

CAMPUS COMMUNICATOR

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

"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." ~ 1 Peter 4:10

JULY 2026



BASEBALL MHSAA D2 STATE CHAMPS!

FOUNDER'S DAY 2026



Teeing Off at Pine Knob

Alumni, families, and friends enjoyed a memorable day at Pine Knob Golf Club, bringing the Founder's Day spirit to the fairways. From the opening drive to the final putt, the course set the stage for connection, friendly competition, and plenty of photo-worthy moments.

5K the Campus Way

The annual Founder's Day 5K set the pace for a weekend of celebration, welcoming participants of all ages to campus. From the starting line to the finish, the event showcased the spirit that brings the Orchard Lake Schools community together.



Soccer Kicks It Up a Notch

A crowd of alumni, families, and friends cheered on an exciting coed soccer showdown Friday, June 5! From highlight-worthy plays to postgame conversations under the tent, the event was a celebration of connection and tradition.



7-v-7 Fuels the Field

The annual alumni football game delivered big plays, spirited competition, and enthusiastic support from the crowd. From kickoff to the postgame BBQ, the event brought the Founder's Day community together for an unforgettable afternoon wrap up to the day's alumni games!



Gathering at Grotto Mass

The Marian Grotto provided a beautiful setting for the Founder's Day Mass, where alumni and friends gathered in faith and fellowship. The service - led by Fr. Bernard Witek and concelebrated by former Orchard Lake Schools Chancellor and alumnus Msgr. Thomas Machalski (P'76, C'80) - offered a special opportunity to honor the past while looking ahead to the future.

PREP CLASS OF 1976: Celebrating 50-Year Reunion

Each year, Founder's Day serves as a time for alumni, family and friends to come home to celebrate together, and the Prep Class of 1976 — the Bicentennial Class — did just that! "We are 'brothers' who stay in touch and make a point to gather at least every five years, but texting and Zoom chats bring us together all the time," said Msgr. Tom Machalski, former OLS Chancellor (2012-17) and Chaplain to the New York Mets and baseball community at CitiField. "Just being together at Founder's Day this year brought us great joy! I concelebrated Mass with Fr. Witek at the Grotto Mass and it always reminds my brothers and I what a special place it is to attend Mass. Because we were taught Polish and Latin, at graduation in the Grotto we said our three Hail Mary's — one in English, another in Latin, and the third in Polish — and sang a Polish song about how time flees." When asked what advice he'd share with the Prep Class of 2026, he said, "Whether you stick together as brothers and sisters is all dependent on you. Don't forget each other. Meet every five years if you can. Remember . . . God. Family. St. Mary's. You're a man or woman of St. Mary's. You are a reflection of your alma mater. You were taught fundamental values here. Now go out and live them."



These are just a portion of photos from Founder's Day 2026. To view the entire collection, please visit www.orchardlakeschools.com/founder-s-day

Honoring our

2026 Alumni Awards Recipients



2026 ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR
JOSEPH MAJCHER (P'66; 7TH FROM RIGHT), WAS CHEERED ON BY HIS CLASSMATES.



DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS
PETER FACIONE, PHD (P'62)



DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS
STEVE FACIONE (P'70)



DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS
JESSE VENEGAS (P'99)



HONORARY ALUMNI (left to right)
SEAN HENDRICK
VINCENT DIFONZO
LISA HEALY
MARCUS WEBSTER
GREG SCHOP (not pictured)
BARBARA SZYMANSKI (not pictured)

To see a complete listing and read more information on our honorees, please visit www.orchardlakeschools.com/alumni-awards

UNITY TOWER RESTORATION UPDATE

Important work has already begun on the restoration of the OLS Tower. Thanks to a lead gift from OLSM Class of 1975, the Tower will be restored and dedicated as **The Unity Tower**. Their vision is to create a visible and lasting symbol that honors the history of Orchard Lake while uniting all graduates—past, present, and future.

