities all over the U.S. and the Class of '24 is sure to add to it with the first group of young women ever to graduate from St. Mary's contributing their accomplishments.

This month, the Polish Institute of Culture & Research and the Polish Genealogical Society of Michigan sponsored "Honoring Our Ancestors: A Historical Visit" by bringing many the opportunity to take a motor coach from our campus on a journey through historical Detroit and Hamtramck! Planned stops included Sweetest Heart of Mary Church, Saint Hyacinth Church, the Polish Art Center, and the Hamtramck Historical Museum, before returning to campus for a traditional Polish dinner!

We welcome you to the Holy Mass in the intention of Poland on Polish Independence Day (November 11). We will celebrate this Mass in Polish on Sunday, November 12 at 1:00 PM in the Shrine Chapel.

On Sunday, November 19, from 4:00-8:00 PM, you won't want to miss the annual tradition – "Mingle All the Way" Christmas Tree Lighting - started and continued by Robin Goddard, all right here in and around the Trzcinski Quad. Experience all the excitement of the tree lighting with even more treats this year, including holiday shopping at the Christmas Market at the Burkacki Academic Center, the opportunity to feed the reindeer out in the Quad, Christmas carolers, and children's holiday crafts! Enjoy food, family photos with Santa, and so much more fun, especially when Santa lights the tree at 6:15 PM!

But wait, there's more coming in December so mark your calendars and join us for our Wigilia Celebration (Saturday, December 2), Advent by Candlelight (Thursday, December 7), Koledy, A Polish Music Christmas Concert (Sunday, December 10), and the Chancellor's Senate Recognition Dinner (Thursday, December 14). Turn the pages for more event details and locations, make your reservations, and join us. There's no time like the present to make plans for these holiday happenings.

We give thanks for you today and every day in prayer. Please pray for us.

The Orchard Lake Schools



**GOD. FAMILY. ST. MARY'S.
RING DAY AT ORCHARD LAKE**

The Girls Division Class of 2025 celebrated Junior Class Ring Day on Sunday, October 8, and the Boys Division Mass took place Sunday, October 15. Mass took place in the Archdiocesan Shrine of St. Paul II. This time-honored tradition commemorates the time when juniors rise to become Men and Women of St. Mary's and further lead by example in faith, family, and their education.



ALL ABOUT ART WITH OLSM ART TEACHER, JULIA SALDANA

Q: Which classes do you currently teach at OLSM (including grade levels & divisions) and which clubs/sports/service groups do you facilitate?

This year I am teaching Engineering Arts to 9th grade girls, Graphic Design to 11th & 12th grade boys, Architectural Drawing to 11th grade girls, Drawing & Painting to 12th grade boys and Ceramics to 12th grade girls. I also support seniors with their college admissions' portfolios. We are in the process of creating an art club this year. Students are encouraged to visit the art classroom at the dormitories during 4th hour seminar to express their interest in leading and/or participating in the club.

Q: Can you share more about the Art Department's participation in campus events/happenings?

During each school year, art is displayed throughout campus. During the past two years, the Music and Art departments have collaborated on the Christmas & Spring Band Concerts. Students listen to the concert's playlist to create artwork inspired by the sounds of each song. The artwork continues to be exhibited at the SMAC.



The Art Department also hosts two yearly art competitions. In the fall, students can participate in the Art on the Lake Poster Contest, in collaboration with the Polish Institute of Culture & Research. And in the spring, the Black History Month Art Contest is held. Artwork submitted is displayed at different events and/or locations and the winners receive a prize as well as campus-wide recognition.

Art students have also created permanent artwork on campus. In the dorms, visitors can enjoy a Zentangle Painting designed and created by Miriam Czarnik ('25). Clare Maher ('25) and Kyle Kavc ('24) collaborated with an OLSM Art Installation found in the SMAC. In

addition to that, Clare Maher also created a Christmas Concert Art Installation to be used yearly, during the Tree Lighting event and Christmas Concert.

