

ORCHARD LAKE SCHOOLS CAMPUS COMMUNICATOR

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

FEBRUARY 2024

"There is no evil to be faced that Christ does not face with us." ~ St. John Paul II

Here at Orchard Lake, we are blessed to walk in the footsteps of a saint – those of Saint John Paul II who twice visited our campus as then Cardinal Karol Wojtyła. He reminds us in his famous quote above that we are never alone, especially in the face of difficult times.

The phrase "You're a Saint!" has numerous meanings. Officially, a saint is a person who the Church recognizes as having lived a life of heroic virtue. When the Catholic Church canonizes such a person, she is declaring that this person is in heaven, the proof of which is a confirmed miracle that resulted from a person praying specifically to the saint after their death.

But the word "saint" can also mean other things in common speech. According to vocabulary.com, "A saint is a person who is very holy – or just very good. If you gave all your money away to charity, some people might think of you as a saint ... A truly saintly person spends their life helping others. Saintly people are extremely kind and virtuous..."

This month, we celebrate the Feast Day of Saints Cyril and Methodius, the namesakes for which our seminary was named at its inception in Detroit in 1885. On Sunday, February 11, Fr. Bernard Witek will celebrate Mass in the Seminary Chapel at 1:00 PM. Make your reservation today for the Polish Dinner that follows Mass (*see details inside this issue*). And enjoy your Paczki Day on Tuesday, February 13, before the Lenten Season begins on Ash Wednesday, February 14. Look inside this issue for our Lenten infographic about fasting, abstinence, and almsgiving.

To all those who purchase tickets or donate to our 6th Annual Alumni Scholarship Event on February 8 at the Detroit Athletic Club (DAC) to support our students through tuition scholarships and to all those that give to the The Annual Alumni Fund (TAAF) or join the 1885 Club, you are Saints! Look inside for more details.

Prep Girls Division student Sienna Smith shares news of the 550th Jubilee of the birthday of Nicolaus Copernicus, the Polish astronomer and mathematician from Torun, Poland, who's theories of the universe are still some of the most well-known today. One might say he is truly a saint for spending his life opening the universe to the world.

This month, the Polish Institute of Culture & Research shares several upcoming events, including a "Meet the Author" night with Jadwiga Biskupska who shares her book, *Survivors: Warsaw under Nazi Occupation*. It tells of harrowing accounts while focusing on those in position to contest the occupation and so much more. Check out two other save-the-date events, "Blooms in Tradition," a unique fashion show by Recultured Designs, established by Alexandra Lisiecki who was influenced by her Polish heritage and helping displaced war refugees in Ukraine with a means of income and rebuilding their lives. The show takes place at the renovated Galeria on March 9. Join us the evening on March 18 at the Galeria with Brother Guy Consolmagno SJ, Director of the Vatican Observatory, who talks about Copernicus as well as the work of the Vatican Observatory. See details inside this issue and don't miss these incredible events!

We consider you a saint (*in the common sense*) for all you do to support the present and future of the Orchard Lake Schools born of the mission and vision of Fr. Joseph Dabrowski, a Polish immigrant priest, in 1885. We pray for you daily. Please pray for us. Let us remember to see the good, help others, and be kind.

The Orchard Lake Schools

STUDENTS START A RIGHT-TO-LIFE CHAPTER AT ST. MARY'S PREPARATORY

Recently, two Prep Girls Division students started a Right to Life chapter on the St. Mary's campus. Pete Richer and Hannah Kenrick, Religious Studies department teachers, serve as faculty advisors. The group is early in its formation stage and already has 40 student members and welcomes more students to join.

Student chapters are affiliated with the National Right to Life organization and work toward promoting the sanctity of human life and opposing abortion. Typically, student chapters organize events such as rallies, marches, and prayer vigils to raise awareness about the pro-life movement. Additionally, chapters may host guest speakers, debates, and educational seminars to discuss the sanctity of human life. They may also sponsor charitable events that help pro-life causes.

On Monday, January 22nd, student members of the Pro-Life Club gathered in the Shrine Chapel for Mass at 4:00 PM for the day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children. Mass was celebrated by Fr. Derik Peterman, pastor of Our Lady of Refuge, a Pro-Life Advocate.

After Mass, our student leaders gave short talks on the importance of this day of prayer and why they have dedicated their efforts to advocating for the unborn child and mothers in crisis and standing with the most vulnerable among us. They concluded with a Rosary for Life. In addition to an evening of prayer, the OLSM Right to Life chapter members collected donations on behalf of Mary's Mantle, a Catholic home for expectant mothers. This organization provides a safe, faith-based, and caring environment that supports the transition into motherhood, including extended aftercare for continued personal growth and integration into the community. The goal of Mary's Mantle is to restore dignity and purpose to the homeless, the poor, and the marginalized. Mary's Mantle was founded in the mid-1980s under the direction of Fr. Michael Barry. The organization is committed to serving all races, creeds, and conditions of life, and extending unconditional love, acceptance, and respect to all who come for assistance.