Interior cleaning of the structure has been completed. Installation of a new roof and windows will follow, along with careful restoration of the historic exterior brick. While the project remains faithful to the Tower's original design, a cross will be added at its summit to recognize the school's enduring spiritual mission.

New landscaping, signage, and architectural lighting will further highlight the restoration, while commemorative pavers within Trzcinski Quad will recognize the Class of 1975 and other supporters of the project. The goal is to complete construction this fall. Those interested in supporting the project may contact **Chris Czarnik** at cczarnik@orchardlakeschools.com.



FIELDHOUSE IMPROVEMENTS UNDERWAY

Work on the renovation of the Dombrowski Fieldhouse is also progressing steadily, with completion targeted for late fall. The project will establish a permanent home for Girls Division student-athletes through new locker rooms, dedicated film and meeting spaces, and staff support areas. A new second-floor fitness center is also taking shape, along with expanded locker room facilities for the Boys Division.

This transformational project is being made possible through a lead gift from Clarence Constantakis, St. Mary's Class of 1944. In honor of his late wife, the facility will include the **Lillian DeRose Constantakis Center for Eaglet Student-Athletes** within the Dombrowski Fieldhouse. Interior demolition and structural work have been completed, and the next phase of construction is now underway.

The next phase of athletic improvements will include additional student and fan seating at Msgr. Milewski Field along with an expanded press box. To support the project or for more information, please contact **Chris Czarnik** at cczarnik@orchardlakeschools.com.





ORCHARD LAKE ST. MARY'S FOOTBALL

cordially invites you to join us for

UNIFYING CHAMPIONS



Honoring Hall of Fame Coach George Porritt

NINE CHAMPIONSHIPS – ONE BROTHERHOOD

As the 2026 Eaglets pursue a third consecutive state championship, we celebrate the generations of players, coaches, and families who built a tradition of excellence and honor Coach George Porritt for his extraordinary contributions to St. Mary's football.

This special evening will help equip the new Lillian DeRose Constantakis Center for Eaglet Student-Athletes with state-of-the-art weight room equipment while supporting the current and future needs of St. Mary's Football.

Return to the "Old Gym"

FR. RAKOCZY GYMNASIUM Saturday, August 22 | 6 PM

COCKTAIL RECEPTION | SILENT AUCTION | DINNER | OPEN BAR

Tickets: \$150



SUMMER COCKTAIL ATTIRE

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SCAN CODE TO REGISTER



THE MARY PROJECT

AT ORCHARD LAKE SCHOOLS

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in the Marian Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes at St. Mary's Preparatory.

**WE ARE ASKING FOR DONATIONS TO HELP DEFRAY
THE COST OF THIS ADDITION TO THE GROTTA.**



3 WAYS TO DONATE:

1. PURCHASE A BRICK PAVER. Order forms are available at the gate, by scanning the QR code, or online at www.orchardlakeschools.com/ways-to-give
2. LEAVE A DONATION in the donation box at the Grotto inside the candle area.
3. MAIL A CHECK (payable to The Mary Project) to:
The Mary Project | 3535 Commerce Road | Orchard Lake, MI 48324



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For naming opportunities, please contact Maureen Gross at
themaryproject@myyahoo.com.

All donations are tax deductible. EIN: 82-5453994

Baseball

MHSAA D2 STATE CHAMPS!

Boys Varsity Baseball faced Kenowa Hills at the MHSAA D2 State Championship playoff in East Lansing where Kenowa Hills rallied early, but St. Mary's prevailed in this extra inning thriller (6-4) to claim the title! MHSAA Dream Team All State honorees include: Hudson Brzutewicz, Derick Conrad, Luke Crighton, and Andrew Tribul.