Art has been present during the homecoming football games in the form of breakaway banners, yard signs and face painting. And a great collaboration with the Athletic and Art departments is in the works to continue spreading school spirit through art. The Art Department also created ribbon pins in support of a Ukraine relief fundraiser led by OLSM students.

Q: Can you share some of your favorite things?

My culture, family, art, education, and adventure are my greatest pleasures. My husband and I have two children (15-year-old boy and 10-year-old girl) with a rich Mexican and Puerto Rican ethnic background. We moved to Lake Orion from the Rio Grande Valley in Texas, six years ago and became captivated by the change of seasons and beautiful outdoors. I am a proud Texas Longhorn! I graduated with a B.A. in Studio Art from the University of Texas at Austin and received my Teaching Certification in Art and Spanish from Saginaw Valley State University. This is my third year at Orchard Lake St. Mary's, and I feel grateful to be part of this amazing community. For me, the best part of being an art educator is the moment students surprise themselves with a skill they never imagined having.



MAKING MUSIC



Senior **ATILLA TURAN** was recently selected for the Wayne State University High School Honors Orchestra!

Junior **NOAH SALLACH** and Sophomore **LUKE SALLACH** had the amazing opportunity to attend Oakland University's Woodwind Day. They attended workshops, performances, master classes, and a woodwind ensemble reading session. Thank you for going out and representing the OLSM Music Program!



The OLSM Pep Band is showing their athletic program spirit by supporting our teams at various sporting events.



OLSM's Prep Band provided musical entertainment for all those attending and volunteering at the 2nd Annual Art on the Lake hosted by the Polish Institute of Culture & Research.

HISTORY MAKERS

We're so excited to share that the **BOYS DIVISION VARSITY SOCCER TEAM** is the first in its school history to go undefeated in the regular season and become CHSL district semifinalists! The Eaglets ran off 11 straight wins, all while climbing the stat sheets each week, earning their highest ranking of #4 in the state.

Congratulations to head soccer coach **KEITH JEFFERY** for earning the MIHSSCA District Coach of the Year 2023 – the second time since 2020! Coach Jeffery helped lead the Eaglets to a 13-5 (10-0) 2023 season as varsity went undefeated in CHSL division play earning the program's first ever sectional championship.

The following boys soccer players earned CHSL honors:

All Catholic: BRETT WOJKOWSKI, COLE PLAGENS, RHYS GOLDEN, GABE RICHER

All League: CAMERON STEWART, LUKE RICHER, ANTHONY MARINCO, TOMMY RUSHWIN

All Academic: NORMAN KLAWENDER

All District: RHYS GOLDEN, ANTHONY MARINCO, GABE RICHER, TOMMY RUSHWIN, BRETT WOJKOWSKI, COLE PLAGENS, CAMERON STEWART, LUKE RICHER



The **VARSITY VOLLEYBALL TEAM** earned back-to-back Catholic League Cardinal Championships! The team defeated Lutheran North to defend their Catholic League title Thursday, October 12, in the Cardinal Championship Game. That same night, head coach **MOLLY CAMPBELL** was named Coach of the Year!

Congratulations, CHSL AA Division Champs! All of our Girls Division volleyball team levels swept the league on October 3rd by going undefeated in league play.



CONGRATULATIONS STUDENTS!



OLSM varsity football defeated Brother Rice 41-7 on senior night, October 13th for back-to-back trophy wins! The following football players earned CHSL honors:

All-Catholic:

DUKE COATS, ANTONIO JOHNSON, DJ WHITE, BRYSON WILLIAMS

All League:

CJ COATES, CHRIS DETTORE, TREY GOIKE, JAYDEN SAVOURY

All Academic: ARMON ROLLINS

Junior **MEA D'AGOSTINO** and senior **JOSH SIMPSON** both ran in the CHSL Championship at Kensington Metro Park and finished top 15 to receive All Catholic recognition. Mea finished 2nd and Josh finished 13th. They also medaled at the Fr. Gabriel Richard Invitational mid-October. Mea finished 8th with a new personal record (19:32) and Josh finished 13th in the mid-sized school division.

