

ORCHARD LAKE SCHOOLS CAMPUS COMMUNICATOR

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

NOVEMBER 2024

*"But now, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand." ~ Isaiah 64:8*



Our newly redesigned Academic Open House was a wonderful success. We welcomed 240 families to campus to meet with teachers, students, and administrators. We were blessed with a beautiful fall day and an extremely vibrant campus! Our Extracurricular Open House will be held on Sunday, November 10th and will highlight all our clubs, boarding program, and athletics.

CANDACE CASTIGLIONE
Dean of Admissions, St. Mary's Preparatory

SOARING EAGLETS



**COCA-COLA
SCHOLARS
FOUNDATION**

Senior **BEN KLINGBEIL** is a Semifinalist for the 2025 class of the Coca-Cola Scholars Program. 1,336 high school seniors were selected as Semifinalists from a pool of over 105,000 submitted applications from across the country based on their academic excellence, leadership, and service demonstrated in school and community activities. According to company representatives, Semifinalists are now asked to complete Phase 2 applications, which include essays, a recommendation, and a transcript.

An independent selection committee will review the applications and recommend 250 Regional Finalists in early January to take part in online interviews. 150 Coke Scholars will be named in late February to receive a \$20,000 college scholarship and attend Coca-Cola Scholars Weekend in Atlanta, Georgia, April 3-6, 2025, where they will be the guests of honor at the 37th annual Coca-Cola Scholars Banquet and participate

in the Coca-Cola Scholars Leadership Development Institute facilitated by program alumni. In addition to receiving college scholarships, those students selected as Coca-Cola Scholars will be welcomed into a vibrant and growing community of alumni that has become a powerful force for positive change in the world. Through networking, collaborations, and friendships, the group strives to make a greater impact together.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2028 STUDENT COUNCIL OFFICERS!

BOYS DIVISION

President: ANGELO ALJARBO

VP: VINCENT BALONE

Class Rep: KALTAN SUSSEX

Class Rep: OSCAR ZHANG

Class Rep: MAXIMUS KASIEWICZ

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Historian: MADISYN PIPKIN



WILLOW RHODES: ART TO INSPIRE

Prep senior **WILLOW RHODES** is breaking boundaries in her art and inspiring others. "I've been really into art since I was really little," said Rhodes. "There are a lot of artists in my family." Her grandma was a great source of inspiration for her. And she always had art supplies available to her granddaughter. That's what kept Willow's creativity flowing. "I began with sketches, and in junior year here at St. Mary's, I fell in love with painting, especially with acrylics."



One piece caught the eye of classmates and faculty – her painting of a group of our varsity basketball State Champions (*at left*). "Basketball is one of my favorite sports. Coach Karschnia loved the painting and asked to keep it in his office. What an honor!" In this piece, she did not focus on details in any faces because she wanted to capture the essence of the team, all the players, all their accomplishments.

“Painting calms me down,” she said. “I try not to follow any rules. There is so much value in art like Tyler, the Creator. His music brings out stories. Don’t let people tell you art is bad. Don’t try so hard to fit in. Be who you want to be. Be yourself.”

Prep students are lifting up others in need through OLSM’s Halloween Candy Drive. Donations will help support First Step Mental Health Service. So sweet!



MEET VISUAL ART TEACHER TARA JOHNSON

HELPING STUDENTS TAKE OWNERSHIP OF THE ARTISTIC PROCESS

My name is Tara Johnson, and I am new to the OLSM faculty, teaching Visual Art. Previously, I taught art in Huron Valley and the International Academy, with over 30 years of experience in AP & IB Art, both at the college level.

I look forward to preparing young artists for the world beyond high school, igniting creativity and inspiring them with the critical thinking process of problem solving and experimentation. With that goal in mind, students will have the opportunity to release their creative intuition while gaining skills to effectively create using a variety of mediums/courses. In the future, I hope to bring AP Art to our program. In addition, we have started a Photography Club and an Art Club with a focus on NAHS.

St. Pope John Paul II said, “May your art help to affirm the true beauty which, as a glimmer of the spirit of God, will transfigure matter, opening the human soul to the sense of the eternal.” My vision for the OLSM art program is to provide students with the opportunity to take ownership of the art making process, preparing them for the world ahead of them with skills for critical thinking and developing creativity while bringing glory to God.



I am also a full-time photographer, and I have coached multiple sports and have been the advisor for previous yearbooks. I also love to wake foil, snowboard, mountain bike and play volleyball and hockey! My husband, Scott, is also a 6th grade math teacher in Howell and we have two corgi puppies. We both consider it a privilege to inspire our students through teaching on a daily basis. I am excited to be an OLSM Eaglet!