State Champs & Catholic League AA Division Track Coach of the Year

Congratulations to Girls Track Coach Mark Lengel on being named CHSL 2026 AA Division Coach of the Year! Girls Track earned a 1st place state championship in the 4x200 (Carina Ogle, Victoria Andrzejczak, Josie Andrzejczak, Vonessa Gonzales) along with multiple other top 10 placements! In Boys Track, Cole Wisniewski took home a top 5 medal at the state championship.

Girls Soccer

Congratulations to Girls Soccer on their MHSAA Team Academic All State honors, and to Second Team All State honorees Delaney David and Alexis Hazamy! MHSAA All Region honorees: Delaney David, Alexis Hazamy, Olivia Rust; 2026 All District honorees include: Lily Carmosino, Sophie Carmosino, Cecelia DiPonio, Delaney David, Alexis Hazamy, Riley Martin, Hope Richer, Madison Roberts, and Olivia Rust.



Softball

We're excited to share that OLSM Softball captured the MHSAA District Championship! And, Kaydence Hinkle earned First Team (Pitcher) All State honors (337 strikeouts | 0.672 ERA)



EVER FORWARD!
ZAWSZE DO PRZODU!
STRATEGIC MASTER PLANNING PROJECT

The “Ever Forward” Strategic Plan has been approved, and the Orchard Lake Schools has initiated a new path. We are moving on to the second phase of the Master Plan for campus. “Ever Forward” 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.

For more information, visit www.orchardlakeschools.com/Ever-Forward

REFLECTION

BY FR. BERNARD WITEK
DIRECTOR | ST. JOHN PAUL II LITURGICAL CENTER

St. John Paul II, while discerning his vocation, was considering the idea of becoming a Carmelite but his spiritual director suggested he become a diocesan priest. However, he always maintained his love of the 'way of Carmel' with their contemplative life and deep

spirituality, prayer, devotion to Our Lady, silence, and total focus upon God. In fact, he wrote his doctoral dissertation on the spiritual poetry of Saint John of the Cross, the 16th-century Spanish Carmelite known as reformer of his order, as mystic, as poet, and honored also as Mystical Doctor of the Church. On the feast of Our Lady of Carmel, July 16, 2000, during the Angelus he said:

In the Words of

ST. JOHN PAUL II

As I look at these mountains, my thoughts turn today to Mount Carmel, praised in the Bible for its beauty. We are, in fact, celebrating the feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. On that mountain, located in Israel near Haifa, the holy prophet Elijah strenuously defended the integrity and purity of the chosen people's faith in the living God. On that same mountain some hermits gathered in the 12th century after Christ and dedicated themselves to contemplation and penance. The Carmelite Order arose from their spiritual experience.

It invites us to follow the example of the prophet Amos and the Apostles, who were chosen by the Lord to cooperate in his work of salvation.



May Our Lady of Mount Carmel, whom we call upon today with special devotion, help us tirelessly climb towards the summit of the mountain of holiness; may she help us love nothing more than Christ, who reveals to the world the mystery of divine love and true human dignity.

Walking with the Blessed Virgin, the model of complete fidelity to the Lord, we will fear no obstacles or difficulties. Supported by her motherly intercession, like Elijah we will be able to fulfill our vocation as authentic "prophets" of the Gospel in our time.

Today's liturgy for the 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time urges us to make this ascetic and apostolic effort.

POLISH ARMED FORCES DAY Sunday, August 16, 2026



1:00 PM:

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

*Celebrated by
Fr. Bernard Witek*

*Singing by
Filaret Choir*

2:00 PM:

Polish Dinner

*Campus
Dining Hall*

\$20/person



ZAPRASZAMY

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

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

Sunday, August 2nd • 1:00 PM



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

PLEASE RSVP BY AUGUST 12, 2026

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

UPDATE

BY ANIA BIECIUK
ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR FOR POLONIA AFFAIRS, POLISH
INSTITUTE OF CULTURE & RESEARCH AT ORCHARD LAKE



As America celebrates the 250th anniversary of its independence, we proudly recognize the extraordinary contributions of Poles who fought for and supported the cause of liberty. Heroes such as Generals Tadeusz Kościuszko and Kazimierz Pułaski helped shape the

founding of the United States, beginning a legacy of service and patriotism that continues through generations of Polish Americans. This summer, we celebrate our shared commitment to faith, freedom, and the enduring friendship between Poland and the United States.