D'Agostino was also awarded "All County" at the Oakland County Cross Country High School Championship race at the Possum Hollow course at Kensington Mark Park. She came in 9th place with a 5K time of 19.53. The competition was intense with 44 teams and over 300 girls varsity runners.



Girls cross country placed 5th overall at the CHSL Bishop Championships! At Regionals, OLSM Men's and Women's Cross Country teams had a great season! **MEA D'AGOSTINO** finished 3rd (medal) overall in the Women's D2 Regional Championship while **JOSH SIMPSON** finished 10th (medal) and **BELA MATYUS** 17th in the Men's D2 Regional Championship against some very tough competition late October. They will all be running in the State Championship on Saturday, November 4 at MIS. Good luck to our State qualifiers and Go Eaglets!

The OLSM Rowing Team concluded its fall season in late October at the Blake Haxton Regatta in Columbus, Ohio. The team proved to be one of the fastest scholastic teams in the Midwest by having several top five finishers and three medalists:

- Gold in the Men's Novice 4+ with the crew of **MITCHELL ALEXANDER, ALEX FOX, PIERSON KUHN, ARI KHEYNSON** and **VAUGHN BAYOFF**.
- Silver in the Men's Novice 8+ with the crew of **MITCHELL ALEXANDER, ALEX FOX, PIERSON KUHN, ARI KHEYNSON, IAN NAKANISHI, ALEX KARIBIAN, JACOB GARDYNIK, BRADY WEBSTER, BRENDAN HEGEDUS** and **CHLOE FILIATRAUT**.
- Bronze in the Women's 2nd 4+ with a crew of **ELLIE AZZATO, SIENNA SMITH, NIKA LADOSSENSZKY, SADIE ROSS** and **ASHLEY HEGEDUS**.



Girls golf finished 3rd in the CHSL Tournament!
Go Eaglet golf!

Did You Know

... OLSM is forming a Girls Division varsity hockey team?

This month, the OLSM Girls Division makes history again with the first-ever Girls Division varsity hockey team formation! They will be playing in Division 1 of the Catholic High School League (CHSL). The season started on November 1, and the first game is November 15 against Northville High School.

"We are a unified team with St. Catherine's," said St. Mary's new girls varsity head coach Craig Ward. He has coached hockey for over 25 years at every level of the sport including youth hockey at Orchard Lake. Ward began coaching girls' hockey at Little Caesars U10 where he started the girls' program with one team that has grown to over seven. His daughter, Macy Ward, played her sophomore and junior years with a combined team including Sacred Heart while he was the assistant coach. Over the last two seasons with a unified team at Sacred Heart, it was always our mission to build girls varsity hockey at St. Mary's. "Thanks to the efforts of Molly Campbell, Jermaine Gonzales, and Brian Klanow, we were able to provide a platform to do this at St. Mary's in combination with St. Catherine's which, for me, was my number one goal," added Ward. "We are dedicated to growing the program in a capacity of a unified team and soon branch off into our own team and compete at the highest level in girls high school hockey."

Come cheer on the girls varsity hockey team at their season home opener November 15th against Mid-Michigan at 4:00 PM in the St. Mary's Athletic Complex (SMAC)!



St. Mary's Preparatory
"This is the way, walk in it"
Isiah 30:21
A co-divisional Catholic high school
Open House
Sunday, November 5th
Tours, 9am-12pm

admissions@stmarysprep.com www.stmarysprep.com 248-392-9280

OLSM BAND
Christmas Concert
DECEMBER 5TH
BANQUET ROOM (SMAC) IN THE
DOMBROWSKI FIELDHOUSE AT 7 PM

Admission: Donations for the Sr. Judie Outreach Food Drive
ITEMS ACCEPTED *NO GLASS ITEMS*:
diapers (newborn to size 5), chunky Progresso soups, canned chicken, boxed cereal, individual fruit cups/applesauce, individual treats for lunches, tuna, mayo, NutriGrain/protein bars, pasta/pasta sauce, canned vegetables, macaroni and cheese, canned ravioli, toiletries, washcloths, deodorant, razors, toilet paper, paper towels, dry cat/dog food, hats, gloves, and scarves.