MARK CARROLL: HONORING OLSM POLISH HISTORY THROUGH FRESHMAN COURSE

The new Polish History and Culture course is required for all freshmen at St. Mary's. This 18-week long class is focused on creating, within the newest members of the student body, a deeper understanding of the school's traditions and its cultural connection to the country of Poland.



At its heart, the goal of this new Polish History and Culture course is to integrate every new St. Mary's student into the rich history of the Orchard Lake Schools. It helps make every student aware

that they are

each one small

part of a longstanding and expansive St. Mary's history; they are part of something bigger than their individual selves. Every person that has lived and loved the Orchard Lake Schools adds their own story and experiences to the ever-growing tapestry of memory and tradition that will last for generations to come. If my students could walk away from my class with just some smaller appreciation for their place in history and the tradition of this place, then I would consider the class to be a resounding success.



ATHLETIC HONORS

Congratulations to our Orchard Lake St. Mary's student athletes and coaches for their outstanding efforts and achievements this fall season:



Congratulations to the

Varsity Football award winners:

All-Catholic: **ANTONIO JOHNSON, DJ WHITE, BRYSON WILLIAMS**

All-League: **CHRISTOPHER COATES, DARRIN JONES, AXEL NEWELL**

All-Academic: **TREY GOIKE.**

What a great day for Eaglet football, taking home the Gridiron Trophy this season! It signifies the annual winner of the matchup between OLSM vs. Detroit Country Day.



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We're so proud of all three of our volleyball teams who three-peated their CHSL League Championship at Eastern Michigan University! The following players received fall season honors:

All-Catholic: **KADIE TARASIEWICZ, MIRIAM CZARNIK, JILLIAN GIBBS**

All-League: **AVERY KAPELLER, LINDSAY SCHWEGMAN**

All-Academic: **AMELIA CZARNIK**

Congratulations to the Men's Varsity Soccer award winners:

All-District: **GABE RICHER, CAMERON STEWART, LUKE RICHER, TOMMY RUSHWIN, ANTHONY MARINCO, PRESTON DUFF, CHARLIE BEAR**

And to varsity for achieving Team Academic All-State again this year!



Congratulations to the Boys & Girls Cross Country award winners:

All Catholic & All Region: **MEA D'AGOSTINO, COLE WISNIEWSKI**

All Region: **JAKE YONO, BELA MATYUS.**



Congratulations to the Girls Golf award winners:

All-Catholic:: **HAILEY WARD, ADRIANNA SALEM, CHARLI SIKORSKI**

All-League: **ADDISON SULLIVAN**

All-Catholic Academic: **MARISA RAKOSKI**

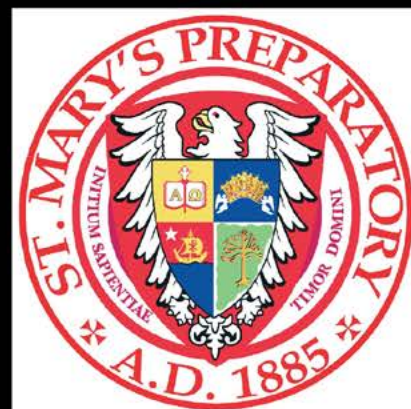
All Region: **HAILEY WARD** (also finished in 15th place at the Golf State Finals).



INTERNATIONAL CONTINGENT • The Orchard Lake St. Mary's Rowing Team sent a women's crew to compete in The Head of the Charles Regatta in Boston, Massachusetts on October 20th. This is the largest regatta in the world with 2,600 entries and 796 clubs competing. The clubs competing in this regatta demonstrate an international contingent with crews from Great Britain, France, New Zealand, Australia, Mexico, Canada, The Netherlands and Germany. The women's crew of **ELLIE AZZATO, SIENNA SMITH, NIKA LADOZENSKY, SADIE ROSS** and **CHLOE FILIATRAUT** raced on October 20th and put forth amazing effort and Eaglet teamwork! Great job OLSM Crew and thanks for representing St. Mary's!



EXTRACURRICULAR & ATHLETIC OPEN HOUSE



SUNDAY NOVEMBER 10TH 2:00-4:00PM

PROSPECTIVE FAMILIES ARE INVITED TO BECOME FAMILIAR WITH ATHLETIC AND CLUB OFFERINGS AT OLSM. THIS "FAIR STYLE" EVENT WILL ALLOW FAMILIES TO VISIT WITH CLUB MODERATORS, STUDENT MEMBERS, COACHES, AND STUDENT-ATHLETES.