We also pause to remember Antoni Walawender, a man of deep faith, unwavering devotion to family, and steadfast commitment to Polonia. His kindness, generosity, and quiet leadership touched countless lives, and his absence will be deeply felt throughout our community. *Wieczny odpoczynek racz Mu dać, Panie, a światłość wiekuista niechaj Mu świeci. Niech spoczywa w pokoju wiecznym. Amen.*

FOUNDER'S DAY AND THE FACES OF POLONIA EXHIBIT. During Founder's Day in June, the Galeria was open for a special preview of our newest exhibition, *Faces of Polonia: 250 Years in the United States*, a remarkable vision of Alicja Karlic and the *Polish Weekly*, presented in partnership with the Polish Institute of Culture & Research. The exhibit celebrates the people, stories, and achievements that have shaped Polish American life across generations. We thank everyone who shared photographs, contributed memories, and volunteered in preparation for this exhibition, especially Galeria Manager Elijah Majeski, whose exceptional attention to detail, meticulous eye, and thoughtful curatorial



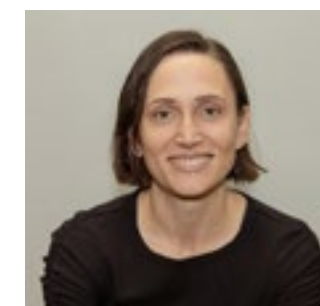
vision transformed hundreds of photographs into the compelling visual narrative now displayed on our walls. *Faces of Polonia* will remain on display through August.

ST. MARY'S COLLEGE INTEGRATED CATHOLIC CORE CURRICULUM ALUMNI VISIT. On June 14, we welcomed approximately 30 alumni from the St. Mary's College Integrated Catholic Core Curriculum, along with their families and many young children, for a day on campus. Dr. John Radzilowski led an engaging tour and shared the latest developments, exhibits, and initiatives while introducing guests to the rich history preserved at Orchard Lake.

NORTH AMERICAN PREMIERE DRAWS OUTSTANDING AUDIENCE. On June 20 in the Galeria, we hosted the North American premiere of *Covenant of Blood: The Last Soldiers of World War II* alongside *947 Days in Auschwitz*. We were honored to welcome filmmaker Patrick Ney to Orchard Lake and to host him in our Archives. An excellent audience of history enthusiasts, veterans, scouts, and members of Polonia gathered for an evening of reflection, discussion, and fellowship celebrating the stories of courage, sacrifice, and the enduring fight for freedom.

FAMILY CONCERT. Join us on Friday, July 10 at 7:00 PM for a joyful family evening featuring *Scholaris Minores pro Musica Antiqua* from Poland

in their only Michigan appearance. The renowned children's ensemble will perform Renaissance and Baroque sacred music in authentic period costumes. The Polish Scouting Organization has organized games and activities for children. The local Hussar reenactors will bring history to life in traditional dress. A complimentary reception in the Galeria will follow the concert. It promises to be a memorable evening for the entire family!



VISITING SCHOLAR.

This summer, we are delighted to welcome Professor Adelheid Frackiewicz von Maltitz as our visiting scholar through Michigan State University. Traveling from

South Africa, Professor Frackiewicz von Maltitz is an award-winning artist and academic whose research explores memory, migration, place, and the lasting impact of displacement through drawing, sculpture, and land art. As she recently reflected while discussing her Polish heritage, "My research questions emerge intimately from my own life experiences," including her Polish grandfather's wartime journey from Poland to South Africa, a story that continues to inspire her scholarship and artistic practice.