PINK IN THE RINK
SATURDAY
FEBRUARY 10th
2024
ST. MARY'S VS. BROTHER RICE

ST. MARY'S PREPARATORY
AUCTION GALA
AN EVENING OF DINNER, AUCTIONS, LIVE MUSIC, & DANCING.
MAGNIFICENT CHARITABLE MORNINGS
FEBRUARY 3
2024

Mingle all the Way

CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING
at ORCHARD LAKE ST. MARY'S

4:00-6:00 PM

Christmas Market • Feed the Reindeer! • Carolers

6:15 PM

Tree Lighting Ceremony • Christmas Music

6:30-8:00 PM

Chili, Cornbread, Cookies

Visit by Santa

Candy Canes

Stockings for the kids

Photographer



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19th

4:00-8:00PM • OLSM CAMPUS QUAD

Mingle all the Way "SNEAK PEEK"

SPECIAL APPEARANCES BY:
SANTA & THE ELVES • REINDEER

PERFORMANCES BY:
MONIQUE & PRAISE TEAM • CHRISTMAS CAROLERS • OLSM BAND

CHRISTMAS MARKET VENDORS
(A-Z):

ALMOND HUT • BLUE KUNA SPICES • HAVEN HILL COOKIE CO.
LINDA'S CRAFTY CREATIONS • LUMINISTIC CREAMS • MOMS & DADS CLUB (GREENERY)
OLSM BOOKSTORE • PIENKY POTTERY • ROSARY FOR MARY (CUSTOM ROSARIES)
SRODEK'S (POLISH MARKET) • SMITTEN MITTENS • SPICER ORCHARDS

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES:

CHRISTMAS COLORING • MAKE YOUR OWN CHRISTMAS CARD
DECORATE A COOKIE • PET THE REINDEER • REINDEER FOOD BAGS
VISIT AND PICTURES WITH SANTA

FOOD & BEVERAGE:

CHILI, SLOPPY JOES, PIZZA & DESSERTS
(BY MARCO SANTIA & STAFF)

50/50 RAFFLE PRIZES:

COURTESY OF CHRISTMAS MARKET VENDORS



ORCHARD LAKE SCHOOLS

CHANCELLOR'S SENATE RECOGNITION DINNER

The Chancellor's Senate membership program supports the immediate needs of the Orchard Lake Schools. Memberships can be designated to support the Orchard Lake Schools, St. Mary's Preparatory, the St. John Paul II Liturgical Center, or the Polish Institute of Culture & Research.

We have been a prestigious center of the Catholic faith, rigorous education, and Polish culture for generations. We are committed to building upon these traditions, and your membership goes immediately to help sustain this mission. Whether it be helping to provide excellent faculty and retreat programs for the Prep, cultural programming honoring our Polish history through the Institute, or the focused religious mission of the new St. John Paul II Liturgical Center, your membership plays a key role. In addition, your gift helps us with the things on campus that may seem simple but are at the core of our search for excellence in all we do together.

To ensure that OLS can continue its proud traditions, we seek support from our alumni, parents, friends, faculty and staff. We are proud of our progress and with your help, we can continue our quest for excellence.

MEMBERSHIP LEVELS:

- CUM LAUDE: \$1,000 gift in the current year. (2 Complimentary tickets)
- MAGNA CUM LAUDE: \$2,000 gift in the current year. (2 Complimentary tickets)
- MAXIMA CUM LAUDE: \$5,000 gift in the current year. (4 Complimentary tickets)
- SUMMA CUM LAUDE: \$10,000 gift in the current year. (4 Complimentary tickets)

LIFETIME SUMMA CUM LAUDE MEMBERSHIP:
\$100,000 gift. This level provides a lifetime membership.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO JOIN THE CHANCELLOR'S SENATE
please contact Lisa Gray at (248) 392-9974 or lgray@orchardlakeschools.com