- EXPLORE OVER THREE DOZEN EXTRACURRICULAR OPPORTUNITIES AT OLSM.
- GATHER INFORMATION ON THE BOARDING PROGRAM FOR BOYS DIVISION CANDIDATES.
- TOUR ATHLETIC FACILITIES.

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**CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING
AT ORCHARD LAKE
ST. MARY'S**



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CHRISTMAS GIFTS MARKET
CAROLERS & CHRISTMAS MUSIC**

WARM & COZY FOOD!

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HOLIDAY PHOTOGRAPHER

**CANDY CANES & STOCKINGS
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TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY • 6:15 PM

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24th

4:00–8:00 PM • OLSM CAMPUS QUAD

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CHANCELLOR'S SENATE

A MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM
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THAT SUPPORTS THE **HEART** OF THE ORCHARD LAKE SCHOOLS

MEMBERS OF THE CHANCELLOR'S SENATE ARE
DIFFERENCE MAKERS,
FUTURE THINKERS,
AND COMMUNITY BUILDERS . . .
TAKE-CHARGERS WHO HELP US MAP OUT HOW WE MOVE FORWARD
BY ALLOWING US TO CONTINUE OUR MISSION.

Support the **HEART of Orchard Lake.**
BECOME A SENATE MEMBER.

*If you would like to join the Chancellor's Senate, scan code now or
contact Lisa Gray at (248) 392-9974 or lgray@orchardlakeschools.com*

**THOSE WHO ENROLL NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 4, 2024 WILL RECEIVE
AN INVITATION TO ATTEND THIS YEAR'S SENATE DINNER.**

CHANCELLOR'S SENATE RECOGNITION DINNER
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12th • 6:00 PM
WABEEK COUNTRY CLUB • BLOOMFIELD TWP, MI



ST. JOHN PAUL II LITURGICAL CENTER UPDATE

In the liturgy, the month of November focuses on eschatology that is the science of last things: death, judgment, and the final destiny of the soul and of humankind. It opens with the celebration of All Saints on November 1st and the commemoration of All the Faithful Departed on November 2nd, and the liturgical year concludes with the 34th Sunday in Ordinary Time dedicated to Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. This year, it will be celebrated on November 24th. We may read some excerpts from the homily on Jesus' kingship delivered by St. John Paul II in 1998:

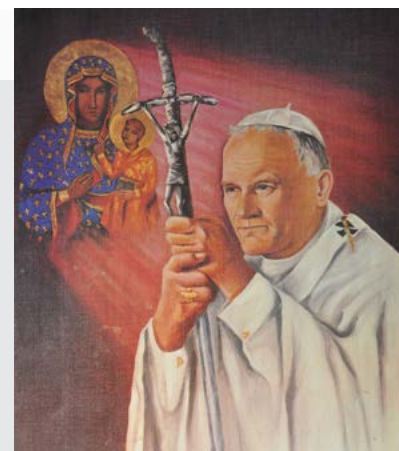
"Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews". This is the title put on the cross. Shortly before Christ's death, one of the two condemned men crucified with him said to him: "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom". What kingdom? The object of his request was certainly not an earthly kingdom but another one.

The good thief speaks as if he had heard the words exchanged earlier between Pilate and Christ. Indeed, it was before Pilate that Jesus had been accused of wanting to make himself king. Pilate had questioned him about this: "Are you the King of the Jews" (Jn 18:33). Christ had not denied it; he had explained: "My kingship is not of this world; if my kingship were of this world, my servants would fight, that I might not be handed over to the Jews; but my kingship is not from the world" (Jn 18:36). Jesus had replied directly to Pilate's repeated question as to whether he were a king: "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I have come into the world, to bear witness to the truth. Every one who is of the truth hears my voice" (Jn 18:37) ...

The words which Mary heard at the Annunciation are significant: "The Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there will be no end" (Lk 1:32-33). This kingdom, then, is not only the earthly kingdom of David, which came to an end. It is the Kingdom of Christ, which will never end, the eternal Kingdom, the Kingdom of truth, of love and of eternal life.

The Good Thief crucified with Jesus came in some way to the heart of this truth. Indeed, in a certain sense he became a prophet of this eternal Kingdom when, hanging on the cross, he said: "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom" (Lk 23:42). Christ said in reply: "Today you will be with me in Paradise" (Lk 23:43).