POLISH INSTITUTE LITERARY SALON. Our Literary Salon Series continues Friday, September 25 at 7:00 PM featuring Wisconsin author Janis Falk and her historical novel *Not Yet Lost*. Set in turbulent 1937 Detroit, the novel follows Florence, a Polish immigrant hand-rolling cigars under oppressive factory conditions. As the historic Poletown labor strikes ignite, she risks everything to join the movement and fight for the dignity of working-class women. Her personal awakening mirrors the resilience of her community, proving that their collective spirit and heritage are not yet lost.

STAY CONNECTED

Visit www.picrol.org for Michigan and Northern Ohio's most comprehensive calendar of Polish and Polish American events, exhibitions, concerts, lectures, and family programming.

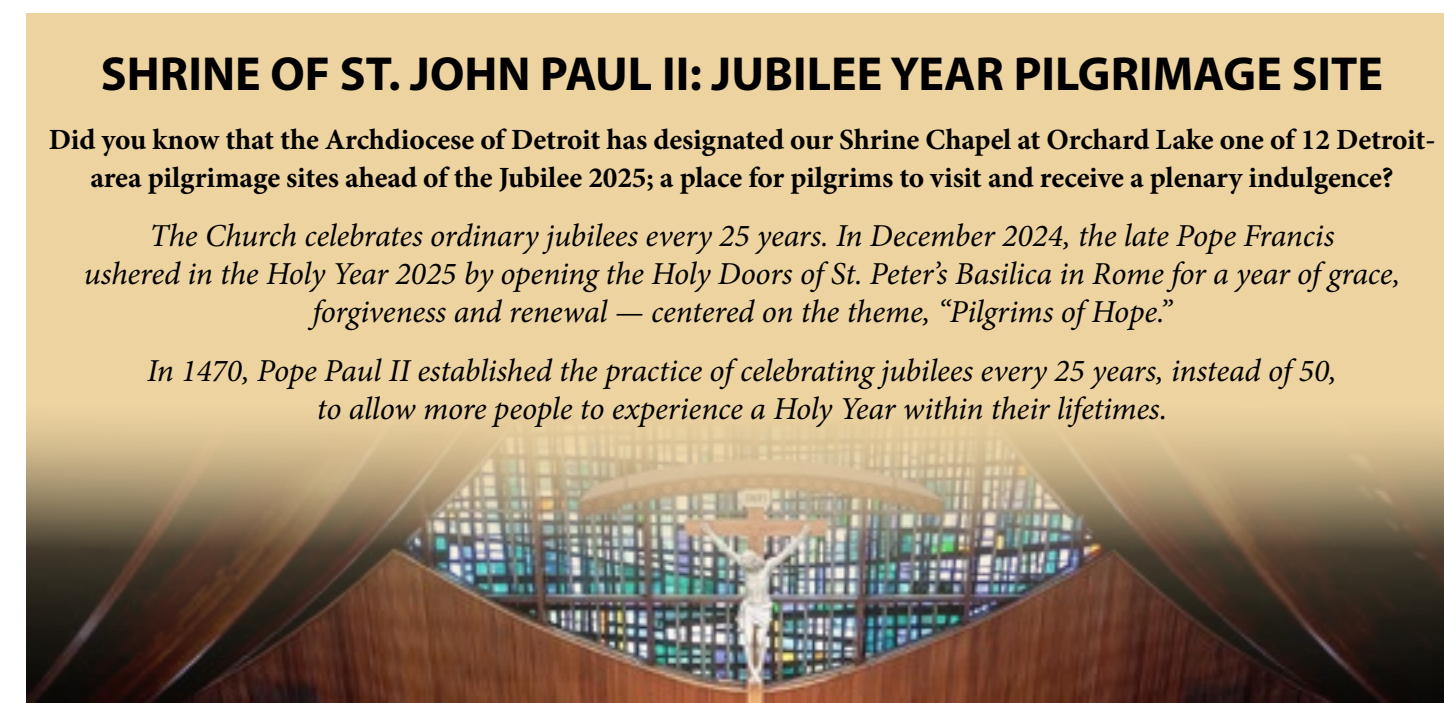
Serdecznie dziękujemy za Państwa obecność i nieustanne wsparcie naszej misji. Życzymy błogosławionego lata, wielu radosnych spotkań z rodziną i przyjaciółmi oraz pięknego czasu odkrywania i pielęgnowania naszego polskiego dziedzictwa.
Do zobaczenia w Galerii! il.