Thursday, December 14th - 6:00pm

Wabeek Country Club

WIGILIA CELEBRATION

AT ORCHARD LAKE

Sponsored by the St. John Paul II Liturgical Center



"POKLON PASTERZY" Zofia Stryjenska (1891 Kraków-1976 Genewa)

Saturday, December 2, 2023

Archdiocesan Shrine

All proceeds will benefit the St. John Paul II Liturgical Center

4:30 ~ Music by the Filarets Choir

*Tickets for the Supper are \$40.00

5:00 ~ **HOLY MASS**

Seating is limited. All reservations must be confirmed by November 24th.

Campus Dining Hall

6:00 ~ **POLISH VIGIL SUPPER***

To pay by check:

Please send checks to Orchard Lake Schools
ATTN: Margaret Wozny
3535 Commerce Road - Orchard Lake, MI 48324
and write "Wigilia" on memo line

For questions, please contact:

Margaret Wozny at info@sjp2liturgicalcenter.com
or call (248) 392-9279 ofc. / (586) 907-6788 Cell.



ST. JOHN PAUL II LITURGICAL CENTER UPDATE

We begin the month of November with the solemnity of All Saints and on the following day, November 2, we commemorate all the faithfully departed (All Soul's Day), while the last Sunday of the liturgical year is dedicated to Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. All these celebrations are concerned with eschatology that is the science of last things: death, judgment, and the final destiny of the soul and of humankind. We may reflect on them from the perspective of Jesus' message as "the Gospel of life," the "good news" to all the people of every age and culture. St. John Paul II does it in fact in his Encyclical Letter, *Evangelium Vitae*, "on the Value and Inviolability of Human Life." We may just quote what he says about "The incomparable worth of the human person" (no. 2):

FR. BERNARD WITEK
Director, St. John Paul II Liturgical Center



IN THE WORDS OF ST. JOHN PAUL II:

Man is called to a fullness of life which far exceeds the dimensions of his earthly existence, because it consists in sharing the very life of God. The loftiness of this supernatural vocation reveals the greatness and the inestimable value of human life even in its temporal phase. Life in time, in fact, is the fundamental condition, the initial stage and an integral part of the entire unified process of human existence. It is a process which, unexpectedly and undeservedly, is enlightened by the promise and renewed by the gift of divine life, which will reach its full realization in eternity (cf. 1 Jn 3:1-2). At the same time, it is precisely this supernatural calling which highlights the relative character of each individual's earthly life. After all, life on earth is not

an "ultimate" but a "penultimate" reality; even so, it remains a sacred reality entrusted to us, to be preserved with a sense of responsibility and brought to perfection in love and in the gift of ourselves to God and to our brothers and sisters.

The Church knows that this Gospel of life, which she has received from her Lord, has a profound and persuasive echo in the heart of every person-believer and non-believer alike-because it marvellously fulfils all the heart's expectations while infinitely surpassing them. Even in the midst of difficulties and uncertainties, every person sincerely open to truth and goodness can, by the light of reason and the hidden action of grace, come to recognize in the natural law written in the heart (cf. Rom 2:14-15) the sacred value of human life from its very beginning until its end, and can affirm the right of every human being to have this primary good respected to the highest degree. Upon the recognition of this right, every human community and the political community itself are founded.

In a special way, believers in Christ must defend and promote this right, aware as they are of the wonderful truth recalled by the Second Vatican Council: "By his incarnation the Son of God has united himself in some fashion with every human being". This saving event reveals to humanity not only the boundless love of God who "so loved the world that he gave his only Son" (Jn 3:16), but also the incomparable value of every human person.

The Church, faithfully contemplating the mystery of the Redemption, acknowledges this value with ever new wonder. She feels called to proclaim to the people of all times this "Gospel", the source of invincible hope and true joy for every period of history. The Gospel of God's love for man, the Gospel of the dignity of the person and the Gospel of life are a single and indivisible Gospel.