Thank you to all those who donated the following much needed items to the Mary's Mantle drop boxes: paper towel, toilet paper, toothpaste, women's deodorant, laundry soap, hand soap, size 2 and size 4 diapers, gas gift cards, and Meijer gift cards. If you can assist with this collection, please contact Pete Richer, faculty advisor, at pricher@stmarysprep.com

Recently, Regent Joe Majcher and his wife, Mary, donated \$1,000 "seed money" for the expansion of this very worthwhile Prep student group. If you can help donating toward the OLSM Right to Life group's expansion and operations, please contact Pete Richer at pricher@stmarysprep.com or Joe Majcher at jmajcher@orchardlakeschools.com

Saint John Paul II, Pray for us! Our Lady of Guadalupe, Pray for us!



Saturday | February 10th



ST. MARY'S ATHLETIC COMPLEX

3535 INDIAN TRAIL
WEST BLOOMFIELD
MI 48324

GAME TIMES

3:00pm JV RED

5:00pm VARSITY WHITE

7:00pm VARSITY

This year all proceeds will be donated to pediatric cancer charities



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HOCKEY HELPING HEARTS

OLSM Hockey is once again helping heroes by raising funds for the Warriors Heart program, a privately funded treatment center located in San Antonio, Texas, and Milford, Virginia, where they treat active military, veterans, and first responders from across the United States.

Last season, the hockey program held a highly successful, school-wide fundraiser for Warriors Heart, and sent \$2,400 to the organization. They also wrote letters of gratitude and encouragement to the military, veterans and first responders being treated at Warriors Heart and received a heartfelt letter back from the center expressing their gratitude for both the funds and the letters as they were very much welcomed.

On January 13, 2024, the OLSM varsity Red team wore special patriotic jerseys and again dedicated their 6:30 PM home game against De La Salle to this organization. They again wrote letters to Warriors Heart and held a Patriotic Dress Down Day (red, white and blue) on January 12, with all funds received being sent with their letters to the organization.

Thank you to all those that supported Warriors Heart. Visit <https://warriorsheart.com> for more information and how to support their ongoing efforts.



NEW SCHOOL APP

Our new school app, Orchard Lake St. Mary's, has been approved by Apple and Google. Prep students and their families can download it from their cell phone's app store and stay up-to-date with notifications like snow days, early dismissals and more! Check out features such as the new Orchard Lake Schools events calendar for all campus event information.



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ST. MARY'S BASKETBALL SHOWDOWN

VS. BROTHER RICE



FRIDAY, FEB 2 @ 7:00 PM

AT OAKLAND UNIVERSITY'S O'RENA

DOORS OPEN AT 6:00 PM • \$10 TICKETS SOLD AT THE DOOR
OLSM STUDENTS & STAFF FREE WITH ID

*Class of 2024 will receive a **FREE T-Shirt** as an early OLSM Alumni welcome gift!

"We never give more honor to Jesus than when we honor his Mother."
- St. Louis DeMontfort

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2024 Alumni Scholarship Awards

Please join us for an evening of celebrating the OLSM Junior class as the finalists from both the Boys and Girls Divisions compete for senior year scholarships!

ATTENDEES WILL ENJOY:

- A strolling dinner at the Detroit Athletic Club
- A chance to reconnect with fellow St. Mary's alumni
- A chance to hear from our finalists in their own words on why they are the obvious choice as the scholarship recipient.

Tickets: \$150/per person
\$95 for 1885 Club Members
(includes yearly membership fee)

All proceeds benefit the Alumni Scholarship Fund.



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THURSDAY, FEB. 8, 2024 • 6:30 PM
DETROIT ATHLETIC CLUB
241 Madison Street • Detroit, MI 48226

ANNUAL ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP EVENT RETURNS TO THE DAC

St. Mary's is more than just academics and athletics; it's about building individual character and developing leaders in our communities. As St. Mary's alumni, it is vital that we continue this growth and engage in charity whenever possible.

The 2024 St. Mary's Alumni Association Scholarship Event gives alumni the opportunity to acknowledge prep student hardship, perseverance, faith, and philanthropy – all the building blocks necessary for young adult leadership and character growth.

The event takes place February 8th at the Detroit Athletic Club and celebrates two junior finalists from each of the Boys and Girls Divisions. The four finalists will compete for a senior year scholarship by reading an essay that explains why they are the obvious choice as the scholarship recipient.

It is a heartwarming event that allows alumni and alumni parents to relive the St. Mary's experience and feel the passion of the student body. In return, the generosity of the donors and attendees proves to be a valuable life-lesson for the students; it is our expectation that these students pay it forward in the future.