To this Kingdom, which is not of this world, Jesus invited us to look when he taught us to pray: "Thy Kingdom come". Obedient to his command, the Apostles, the disciples and the missionaries of all times have done their best to extend, through evangelization, the boundaries of this Kingdom. For it is both the gift of the Father (cf. Lk 12:32) and the result of man's personal response. In the "new creation", we will be able to enter into the Kingdom of the Father only if we have followed the Lord during our earthly pilgrimage (cf. Mt 19:28).



FR. BERNARD WITEK

Director, St. John Paul II Liturgical Center

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 1st • 1:00 PM

- Light refreshments after Mass in the Dining Hall
- For more info, call (248) 602-7579 or bernardwitek@yahoo.com.



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

POLISH INDEPENDENCE DAY

MASS & CELEBRATION



P O L A N D

Mass at 1:00 pm

POLISH LUNCHEON AFTER MASS IN CAMPUS DINING HALL

PRICE \$20

FOR CHILDREN UNDER 16 THERE WILL BE A
PIZZA OPTION FOR \$5.

Centrum Liturgiczne Św. Jana Pawła II wraz z Weteranami
zapraszają na specjalną Polską Mszę Świętą z okazji dnia niepodległości
celebrowaną 10 listopada o 13:00 z udziałem Chóru Filaretów.

Po Mszy będzie Polski Obiad w cenie \$20.

Dla dzieci poniżej 16 możliwość pizzy w cenie \$5.

Zgłoszenia na obiad do 6 listopada.

*Please RSVP for the luncheon by November 6.
Call (248) 602-7579 or email bernardwitek@yahoo.com*

Sunday, November 10 • 1:00 PM

WIGILIA W ORCHARD LAKE

Organizowana przez Centrum Liturgiczne św. Jana Pawła II



"POKŁON PASTERZY" Zofia Stryjeńska (1891 Kraków-1976 Genewa)

Sobota, 7 grudnia 2024 r.

Cały dochód zostanie przeznaczony na rzecz Centrum Liturgicznego św. Jana Pawła II

Sanktuarium Archidiecezjalne

4:30 ~ Kolędy w wykonaniu

Chóru Filaretów

5:00 ~ MSZA ŚWIĘTA

Jadalnia kampusowa

6:00 ~ POLSKA KOLACJA WIGILIJNA*

***Bilety na kolację w cenie \$40**

Liczba miejsc jest ograniczona.

Wszystkie rezerwacje muszą zostać
potwierdzone do 29 listopada.

Płatność czekiem:

Czek proszę przesłać do Orchard Lake Schools

Do wiadomości: Margaret Wozny

3535 Commerce Road - Orchard Lake, MI 48324

oraz napisać "Wigilia" na polu notatki.

W razie pytań prosimy skontaktować się z

Margaret Wozny, mailowo info@sjp2liturgicalcenter.com

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WIGILIA CELEBRATION

AT ORCHARD LAKE

Sponsored by the St. John Paul II Liturgical Center



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

Saturday, December 7, 2024

Archdiocesan Shrine

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

4:30 ~ Music by the Filarets Choir

5:00 ~ **HOLY MASS**

Campus Dining Hall

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

***Tickets for the Supper are \$40.00**

Seating is limited. All reservations must be confirmed by November 29th.

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.



HONORING OUR ROOTS

As we wrap up the celebrations surrounding Polish Heritage Month in Michigan, we reflect on a meaningful time of honoring our roots. However, for Polish Americans, we all know our heritage is not limited to one month—it's something we celebrate year-round. We extend our gratitude to Governor Gretchen Whitmer for issuing a proclamation (*at right*) recognizing this special month, which you can view on our website or at our Galeria.

October was a memorable month for us as we kicked off the first in a series of events at our Galeria, preparing for the highly anticipated and long-awaited ribbon cutting in the spring of 2025. A standout was Kamil Pacholec's classical music performance on October 19th, which took us on a journey through the masterpieces of Chopin and Paderewski. His talent earned a well-deserved encore! We also launched our inaugural art exhibition, Sacred Images, Holy Spaces: Art & Faith in Poland and Italy, which will be open to the public until January 6th, 2025.

Our campus marquees proudly marked Polish Heritage Month at the entrance, a reminder that OLSM is deeply connected to its Polish heritage, and we are proud to be its stewards.

Looking ahead to November, a month rich in historical and religious significance for Poles, we are hosting a fundraiser dinner for flood victims in Poland. We'll also share dates for a historical tour on the western side of the state, a captivating lecture, and more details about our sponsorship of this year's Ann Arbor Polish Film Festival. Stay up to date by visiting our website and our Polonia calendar of events online!