SHRINE OF ST. JOHN PAUL II: JUBILEE YEAR PILGRIMAGE SITE

Did you know that the Archdiocese of Detroit has designated our Shrine Chapel at Orchard Lake one of 12 Detroit-area pilgrimage sites ahead of the Jubilee 2025; a place for pilgrims to visit and receive a plenary indulgence?

The Church celebrates ordinary jubilees every 25 years. In December 2024, the late Pope Francis ushered in the Holy Year 2025 by opening the Holy Doors of St. Peter's Basilica in Rome for a year of grace, forgiveness and renewal — centered on the theme, "Pilgrims of Hope."

In 1470, Pope Paul II established the practice of celebrating jubilees every 25 years, instead of 50, to allow more people to experience a Holy Year within their lifetimes.



Antoni Stanislaw Walawender: Remembering One of the “BOYS from POLAND”

BY JOHN RADZILOWSKI, PH.D.
DIRECTOR, POLISH INSTITUTE OF CULTURE & RESEARCH
AT ORCHARD LAKE



On June 8, we lost a mentor, supporter, and distinguished alumnus. Antoni Stanislaw Walawender passed away peacefully at his home in Warren at the age of 96. He was born in 1929 in Duninów, Poland (today Duniv, Ukraine). At the outbreak of World War II, his hometown was occupied by the Soviet Union as part of the Soviet alliance with Nazi Germany. Antoni and his family were among over a million Poles forcibly deported to Soviet labor camps and gulags in effort to subjugate and eliminate the Polish nation. After Nazi dictator Adolf Hitler turned on his former Soviet ally in 1941, many of the Polish families were allowed to leave Russia. Antoni, barely a teenager, was sent to refugee camps in Persia and later, India.

In November 1945, along with a group of 34 other Polish boys, Antoni came to Orchard Lake. The "boys from Poland" as they were known – who would ultimately number 75 – were sponsored by the Polish American community and Catholic charitable endeavors. The Orchard Lake Schools provided a haven for the boys to recover from the war and resume and complete their education. Antoni graduated from St. Mary's Prep, St. Mary's College,

and later from University of Detroit. Beginning in 1947, he was one of the leaders that established "The Knights of Dabrowski," a group that bound these young men together to foster Polish culture and education and to raise funds to help others gain an education.

Antoni joined the U.S. Army and saw combat during the Korean War in defense of his adopted country. After returning to civilian life, he became a school teacher in public schools. He started a Polish language program at Saginaw Valley State College. Later he established a Polish language school in his own home, which grew to become the Adam Mickiewicz Polish Language School in Sterling Heights, the largest Polish language school in the state of Michigan. He taught Polish to adults as well in communities around the Detroit metro area.

When he wasn't teaching, he was active in veterans' groups such as the Polish Army Veterans Association. He led Detroit's community-wide celebration of the 500th anniversary of the birth of astronomer Nicholas Copernicus in 1973 and was active in organizing support for the Solidarity movement in Poland in the 1980s. After retiring from the public schools, he went to Poland and taught English and later joined the faculty at St. Mary's College at Orchard Lake as a Polish language instructor. He wrote and spoke frequently on Polish topics. He was deeply committed to his Catholic faith and was a life-long parishioner at Our Lady of Czestochowa parish in Sterling Heights.