Thank you to all the donors and attendees of the previous scholarship events – it truly embodies the essence of St. Mary's. We look forward to seeing you at this year's event.

BRYAN GRAY
President, Alumni Association



Photos of 2023 Alumni Scholarship Event

Photos of 2021 Alumni Scholarship Event at the DAC

CLASS OF '94 VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM HONORED AS PART OF OLSM'S STORIED PROGRAM

Back on December 19, 1913, the Eaglets played their very first basketball game against Pontiac for an 18-8 win! This season marks 111 years of hardwood history, including 6 State Championships (*Winning: 1933, 1978, 1982, 2000; Runner-Up: 1930, 1994*), 12 Semi-Final States, 22 Regional titles, and 48 District banners. As of December 2023, we had 1,436 wins vs. 732 losses.

On Friday, January 19, we honored part of our history by recognizing our varsity basketball Class of 1994 alumni during halftime of the Prep's win, under head coach Todd Covert, over U of D Jesuit in the Dombrowski Fieldhouse! Members of this team receiving honors that evening include (*left to right*): **JERMAINE GONZALES** (*Athletic Director*), **JOSH PAWLOVICH**, Coach **DENNIS BUTCHER**, **KYLO JONES**, **CHAD ABBUHL**, Coach **BRIAN GRAY** (*and Alumni Association President*), **AARON MILLER**, **T.J. ZYWICKI**, **DARRYL ADAMS**, **KYLE BALDWIN**, **DIALLO JOHNSON**, **DAVE BOWENS**.



KALIN LUCAS (P'06): OLSM BASKETBALL'S LEADING SCORER

KALIN LUCAS, Prep Class of 2006, wrote a big chapter in our storied basketball program! Lucas played from 2003-06 in 82 games and scored 1,688 points! He holds the OLSM basketball leading scorer school record!

He was a highly recruited 4-star player who went on to play college basketball for Michigan State University. Among his extensive list of team accomplishments, he is the MSU career leader in free throws made (507) and attempted (637) and is just one of four in Spartan history to total 1,500 career points and 500 career assists. He also ranks third in MSU NCAA Tournament history with 56 assists (2010-11). Lucas later played professionally with the European league.

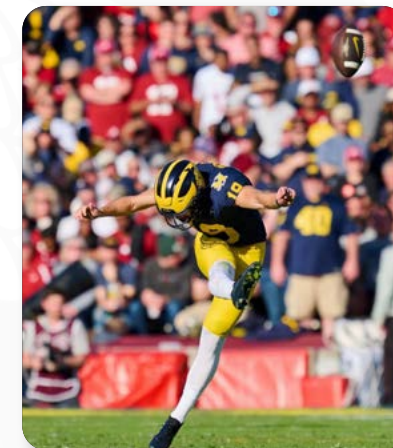
On February 2, 2024, Kalin Lucas will serve as Honorary Captain of the OLSM varsity basketball team in their game against Brother Rice at Oakland University's O'Rena! Watch for more on his appearance and the matchup in the March issue of the *Campus Communicator*!



TOMMY DOMAN (P'21): COLLEGE FOOTBALL NATIONAL CHAMPION & ROSE BOWL CHAMPION!!

TOMMY DOMAN, former OLSM graduate of the Class of 2021, a varsity football kicker and punter, an Annual Alumni Scholarship recipient, and an OLS Summer Camps football mentor, can add two new championships to his list of accomplishments. Doman, a University of Michigan junior, is the #19 starting punter seen throughout

the 2023 varsity football season who helped the Wolverines accomplish their 15-0 record. And now, this member of U of M football team No. 144 is both a 2024 Rose Bowl champion and a College Football National Champion!



FORMER PREP FACULTY MEMBER & COACH NOW A TELEVISION & SOCIAL MEDIA STAR

BUT IS HE A "TRAITOR"?

When you hear the name, **DAN GHEESLING**, you may remember him as a former OLSM biology, environmental science, gym, and health teacher (2007-10) and defensive coordinator for the 2022 football team. But those who are fans of the original CBS series, *Big Brother*, may know him as the winner of season 10 and runner-up of season 14 (*If you are looking for something new to view, the series is streaming on several platforms.*)

Gheesling is now an American reality television personality,

YouTube personality and Twitch streamer and is considered one of *Big Brother*'s best contestants in U.S. show history. But now he is applying his strategies to *The Traitors* U.S. season 2 which premiered on Monday, January 22, streaming on Peacock.