Z wyrazami szacunku,

ANIA BIECIUK

Associate Director for Polonia Affairs

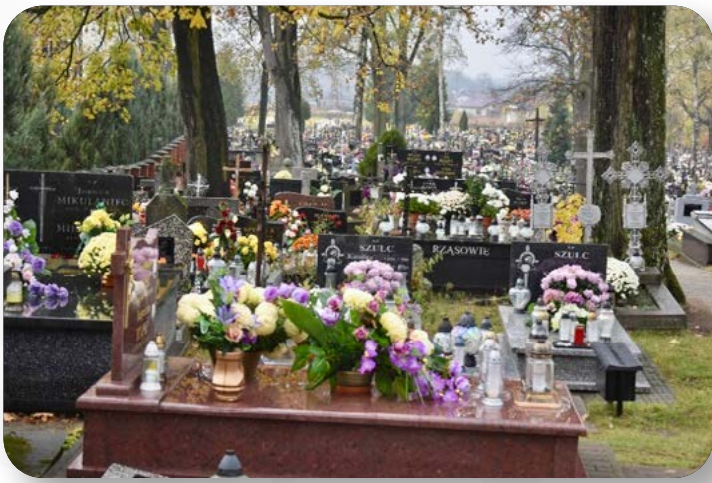


SPOTLIGHT ON FRIENDS: ALL SOULS AND ALL SAINTS DAY IN POLAND

BY THERESE LESZCZ

Every culture and religion has traditions for honoring the dead. I am familiar with those practiced by my family and, after I married, those of my husband's family. We visit their graves on birthdates, death anniversaries, and other times throughout the year. While there, we clean the graves, leave flowers, and share memories. Sometimes, we tap the headstone with a rock to "wake" the deceased before speaking to them. We place seasonal flower baskets in spring, summer, and fall, and cover graves with "blankets" for winter.

None of this prepared me for experiencing All Saints Day and All Souls Day in Poland. In 2019, Valerie Koselka and I visited Poland just before the COVID pandemic. We timed our visit to be in Zakopane during these



holidays, and I was deeply touched by what I saw. In Poland, church and family are central to life. This is reflected in their commitment to faith and their respect for elders, both living and dead. The desire to remember the deceased has been part of Polish culture for generations. In ancient times, Poles honored the dead by bringing food and drink to graves, lighting candles, and offering prayers. The food was later shared with the poor or the church.

More recently, Poles have celebrated All Saints Day on November 1, the eve of All Souls Day. There is a belief that after nightfall, the souls of the dead return to visit.

Families gather to pray before lighting candles and setting an extra place at the table for their departed loved ones. The head of the house invites the spirits to join the feast. As the family eats, a serving of food and a glass of vodka are placed at the empty setting. Afterward, the leftover food is taken to cemeteries or churches, where beggars (*dziady*) participate in the rituals honoring the dead. Though the practices have evolved, Poles continue to honor their deceased through the *Zaduszki* ceremonies in early November. All Saints Day (*Wszystkich Świętych*) is a public holiday, and the celebrations extend into All Souls Day (*Zaduszki*) on November 2. Vendors set up stalls at cemetery entrances, selling flowers, votive candles, and decorations.

We saw families traveling great distances to visit graves, arriving as large groups, with multiple generations represented. The tradition of fire and flowers is central to the celebrations. The candles symbolize light for good souls and darkness for the wicked, while chrysanthemums, resilient to frost, are the favored flower. Cemeteries glow with the light of countless candles arranged within wreaths, creating a warm atmosphere amidst the November chill.

Families knelt at gravesites, lighting candles and praying. The number of candles generated enough warmth that I considered removing my coat. Not a single grave was left unadorned; even the graves of the unknown had a lit candle and flowers. Usually, cemeteries bring me peace and tranquility, but in Poland, I also felt a deep sense of respect, reverence, and community. Strangers, even Americans like us, were welcomed to share in the rituals, ensuring that no grave went unvisited. Witnessing All Saints and All Souls Day in Poland was profoundly moving. B, resilient to frost, are the favored



We extend our heartfelt thanks to the Polish Genealogical Society of Michigan ("PGSM") for their invaluable partnership and support. The executive board regularly volunteers in our archives, contributing their time and expertise to preserve and promote our shared history. Special thanks to Therese Leszcz, Vice Valerie Koselka, and Jill O'Sullivan for their dedication. PGSM promotes research in Polish genealogy and the preservation of historical materials, fostering the documentation of family histories.