Antoni is survived by his wife of many years, Helen, and seven children – including OLS Regent and Chair of the Polish Institute of Culture & Research Board of Trustees, Richard Walawender – as well as 18 grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren. He leaves behind a legacy of service and love that touched countless lives here at Orchard Lake, around Michigan, and across the world.

SAVE THE DATE!

A SPECIAL EVENT FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

SCHOLARIS MINORES pro Musica Antiqua

FROM POLAND

Renaissance & Baroque Sacred Music

FRIDAY
JULY
10

7:00 P.M.

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CONCERT & FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

From Kyiv to Orchard Lake: An Afternoon that MOVED THE GALERIA



On May 23, the Polish Institute of Culture & Research at Orchard Lake was honored to welcome acclaimed Ukrainian pianist Tetiana Shafran for a breathtaking concert presented in partnership with the American Romanian Festival. Many thanks to all those attending including those from the Polish, Ukrainian, and Romanian communities. Moments like these remind us of the power of culture, music, and community to bring people together across borders and traditions.

We extend our deepest gratitude to Marian Tănău, Founder and CEO of the American Romanian Festival, for this meaningful partnership and for bringing such extraordinary talent to Orchard Lake. Marian shared with guests that he had personally picked Tetiana up from the airport upon her arrival from Kyiv to the U.S. During the drive, a plane passed overhead and Tetiana instinctively ducked, quietly remarking that it sounded like the Russian bombers that terrorize the skies over Ukraine at night. It was a deeply human and sobering reminder of the reality so many Ukrainians continue to endure. Tetiana came to us directly from Kyiv as part of her 10-day tour of the United States, and we are

profoundly grateful that the Galeria was among her first stops.

Her artistry was extraordinary. Audiences were visibly moved as she performed works by Beethoven, Chopin, Busoni, and beautifully distinctive works by Mykola Lysenko and George Enescu. Many sat with eyes closed, fully immersed in the music and emotion of each movement. Following a standing ovation and encore, Tetiana concluded the afternoon with Chopin's Nocturnes, Op. 62.

Programming like this is unique and deeply special. It gives artists like Tetiana a home and a stage, while offering our community meaningful cultural experiences that cannot be replicated elsewhere. We encourage all who value these moments to continue supporting the arts and attending the programs we are privileged to host in the Galeria. Thank you, Tetiana Shafran.

Open Call for Submissions

**30th Friends of Polish Art
Fine Arts Competition**

In Partnership with the Polish Institute of Culture & Research



Detail of painting by Richard Kubicki

All visual art media are welcome
Please submit by August 17, 2026
Go to: <https://tinyurl.com/FPA-Competition-Submission>

Accepted works will be exhibited at the Galeria on the Orchard Lake Schools campus located at 3535 Commerce Rd, Orchard Lake, MI, 48324

Opening Reception
September 12, 2026

Closing Reception
October 24, 2026

Send questions to Elijah Majeski, PICROL Galeria Manager
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Allen Robinson II (P'11)

Allen Robinson II (P'11) was honored with induction into the 2026 Catholic League Hall of Fame, recognizing his outstanding achievements as a student-athlete at Orchard Lake St. Mary's Preparatory and throughout his distinguished NFL career. Excelling in both football and basketball, Allen exemplifies the values of Catholic education—faith, leadership, discipline, and service. Surrounded by family, friends, former coaches, and school leaders, this well-deserved honor celebrates not only athletic excellence, but also the lasting impact of a Catholic school experience that helped shape his remarkable journey.



CHSL Hall of Fame inductee Allen Robinson II (P'11) with his former OLSM basketball coach, Len Karschnia, and former Hall of Fame football head coach and athletic director, George Porritt.



Tommy Doman (P'21)

St. Mary's Prep alumnus Tommy Doman (P'21) achieved a lifelong dream when the NFL's Buffalo Bills selected him in the seventh round (239th overall) of the 2026 NFL Draft. The Orchard Lake St. Mary's Prep alum played for the Eaglets before continuing his career at Michigan, where he won a national championship, and later played at Florida. Known for his powerful leg and versatility, Doman now enters training camp competing for a spot as Buffalo's starting punter.