It looks like Gheesling is once again holding some power over other contestants. Is he a traitor? Watch his role on *The Traitors* on your local NBC affiliate or streaming on <https://www.peacocktv.com>



ST. MARY'S COLLEGE ALUMNI REUNION



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

**All former St. Mary's College students and alumni are invited
to COME BACK HOME to Orchard Lake this summer!**

*Celebrate, reconnect with fellow alumni, and enjoy
a great BBQ dinner on the campus of your alma mater!*



BBQ DINNER • BEER & WINE • \$45 PER PERSON SCAN CODE TO REGISTER

JULY 13, 2024 • 5:00-9:00 PM
OLS CAMPUS QUAD & OLD GYM



ST. JOHN PAUL II LITURGICAL CENTER UPDATE

This year on February 14th, Ash Wednesday symbolizes the beginning of the Lent season that is a time of preparation for the celebration of the Lord's Resurrection. Lent is the Old English word for spring. The Latin name for Lent is *quadragesima* that means "the forty days," thus recalling Jesus' forty days in the wilderness where he was praying and fasting before beginning his public ministry (*Matt 4:2*). During Lent, we are invited to focus on the spiritual dimension of our life, building up our prayerful relationship with the Lord, opening our hearts to others by practicing charity, and practicing self-control through fasting. This month, I share some of the following excerpts from the homily that St. John Paul II delivered on Ash Wednesday in 1979.

FR. BERNARD WITEK

Director, St. John Paul II Liturgical Center

IN THE WORDS OF ST. JOHN PAUL II:

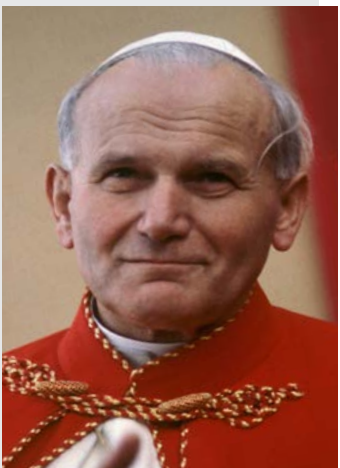
*"Return to me with all your heart, with fasting ... Return to the Lord, your God!
(Joel 2:12, 13). Today we announce Lent with the words of the prophet Joel, and we begin it
with the whole Church. We announce Lent of the Year of the Lord 1979 with the rite that is
even more eloquent than the words of the prophet.*

*Today the Church blesses the ashes, obtained from the branches blessed on Palm Sunday
last year, to sprinkle them on each of us. So let us bow our heads and in the sign of the
ashes recognize the whole truth of the words addressed by God to the first man: 'You
are dust, and to dust you shall return' (Gen 3:19). Yes! We can remember this reality
particularly during the time of Lent, to which the liturgy of the Church brings us today.
It is a stern time. In this period, divine truths must speak to our hearts with particular
forcefulness. We must meet our human experience, our conscience. The first truth,
proclaimed today, reminds man of his transience, recalls death, which is for each of us the end of earthly life.*

*Today the Church lays great stress on this truth, confirmed by the history of every man. Remember that 'to dust you
shall return'. Remember that your life on earth has a limit! But the message of Ash Wednesday does not end here.
The whole of today's liturgy warns: Remember that limit; and at the same time: do not stop at that limit! Death is
not only a 'natural' necessity. Death is a mystery.*

*Here we enter the particular time in which the whole Church, more than ever, wishes to meditate on death as the
mystery of man in Christ. Christ the Son of God accepted death as a natural necessity, as an inevitable part of man's
fate on earth. Jesus Christ accepted death as the consequence of sin. Right from the beginning death was united with
sin: the death of the body ('to dust you shall return') and the death of the human spirit owing to disobedience to
God, to the Holy Spirit. Jesus Christ accepted death as a sign of obedience to God, in order to restore to the human
spirit the full gift of the Holy Spirit.*

*Jesus Christ accepted death to overcome sin. Jesus Christ accepted death to overcome death in the very essence of
its perennial mystery. Therefore the message of Ash Wednesday is expressed with the words of St. Paul: 'We are
ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We beseech you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to
God. For our sake, he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of
God' (2 Cor 5:20-21). Collaborate with him! The significance of Ash Wednesday is not limited to remind us of death
and sin; it is also a loud call to overcome sin, to be converted. Both of these express collaboration with Christ. During
Lent we have before our eyes the whole divine 'economy' of grace and salvation'. In this time of Lent let us remember
'not to accept the grace of God in vain' (2 Cor 6:1).*



A special Mass
CELEBRATING THE FEAST
 of
SS CYRIL & METHODIUS

Fr. Bernard Witek SDS, Celebrant



POLISH DINNER WILL FOLLOW IN THE CAMPUS DINING HALL.