They are committed to educating members and the public in Polish culture and genealogical research.

Photos courtesy of Therese Leszcz

SAVE THE DATE!



Out of the Shadows

INTRODUCING THE MUSIC OF THE POLISH BAROQUE

A lecture by PROFESSOR PAUL RADZILOWSKI, PH.D.

Dr. Paul Radzilowski Holds degrees from the University of Minnesota and the University of Southern California. He has taught History at Madonna University since 2003, and has taught classes for graduate, undergraduate, and high school special enrollment students. Dr. Radzilowski's research interests include micro-history, the study of culture and religion in Late Medieval Poland, and the interrelations of history and philosophy. He has been published in journals such as *Polish Review*, *Catholic Social Science Review*, and *Logos*, and has held grants including an IIE Fulbright Grant.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5th • GALERIA AT ORCHARD LAKE

More information at www.picrol.org • info@picrol.org



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.

THE POLISH INSTITUTE OF CULTURE & RESEARCH *proudly presents:* **SACRED IMAGES, HOLY SPACES:** **ART & FAITH IN POLAND AND ITALY**

"Sacred Images, Holy Spaces at the Polish Institute of Culture & Research at Orchard Lake shows how sacred art helps to sanctify space and demonstrates the cultural exchanges between Poland and Italy via their shared Catholic faith. From the palaces of Renaissance Italy and the Cathedrals of Poland to the simple home altars of immigrants in Detroit, the exhibit shows how Poles and Italians have understood and celebrated the sacredness in the material world."



Circle of Luca Ferrari (1605–1654)
Madonna with Child



Saturnin Świerzyński (1820–1885)
Entrance, Presbyterium of the Wawel Cathedral, 1870

~ HONORARY PATRONS ~



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MR. RICHARD WALAWENDER
Honorary Consul of Poland in Detroit



**Polish Institute
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AT ORCHARD LAKE**

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OCTOBER 19, 2024 - JANUARY 6, 2025
POLISH INSTITUTE OF CULTURE & RESEARCH AT ORCHARD LAKE SCHOOLS

METROPOLITAN MUSEUM OF DETROIT INTERNATIONAL EXHIBIT FEATURING POLAND

The Polish Institute of Culture & Research, in partnership with Friends of Polish Art, is thrilled to announce a collaboration with the Metropolitan Museum of Design Detroit for their upcoming exhibit, running from November 8 to December 21, 2024. This year's exhibit will spotlight Poland alongside Finland and Italy, showcasing both traditional and contemporary art from each country. Tickets for Opening Reception on November 8th are available for \$50 and can be purchased directly through the Polish Institute of Culture & Research.

To secure your tickets, please contact Ania Bieciuk at (248) 836-1284 or email info@picrol.org.

For more information, visit the MMODD's website at www.mm-o-dd.org.



KOŚCIUSZKO FOUNDATION MI CHAPTER EVENT

Polish ancestry can be the gateway to obtaining Polish citizenship. For many people with Polish heritage, having dual Polish and American citizenship is important and can provide many advantages, such as enhanced travel privileges, purchase property in Poland, the right to reside in Poland and the European Union, and expanded career educational and working opportunities throughout the European Union.

The Kosciuszko Foundation Michigan Chapter invites you to the seminar "Obtaining Polish Citizenship" at the Galeria on Saturday, November 9, 2024, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Our experts, Richard Walawender, Hon. Consul of the Republic of Poland in Detroit, and Dr. Andrzej Kiedrzyn, senior consul at Miller Canfield, will present a primer on Polish citizenship eligibility and how to apply for Polish citizenship. Cost: KF Members – Free/ Non-Members - \$20 cash at the door.



GALERIA GRAND OPENING SERIES WITH KAMIL PACHOLEC

Thank you to everyone who joined us on October 19th for the unforgettable performance by Kamil Pacholec at the Polish Institute of Culture & Research at Orchard Lake. As a finalist of the 18th

Chopin International Piano Competition, Kamil brought incredible passion and precision to his performances of Chopin and Paderewski, earning a well-deserved standing ovation. His encore left the audience in awe and was a true highlight of the evening.

This remarkable concert was the perfect way to open our first special exhibition: *Sacred*

Images, Holy Spaces: Art and Faith in Poland and Italy, curated by Dr. John Radzilowski and coordinated by Galeria Manager Elijah Majeski. We are honored to have the endorsement of both the Consul of Italy in Detroit, Paola Allegra Baistrocchi, and the Honorary Consul to Poland in Detroit, Richard Walawender, as the main sponsors of this exhibition.