ZAPRASZAMY

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

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

Sunday, December 3 • 1:00 PM

• No refreshments this month in lieu of Wigilia December 2

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



SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS & ALL SOULS

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1 & THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2023

Mass Schedule (both dates):

5:30 PM MASS • POLISH • SEMINARY CHAPEL

7:00 PM MASS • ENGLISH • ST. JP II SHRINE

IN MEMORIAM & PRAYERS FOR ALL SOULS

On the Feast of All Souls, and every day, we pray for our dearly departed. Those here are souls in the Orchard Lake Schools community who have passed into eternal rest in 2023.

"Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them."

William C. Audette
July 23, 2023 - Age 71
Orion Township, Michigan

Gloria Brunhard
(Honorary Alumna, Class of 2003)
April 16, 2023 - Age 94
Douglaston, New York

Robert Gerald Fisher
(Father of Bishop Robert Fisher, Aux. Bishop of Detroit)
August 15, 2023 - Age 90
Utica, Michigan

Robert Joseph "Jake" Giacobassi (P'63)
March 8, 2023 - Age 76
San Diego, California

Rev. Thaddeus Grzelak (S'65)
May 29, 2023 - Age 84
California

James Michael "Mike" Kinna
(Father of Maureen Gross; Father-in-law of Stephen Gross; Grandfather of Michael P'08, Ryan P'08 & Stephen P'10)
August 16, 2023 - Age 89
Birmingham, Michigan

William J. Kraus, Jr. (P'66)
September 6, 2023 - Age 75
Bolingbrook, Illinois

Reverend Canon Philip Majka (C'61)
June 24, 2023 ~ Age 85
Annandale, Virginia

John L. Ostrowski (P'58)
June 29, 2023 - Age 82
Munster, Indiana

Nancy Rychcik
(Mother of Rich Rychcik - Honorary Alumna '00)
August 7, 2023 - Age 82
Allen Park, Michigan

Mariko Saffold-Yearn
(Mother of Cody P'12, Logan P'17, Dylan P'19)
February 28, 2023 ~ Age 58
Milford, Michigan

Daniel Lee Stowe (P'82)
January 10, 2023 ~ Age 58
Plymouth, Michigan

Mary Ellen Tyszka (Honorary Alumna '09)
July 13, 2023 ~ Age 84
Warren, Michigan

To view previous years in the "In Memoriam" on our website, visit:

www.orchardlakeschools.com/in-memoriam

POLISH INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION ON NOVEMBER 12

SUNDAY MASS IN THE ST. JP II SHRINE AT 1:00 PM WITH FELLOWSHIP AFTERWARDS

Bóg, Honor, Ojczyzna.

Zapraszamy na Mszę Świętą

W INTENCJI OJCZYZNY Z OKAZJI ŚWIĘTA NIEPODLEGŁOŚCI POLSKI
celebrowana przez ks. Bernarda Witka SDS, z udziałem Chóru Filaretów



12 LISTOPADA O GODZINIE 13:00

SANKTUARIUM ARCHIDIECEZJALNE ŚW. JANA PAWŁA II

Po Mszy Św. będzie polski obiad, chętnych prosimy do 7 listopada: (248) 602-7579 • lub bernardwitek@yahoo.com



THE MARY PROJECT
AT ORCHARD LAKE SCHOOLS

"We never give more honor to Jesus than when we honor his Mother."

St. Louis DeMontfort



The Mary Project plans to have Phase 1 of our Brick Paver project installed by Thanksgiving 2023. We are thankful for our donors, and especially grateful for Mary Morriarity and Arkadiusz Sobesto who keep our Grotto looking beautiful every day.

The Mary Project is dedicated to the beautification of the Marian Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes at Orchard Lake St. Mary's. The Mary Project is a registered 501(c)(3) and all donations are tax exempt.

POLISH INSTITUTE UPDATE

2nd ANNUAL "ART ON THE LAKE" A SUCCESS

On behalf of the Polish Institute of Culture & Research at Orchard Lake, we want to extend a heartfelt thank you to the artists, attendees, and volunteers who helped make Art on the Lake during October's Polish Heritage Month a successful event! There were forty artists, five musical acts (including our very own OLSM Band - thank you Ms. Dlugosielski!), and delicious Polish food from Irena's Pastry & Bistro and Srodek's. Guests came for the art but stayed for the fantastic music and food. It was truly a wonderful weekend!