COST IS \$20 PER PERSON

PLEASE RSVP TO (248) 602-7579 OR BERNARDWITEK@YAHOO.COM

Sunday, February 11th, 2024 at 1:00 PM

SEMINARY CHAPEL • ORCHARD LAKE SCHOOLS

**ST. JOHN PAUL II LITURGICAL CENTER CELEBRATES
 NATIONAL SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE DAY**

In keeping with the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops designating January 22nd as a day of prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children, on that day, Fr. Bernard Witek celebrated a special 7:00 PM Mass and Holy Hour for the rights of the Unborn at the Shrine of St. John Paul II.

In his homily, Fr. Witek stated that every person has a name. A person's name gives proof that he or she is an identifiable living person. John the Baptist is referred to in the Bible before he was born. According to the Bible, John's birth was prophesied by the angel Gabriel to his father Zechariah. Gabriel told Zechariah that his wife Elizabeth would bear a son and that he should name him John. Gabriel also said that John would be filled with the Holy Spirit even before he was born and that he would prepare the way for Jesus. This is one example from the Bible wherein an unborn person is given a name signifying that he is indeed a person although yet unborn.

The Mass and Holy Hour were well attended by members of the surrounding community.



During the Holy Hour, Fr. Witek said specific prayers written for the Unborn by St. John Paul II, Pope Benedict XVI, and Mother Theresa among others.

Pat Minor, a St. Mary's College Alumna (C'88), lead prayers for those who have an impact on sustaining life, namely, medical professionals, researchers, scientists, and teachers, and those active in the important pro-life movement who work tirelessly to end abortion by praying at abortion clinics and work to defend life.



ZAPRASZAMY

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

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

Sunday, March 3rd • 1:00 PM

- There will be a Polish Dinner after the Mass - \$20 per person
- Please RSVP for the dinner by Tuesday, February 27th
- Call (248) 602-7579 or bernardwitek@yahoo.com

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



NICOLAUS COPERNICUS 550th JUBILEE

By SIENNA SMITH, JUNIOR AT ORCHARD LAKE ST. MARY’S PREPARATORY

Nicolaus Copernicus or Mikołaj Kopernik (*as many Poles know*) was a Polish astronomer and mathematician during the Renaissance Era. He was born on February 19, 1473, in Torun, Poland. This year marks the 550th jubilee of his birth. Copernicus began studying at the University of Kraków in 1491, and this is where his interests were sparked. He spoke various languages such as Latin, Greek, Polish, and German. Copernicus enjoyed learning new things and furthering his education.

During this time, classical beliefs on astronomy followed the principles established by Aristotle. That the earth was the center of the universe, and everything revolved around it. Although Copernicus was not the first individual to dispute this belief, his theories are the most well-known and studied today. He established that the sun was the center of the universe and the earth revolved around it, along with all the other planets. Copernicus studied this theory for almost his entire life but feared publishing his work. This was, in part, because the Aristotelian principles were commonly accepted by the Catholic Church, who, following the writings of the revered theologian St. Thomas Aquinas, relied heavily on Aristotle's philosophy as a foundation for many theological teachings. Because of this apparent contradiction with the Catholic faith, Copernicus feared his theory was controversial and would not be accepted by the public. His fears were justified. Many political and religious figures ordered Copernicus's books to be banned for over 300 years.



Polish people around the world are proud to claim Nicolaus Copernicus as one of their ancestors. His discovery was so profound that the new wave of astronomy was termed the Copernican Revolution. His remains were discovered in 2008 underneath a cathedral, a full skull and skeleton.

I personally visited The House of Nicolaus Copernicus Museum in Toruń. It was a great experience and its dedication to such a prominent Polish figure in science was the most impactful for me.