July 2026

Upcoming **EVENTS** highlights

1-3	Campus Offices Closed
4	INDEPENDENCE DAY
5	POLISH 1st SUNDAY 1:00 PM Mass Galeria Open to the Public 12:00 – 3:00 PM
6	Campus Offices Reopen
10	Scholaris Minores pro Musica Antiqua Performance Galeria 7:00 PM
July-August	Orchard Lake Schools Summer Camps

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Class of '86
JOSEPH SMERECKI
Class of '88
SEDNEY SMERECKI
Class of '87



CHAD BUSH



IN MEMORIAM . . .

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

+ MAY THEY REST IN PEACE +

ANTONI STANISLAW WALAWENDER

October 28, 1929 – June 8, 2026 ~ Age 96

Warren, Michigan

+ Remembering our loved ones who recently passed into eternal rest.

You can view previous years by visiting our website at: www.orchardlakeschools.com/in-memoriam

To inform the OLS of the passing of a friend or alumnus of the Orchard Lake Schools, email us at: info@orchardlakeschools.com

MONTHLY ENROLLMENTS

Throughout the year, donors to the Orchard Lake Schools enroll their loved ones in the "Friends of the Orchard Lake Schools". Prayers are offered at every mass at the Archdiocesan Shrine of St. John Paul II for those names enrolled. These names are those that have been added from the month of May.

WILLIAM T. ALBRECHT	MOREY GERGIS	ROSE ANN LACKEY
ROBERT BLOOMFIELD	MOREY BEHNAN GERGIS	ALEC MADDOCK
CRISTINA G. BUENAFLO	ARIA JAMINSKA	DOUGLAS MALKOWSKI
FRANCESCO BUONGIOVANNI	STEPHEN JUGAN	EDWARD ROYE
KEVIN CARMICHAEL	STEPHEN JUGAN P'72	PATRICIA ZABAWSKI
LUCILLE GALLANTRY	ROBERT KAIN TZ	

For more enrollment information, please contact Lisa Gray at lgray@orchardlakeschools.com

July 2026

MASS schedule

SUNDAY, JULY 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*	ST. JOHN PAUL II SHRINE

SUNDAY, JULY 12

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

SUNDAY, JULY 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
1:00 PM	FR. WITEK POLISH*	ST. JOHN PAUL II SHRINE

SUNDAY, JULY 26

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

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DAILY MASSES

MONDAY-FRIDAYS	7:00 PM ENGLISH	ST. JOHN PAUL II SHRINE
SATURDAYS	9:00 AM ENGLISH	ST. JOHN PAUL II SHRINE

SHRINE OPEN HOURS

SUNDAY & SATURDAY	8:00 AM – 9:00 PM	ST. JOHN PAUL II SHRINE
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EXTRA-LITURGICAL DEVOTIONS

1 ST THURSDAY 7/2	MASS 7:00 PM *FR. WITEK	ST. JOHN PAUL II SHRINE
1 ST FRIDAY 7/3	MASS 7:00 PM * FR. WITEK	ST. JOHN PAUL II SHRINE
1 ST SATURDAY 7/4	MASS 9:00 AM * FR. WITEK	ST. JOHN PAUL II SHRINE
THURSDAY 7/16	BIBLE STUDY AFTER MASS 7:45 PM	SEMINARY CHAPEL
FRIDAY 7/17	DIVINE MERCY PRAYERS 7:45 PM	ST. JOHN PAUL II SHRINE
	KRAĞ BIBLIJY 8:00 PM	SEMINARY CHAPEL

CONFESSIONS

MONDAY-FRIDAY	6:00 – 6:55 PM	ST. JOHN PAUL II SHRINE
SATURDAYS	8:00 – 8:55 AM	ST. JOHN PAUL II SHRINE