A huge thank you to Ms. Saldaña and the OLSM Art Department – we appreciate your help! We are also immensely grateful to all of our volunteers and supporters. Thank you to the OLSM Moms and Dads Club and to our student volunteers.

Please join us next year on September 28 & 29, 2024, for the 3rd Annual Art on the Lake, and watch for details in the coming months to register as an artist/participant. Visit www.picrol.org.

STUDENT POSTER CONTEST WINNER

Congratulations to **CLARE MAHER!** Clare won the popular vote in a campus-wide vote for this year's 2nd Annual "Art on the Lake" Poster Contest. Her digital art design won her a \$50 gift card from Blick Art Supply Store courtesy of the Polish Institute of Culture & Research. Way to go, Clare!

Mrs. Saldaña, Art Department;
Clare Maher, and Mrs. Bieciuk, Polish Institute



THANKS FOR BLUE ARMY GRAVESITE CLEANUP



Thank you to the Polish Scouting Organization of Michigan - Obwód ZHP Michigan for cleaning up the graves of the buried General Haller's Blue Army soldiers found at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield, Michigan!

We are grateful!
Cześć ich pamięci!



DR. RADZILOWSKI IN NOVA SCOTIA

Last month, PICR Director **DR. JOHN RADZILOWSKI** spoke at the Genealogical Association of Nova Scotia in Halifax. The topic of his lecture: the importance of family and community history.

MI GOVERNOR'S PROCLAMATION

It is our privilege to announce that Governor Gretchen Whitmer officially declared the month of October as Polish American Heritage Month at the request of the Polish Institute of Culture & Research at Orchard Lake.

It is our great honor to cultivate and protect our robust culture in our great state. We thank the Governor for her recognition!



ALUMNI NEWS

CADEN PRIESKORN (P'18) DEDICATES GAMES IN MEMORY OF FATHER



Prep alumnus **CADEN PRIESKORN (P'18)** played both varsity football and basketball at St. Mary's, received several offers to play college athletics, and decided to join Memphis as a preferred walk-on in their football program. The tight end transferred to Ole Miss in January 2023 and went through some adjustments being a Division I athlete in one of the toughest leagues in the country.

According to an October 23, 2023 story on rebelwalk.com, Ole Miss coach Lane Kiffin referred to Caden as a sure-handed receiver and a monster blocker. Then he experienced an injury early this season that sidelined him for three games, but that wasn't his biggest challenge. Caden's father, Jerry, had been battling cancer for a long time and passed away on October 10, 2023. In dealing with such a major loss, Caden relies on his love of football and wants to make his dad proud. The 6-foot-5 athlete is doing very well on the field, and that's what his father wanted. In the recent rebelwalk.com story, Prieskorn related, "That's what my dad had hoped for. He often told me 'Keep doing what you're doing.' I'm just going to keep playing for him".

TOMMY DOMAN (P'21) PUNTS FOR WOLVERINES

TOMMY DOMAN (P'21) former OLSM varsity football kicker and punter, is the University of Michigan Wolverines starting punter this college football season.



Find #19 on the field for the #2 college football team in the country! During his off-season, he has given back to his alma mater at the OLS Summer Camps, assisting with football and mentoring young, aspiring athletes.

Doman was also a 2018 Annual Alumni Scholarship recipient. Prep juniors, watch for upcoming details about how you can enter your essay for this award, which involves finalists presenting their essay in a public speaking event to compete to win. Next year's event takes place in early February 2024!



Polish Institute of Culture & Research
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 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

KOLEDY

A POLISH MUSIC CHRISTMAS CONCERT

"The perfect family event for the season!"

Join us for the joy and splendor of Polish carols, highlighting Christmas melodies from Poland's mountain region.