EXHIBITION

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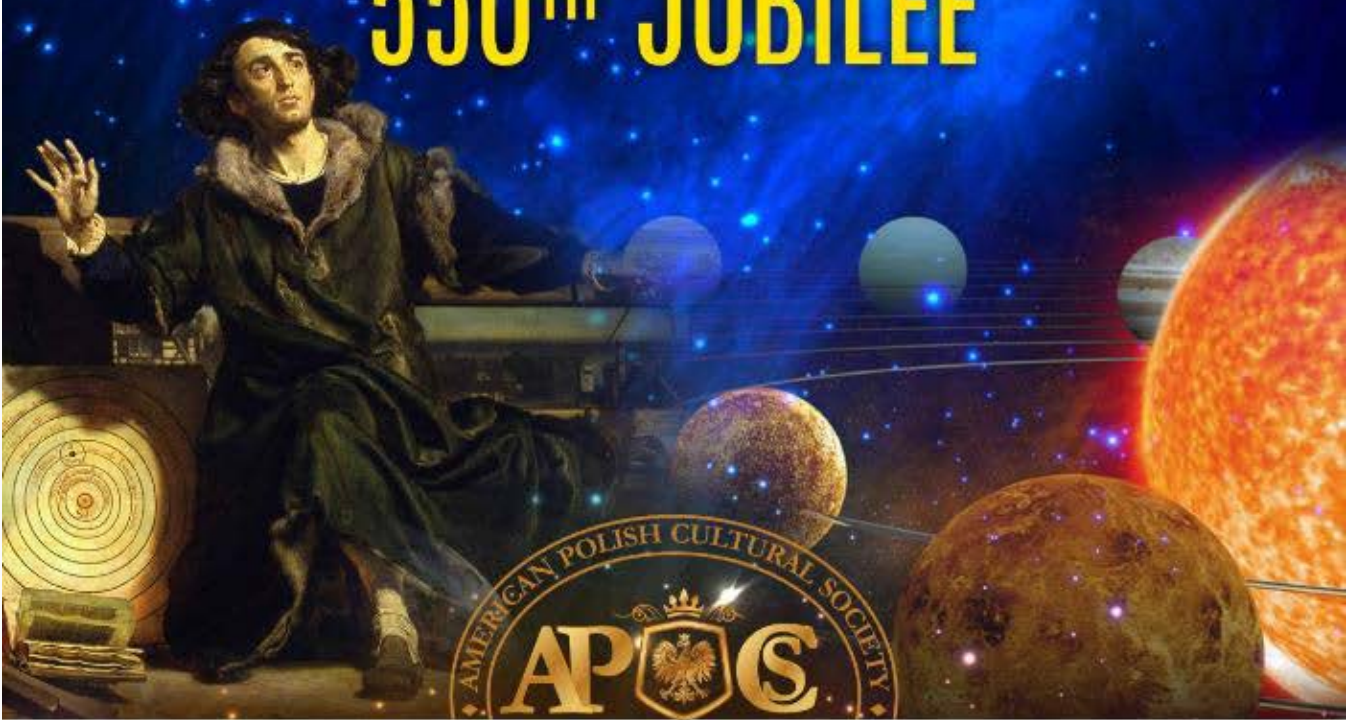
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1473 - 1543

550TH JUBILEE



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POLISH INSTITUTE OF CULTURE & RESEARCH CELEBRATES **FAT TUESDAY** AT OLSM!

The Polish Institute will provide all staff, faculty,
and students with *pączki* from Irena's Pastry &
Bistro, Środek's on Tuesday, February 13th.

Pączki will be shared at all lunch times!

**If you would like to pre-order a dozen, please submit to
abieciuk@picrol.org by February 6th.**

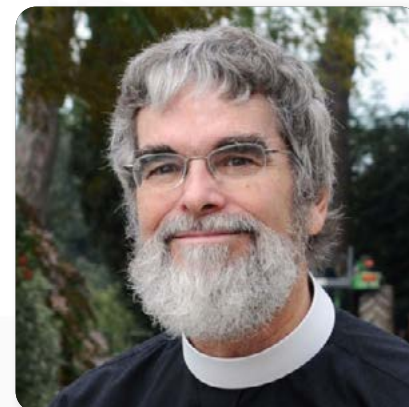
One dozen for \$25.

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Raspberry, Strawberry,
and Custard.**



DIRECTOR OF THE VATICAN OBSERVATORY TO SPEAK IN THE GALERIA ON THE ORCHARD LAKE SCHOOLS CAMPUS MARCH 18th



The Polish Institute and the Orchard Lake Schools are thrilled to welcome the Director of the Vatican Observatory, Jesuit and Detroit native Br. Guy Consolmagno to our campus!

On March 18th, Brother Consolmagno will deliver a talk about the work of Polish astronomer Nicholas Copernicus as well as the work of the Vatican Observatory. He will speak to the St. Mary's students earlier in the day.

This event is free and open to the public, and will start at 6:30 PM in the Galeria on campus. Don't miss this historic visit and presentation as we are honored to welcome Br. Guy to Orchard Lake!

The following are excerpts from an article on Wikipedia.com about the background of this famed astronomer.

Brother Guy J. Consolmagno, SJ is an American research astronomer, physicist, religious brother, Director of the Vatican Observatory, and President of the Vatican Observatory Foundation.

Consolmagno attended the University of Detroit Jesuit High School before he obtained his S.B. (1974) and S.M. (1975) degrees at Massachusetts Institute of Technology and his Ph.D. (1978) at the University of Arizona's Lunar and Planetary Laboratory, all in planetary science.

In 1989 he entered the Society of Jesus, and took vows as a brother in 1991. On entry into the order, he was assigned as an astronomer to the Vatican Observatory, where he also serves as curator of the Vatican Meteorite collection, a position he has held since then. In addition to his continuing professional work in planetary science, he has also studied philosophy and theology.