This event marks the beginning of a series of programs leading up to the Galeria's official reopening after a decade of renovation and planning, culminating in a ribbon-cutting ceremony in Spring 2025. We are deeply grateful for the community's support and look forward to sharing more cultural events with you!



BENEFIT DINNER FOR **POLAND** FLOOD VICTIMS

*Hosted by the Polish Institute of Culture & Research at Orchard Lake
in collaboration with Grzegorz Górny and Rafał Porzeziński*

JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF COMMUNITY AND SUPPORT
FOR THOSE AFFECTED BY THE RECENT FLOODS IN POLAND.

(with a specific focus on assisting St. Lawrence Parish in Glucholazy)

THE EVENT WILL FEATURE:



*A capella vocal
performance by
**Angelika
Korszyńska-Górny***

Lecture by

**Grzegorz Górny &
Rafał Porzeziński**

THE BATTLE FOR THE SOUL OF
THE WORLD IN THE TEACHINGS
OF ST. JOHN PAUL II
(in English & Polish)



Dinner Ticket Price: \$100 *(includes open bar, wine, beer)*

CHECKS CAN BE MADE PAYABLE TO FOUNDATION FOR SUPPORT OF CATHOLIC MISSION.
Donations are tax-deductible and all proceeds will directly benefit flood relief efforts in Poland.

For tickets, call Ania Bieciuk at (248) 836-1284 or visit www.picrol.org

Saturday, November 23 • 5:00 PM

GALERIA AT ORCHARD LAKE • 3535 COMMERCE ROAD, ORCHARD LAKE, MI



THE MARY PROJECT

AT ORCHARD LAKE SCHOOLS

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 AUGUST 15, 2025

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

☐ **\$150 - 4x8 Brick**

Enter your text: 3 lines of text, 20 characters per line (including spaces and punctuation)

LINE 1

LINE 2

LINE 3

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

MAIL FORM AND PAYMENT TO:

The Mary Project
3535 Commerce Road
Orchard Lake, MI 48324

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:

The Mary Project

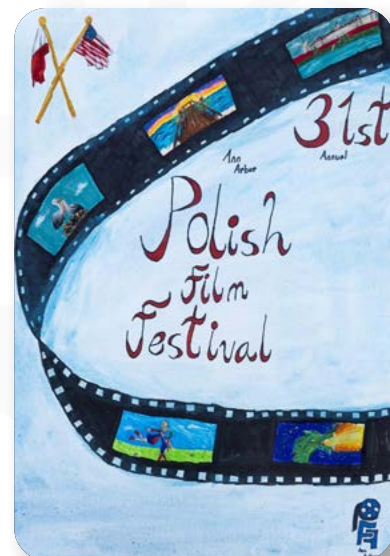
If you have any questions,
please contact: Maureen Gross
themaryproject@myyahoo.com

PICR AT ANN ARBOR POLISH FILM FESTIVAL

PICR is proud to sponsor the Children's Film Screening at this year's Ann Arbor Polish Film Festival on Saturday, November 2, 2024, at the State Theater.

Our support for Polonia and its future generations is incredibly important to us. Youth are the heart of our community, and providing opportunities for children to connect with Polish language and culture is vital for our preservation.

The screening too place at 10:00 AM for children ages 7+, featuring the AAPFF Children Poster Contest Awards Ceremony and a special screening of *O psie, który jeździł koleją* (*The Dog Who Travelled by Train*), directed by Magdalena Niec. It was followed by the Children's Book Fair!



ALUMNI NEWS



ADAM DOLAN (P'21): BUTLER UNIVERSITY OFFENSIVE LINEMAN

Prep Class of 2021 alumnus Adam Dolan was recognized this season on Phil Steele's Draftscout.com as a 2024 FCS Mid-Season All-American team four! Dolan is the anchor of a Butler University offensive line.

Photo courtesy of Zach Bolinger

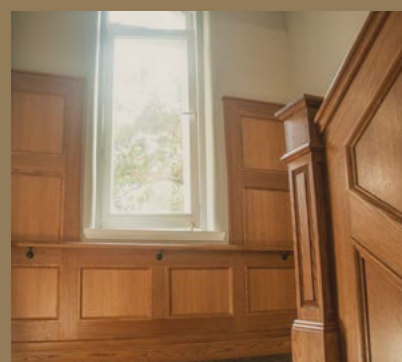


Looking for impactful campus dedication/naming opportunities that leave a lasting campus impression for generations to enjoy?