Sponsored by:



Featuring:

The Lira Singers & Lira Chamber Players of the Lira Ensemble



The Lira Ensemble
Polish Music, Song & Dance

Ticket Price: \$30
\$25 for Students & Seniors
Free and Secure Parking

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To pay online, scan code or visit www.picrol.org



SUNDAY, DEC 10th • 3:00 PM
Sweetest Heart of Mary Church

4440 RUSSELL STREET, DETROIT, MI

Questions? email: info@picrol.org **OR** call: (248) 836-1284

Upcoming Event Highlights

NOVEMBER 2023

- 1 All Saints Day**
Boys Varsity Soccer @ MHSAA Semifinals TBD
- 2 All Souls Day**
- 4 Honoring Our Ancestors Tour**
Boys Varsity Soccer @ MHSAA Finals TBD
Cross Country @ MHSAA Finals TBD
- 5 Polish 1st Sunday**
OLSM Open House Tours 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Daylight Saving Time Ends (Clocks back 1-hour)
- 6 No School (Faculty In-Service)**
- 11 Polish Independence Day**
- 12 Polish Independence Day Mass 1:00 PM @ Shrine**
- 18 Girls Varsity Hockey vs. MLD Michigan @ 4:00 PM**
- 19 Mingle All the Way Tree Lighting @ Trzcinski Quad @ 4:00 - 8:00 PM**
- 22-26 Thanksgiving Recess (OLSM)**
- 23 Happy Thanksgiving!**
- 24/25 Boys Varsity Hockey @ Thanksgiving Tournament**
- 27 Classes Resume (OLSM)**
- 28 Girls Varsity Hockey vs. Grosse Pointe N @ 4:30 PM**
- 29 Boys Varsity Hockey @ CHSL Tournament TBD**

EVER FORWARD!

Please check out the updates on the "Ever Forward!" Strategic Planning process on our website:

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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 September. 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.*

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NOVEMBER 2023

MASS SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1 • *FEAST OF ALL SAINTS*

5:30 PM FR. WITEK • POLISH* SEMINARY CHAPEL
 7:00 PM FR. WITEK • ENGLISH ST. JOHN PAUL II SHRINE

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2 • *ALL SOULS DAY*

5:30 PM FR. WITEK • POLISH* SEMINARY CHAPEL
 7:00 PM FR. WITEK • ENGLISH ST. JOHN PAUL II SHRINE

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5

9:00 AM FR. WITEK • POLISH* SEMINARY CHAPEL
 9:00 AM FR. WHITAKER • 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, NOVEMBER 12

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 INDEPENDENCE DAY* ST. JOHN PAUL II SHRINE

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19

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

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23 • *THANKSGIVING DAY*

9:00 AM FR. WITEK • ENGLISH ST. JOHN PAUL II SHRINE

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26 • *FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING*

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

OTHER MONTHLY DEVOTIONS & EVENTS

1ST THURSDAY, 1ST FRIDAY & 1ST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS

THURSDAY 11/2	MASS AT 7:00 PM THEN DEVOTIONS • FR. WITEK	ST. JOHN PAUL II SHRINE
FRIDAY 11/3	MASS AT 7:00 PM THEN DEVOTIONS • FR. WITEK	ST. JOHN PAUL II SHRINE
SATURDAY 11/4	MASS AT 9:00 AM THEN DEVOTIONS • FR. WITEK	ST. JOHN PAUL II SHRINE
THURSDAY 11/16	<i>BIBLE STUDY</i> AFTER MASS AT 7:45 PM	SEMINARY CHAPEL
FRIDAY 11/17	<i>DIVINE MERCY PRAYERS</i> AT 7:45 PM	ST. JOHN PAUL II SHRINE
	<i>KRĄG BIBLIJNY</i> AT 8:00 PM	SEMINARY CHAPEL

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

When you can't be with us for Mass, watch our 9:00 AM Polish Mass via Facebook live stream or on our YouTube Channel, or listen to Polish Varieties Radio at 9:00 AM on WNZK 680/690 AM Detroit.

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