His research is centered on the connections between meteorites and asteroids, and the origin and evolution of small bodies in the Solar System. In addition to over 40 refereed scientific papers, he has co-authored several books on astronomy for the popular market, which have been translated into multiple languages. During 1996, he took part in the Antarctic Search for Meteorites, ANSMET, where he discovered a number of meteorites on

the ice fields of Antarctica. An asteroid was named in his honour by the International Astronomical Union, IAU in 2000 - 4597 Consolmagno.

On July 2, 2014, he was awarded the Carl Sagan Medal for outstanding communication by an active planetary scientist to the general public by the Division for Planetary Sciences of the American Astronomical Society.

Known as "The Pope's Astronomer," he was named by Pope Francis to be the Director of the Vatican Observatory in September 2015.



AUTHOR OF POLISH WWII HISTORY TO PRESENT ON AWARD WINNING BOOK

Author and professor Dr. Jadwiga Biskupska will join us on Friday, February 16th at 6:30 PM in the Burkacki Academic Center Main Level to discuss her award-winning book, *Survivors: Warsaw under Nazi Occupation*. The book explores the fate of Polish Christian intelligentsia during the German occupation and their role in making Warsaw the epicenter for Europe's most extensive underground resistance movement. **The event is free to the public.**

MEET THE AUTHOR

Jadwiga Biskupska is associate professor of military history at Sam Houston State University in Huntsville, Texas, and co-director of the Second World War Research Group, North America (SWWRGNA). She received her PhD in history from Yale University. She studies violence, warfare, and nationalism in twentieth-century central Europe. Her first book, *Survivors: Warsaw under Nazi Occupation*, was published in 2022 with Cambridge University Press in their Studies in the Social and Cultural History of Modern Warfare series and is the 2022 winner of the Heldt Prize from the Association for Women in Slavic Studies (AWSS) and a recipient of the 2023 honorable mention for the Witold Pilecki International Book Award.



ABOUT THE BOOK:

Survivors: Warsaw under Nazi Occupation tells the harrowing story of life in Warsaw under Nazi occupation. As the epicenter of Polish resistance, Warsaw was subjected to violent persecution, the ghettoization of the city's Jewish community, the suppression of multiple uprisings, and an avalanche of restrictions that killed hundreds of thousands and destroyed countless lives. In this study into the unique brutality of wartime Warsaw, Jadwiga Biskupska traces how Nazi Germany set out to dismantle the Polish nation and state for long-term domination by targeting its intelligentsia. In nine chapters drawing on a wide variety of source material in Polish, German, and English, the book traces Nazi efforts to kill and “neutralize” the Polish intelligentsia in 1939-1940, Nazi occupation institutions built to control and terrorize them, and then assesses how the surviving intelligentsia responded to this persecution for the rest of the war. She explores how myriad resistance projects emerged within the intelligentsia who were bent on maintaining national traditions and rebuilding a Polish state, from information trafficking networks to secret schooling, Catholic initiatives, and outright insurgency in the final year of occupation. In contrast to other studies on the Holocaust and Second World War, this book focuses on Polish behavior and explains who was in a position to contest the occupation or collaborate with it, while answering lingering questions and addressing controversies about the Nazi empire and the Holocaust in Eastern Europe. This prize-winning book has been called “highly engaging,” “meticulously researched and fluidly written,” and “a great gift for all history lovers.”

POLISH CULTURAL FASHION SHOW TO BLOOM ON CAMPUS

Mark your calendars! The Polish Institute of Culture & Research at Orchard Lake presents “Blooms of Tradition,” on March 9th at 5:00 PM in the Galeria on campus. This is a unique fashion show by Recultured Designs. We invite you to immerse yourself in an enchanting evening blending tradition and contemporary artistry.

Recultured Designs was established in 2012 by Alexandra Lisiecki, a Detroit-native who was deeply influenced by her Polish heritage. Lisiecki rethinks tradition by weaving inspiration from the world of Slavic folklore. She

blends a rich cultural heritage with contemporary fashion. Each garment is crafted by internally displaced war refugees in Ukraine, providing them with a means of income and a chance to rebuild their lives. Recultured Designs is based out of San Francisco, California.

This one-of-a kind event will happen on March 9, 2024 at 5:00 PM in the Galeria on campus.



PISANKI WORKSHOP



THE POLISH INSTITUTE OF CULTURE & RESEARCH is hosting an educational workshop about the art of making Pisanki Easter eggs which is decorated using the wax-resist method. You'll learn how to create an authentic Pisanka (singular egg) with skilled instructor, Iwona Jędrzejczak.

Workshop Fees • Price includes your egg & kit supplies.

Adults \$30 • You will be able to take your final

Children (up to 18 years) \$15 product home!

Call (248) 836-1284 to reserve your seat today! Space is limited.