CONTACT:

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Upcoming Event Highlights

NOVEMBER 2024

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| <p>1 All Saints Day
Varsity Football @ MHSAA Pre-Districts vs. N. Farmington</p> <p>2 All Souls Day
Boys Varsity Soccer @ MHSAA Finals TBD
Cross Country @ MHSAA Finals @ TBD</p> <p>3 Polish 1st Sunday Mass @ 1:00 PM</p> <p>4-9 Girls Volleyball @ MHSAA Districts TBD</p> <p>8 MMooDD International Design Exhibition
Opening Reception
Varsity Football @ MHSAA Districts TBD</p> <p>9 Kosciuszko Foundation Michigan Chapter
"Obtaining Polish Citizenship" @ Galeria
10:30 AM - 12:00 PM</p> | <p>10 Polish Independence Day Mass & Celebration @ 1:00 PM
OLSM Extracurricular & Athletic Open House 2-4:00 PM</p> <p>12-14 Girls Volleyball @ MHSAA Regionals TBD</p> <p>15 Varsity Football @ MHSAA Regionals TBD</p> <p>19 Girls Volleyball @ MHSAA Quarterfinals TBD</p> <p>21-22 Girls Volleyball @ MHSAA Semifinals TBD</p> <p>22 Varsity Football @ MHSAA Semifinals TBD</p> <p>23 Girls Volleyball @ MHSAA State Finals TBD</p> <p>24 Jingle All the Way Christmas Tree Lighting @ 4-8:00 PM</p> <p>27-29 Thanksgiving Recess (No School)</p> <p>28 Thanksgiving Day</p> <p>29 Boys Varsity Basketball vs. L'Anse Creuse North @ 7:00 PM</p> <p>30 Varsity Football @ MHSAA Finals TBD
Boys Varsity Basketball vs. The Village @ 7:00 PM</p> |
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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 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.

MARIE THERESA ALKAMANO
ANDREW BEARSS
DON BLAIR
ADAM C. DECKER
JON DESCHAIINE
ANTHONY J. DILORENZO
HELEN FINCH

ABOUD KASHORBIS
PATRICK KONDRAT
JAMES LEACH
JEANNINE NIEMASZ
HANA KOZA ODISH
AFRODITA OKONOWSKI
MARGARET PATHAK

ANGELINE ROLES
MARIELLEN RYBICKI
TRESA SPENCER
JOHN TABONE
DOUGLAS WILSON

NOVEMBER 2024

MASS SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, 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

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2 • ALL SOULS DAY

9:00 AM	FR. WITEK • POLISH*	SEMINARY CHAPEL
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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6

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
1:00 PM	FR. WITEK • POLISH* POLISH 1st SUNDAY	ST. JOHN PAUL II SHRINE

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10

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
1:00 PM	FR. WITEK • POLISH* POLISH INDEPENDANCE DAY	ST. JOHN PAUL II SHRINE

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17

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

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24 • FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

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

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

EXTRA-LITURGICAL DEVOTIONS

1ST FRIDAY 11/1	MASS AT 7:00 PM THEN DEVOTIONS • FR. WITEK	ST. JOHN PAUL II SHRINE
1ST SATURDAY 11/2	MASS AT 9:00 AM THEN DEVOTIONS • FR. WITEK	ST. JOHN PAUL II SHRINE
1ST THURSDAY 11/7	MASS AT 7:00 PM THEN DEVOTIONS • FR. WITEK	ST. JOHN PAUL II SHRINE
FRIDAY 11/15	DIVINE MERCY PRAYERS AT 7:45 PM KRAĞ BIBLIJNY AT 8:00 PM	SEMINARY CHAPEL
THURSDAY 11/21	BIBLE STUDY AFTER MASS AT 7:45 PM	ST. JOHN PAUL II SHRINE

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

HISTORICAL TOUR OF GRAND RAPIDS POLONIA

Polish Institute
of CULTURE
& RESEARCH
AT ORCHARD LAKE

sponsored by:

*Polish Genealogical Society of Michigan
Polish Heritage Society of Grand Rapids,
and the Polish Institute of Culture & Research*



We will meet at the Orchard Lake Schools at 9:00am, enjoy a private tour of the Galeria Art Exhibit, then travel by motor coach to visit these sites in Grand Rapids:

*Holy Cross Cemetery • Lunch at PNA Society's Jackson Street Hall
St. Isidore's Catholic Church • Shopping at downtown Christkindl Markt*

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7th

Please RSVP by Dec 2 • Contact Ania Bieciuk at (248) 836-1284 or visit:

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