SATURDAY • MARCH 16, 2024
12:00 PM & 3:00 PM • CAMPUS DINING HALL

ORCHARD LAKE SCHOOLS • 3535 COMMERCE ROAD • ORCHARD LAKE, MI

PLEASE NOTE: Parking behind Dining Hall is limited.

We invite you to also park in main lot adjacent to Archdiocesan Shrine.



WHAT

ABSTINENCE



NO MEAT
Mammals or Fowl



FISH IS OK
So are Amphibians and Reptiles

FASTING



1 REGULAR MEAL



2 SMALLER MEALS
that together do not equal
the regular meal in size



NO SNACKS

WHO



**CATHOLICS
14+**
**ARE OBLIGED TO
PRACTICE ABSTINENCE**



**CATHOLICS
18-58**
**ARE OBLIGED
TO FAST**



THOSE OUTSIDE THE AGE LIMITS
and those whose state in life (e.g. pregnant women,
manual laborers, those who are ill) may be excused
from the requirements of fasting and abstinence,
but are encouraged to take up some other form of
penitence or acts of charity or piety.

WHEN



**FASTING
AND
ABSTINENCE**

ABSTINENCE

INTERESTING NOTE:

Canon 1250 names Fridays all year long as penitential days which should be marked by some sort of sacrifice and penance. While abstinence from meat is a traditional sacrifice, Canon 1253 leaves the decision for the particular sacrifice up to the local conference of Bishops. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has obtained permission from the Holy See for Catholics in the USA to substitute a different penitential, or even a charitable, practice for abstinence from meat during the year, if they so choose.
Abstinence from meat is obligatory during Lent everywhere.

PLEASE NOTE



These guidelines are the minimum requirements for Lenten sacrifices. All are encouraged to impose some sort of personal penance or act of charity or piety on top of these minimums.

You could increase the number of days you practice fasting and/or abstinence, or abstain from a favorite food or activity for all of Lent. You could add things, such as committing to read the Bible for 20 minutes a day.



As in all things, Lenten penance and mortification calls for prudence.

It is wise to consult your spiritual director before undertaking additional Lenten practices.



This Illustrated Guide to Lenten Fasting and Abstinence was created by Jonathan Teixeira for the FOCUS blog as part of Lentsanity. Take advantage of all our Lentsanity resources and make this Lent the best one yet. Learn more at focus.org/lentsanity and download the Lentsanity app, available in the Apple App Store and Google Play.

Upcoming Event Highlights
FEBRUARY 2024

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| 1 Girls Varsity Basketball vs. RO Shrine @ 7:00 PM | 14 Ash Wednesday
Wrestling Team Regionals TBD |
| 2 Boys Varsity Basketball vs. Brother Rice @ 7:00 PM
at Oakland University's "O-Rena"
Wrestling CHSL Tournament at Catholic Central | 15 Girls Varsity Hockey vs. Bloomfield United @ 4:30 PM |
| 3 St. Mary's Auction Gala @ 6:00 PM at Suburban
Collection Showplace | 16 PICR's "Meet the Author" Event @ 6:30 PM at Burkacki
Academic Center |
| 4 Polish 1st Sunday Mass @ 1:00 PM & Polish Dinner | 17 Wrestling Individual Regionals TBD |
| 5 Ski CHSL Championship @ 2:00 PM at Mt. Brighton
Bowling vs. Divine Child @ 3:30 PM | 19-25 No School (WINTER BREAK) |
| 7 Bowling vs. Catholic Central/Mercy Gold @ 3:30 PM
Wrestling MHSAA Districts TBD
Boys Varsity Hockey vs. Cranbrook @ 7:30 PM | 19-28 Boys Varsity Hockey MHSAA Regionals TBD |
| 8 Ski Div Championship @ 9:00 AM at Alpine Valley
Alumni Scholarship Event @ 6:30 PM at DAC | 20 Ski SEMSL Championship @ 9:00 AM @ Alpine Valley |
| 10 Wrestling MHSAA Individual Districts TBD
2 nd Annual "Pink in the Rink" Boys Hockey vs. Br. Rice | 20-21 Girls Varsity Basketball @ CHSL Semifinals TBD |
| 10-14 Boys Varsity Basketball CHSL Tournament TBD | 23 Wrestling MHSAA Team Finals at Wings Event
Center TBD |
| 11 Feast of SS. Cyril & Methodius Mass @ 1:00 PM & Polish
Dinner | 23-24 Bowling MHSAA Regionals TBD |
| 12 Ski MHSAA Regionals @ 9:00 AM at Pine Knob | 24 Girls Basketball CHSL Championship TBD |
| 13 Paczki Day
Girls Varsity Hockey vs. Walled Lake @ 4:30 PM
Girls Varsity Basketball vs. Lutheran North @ 7:00 PM | 26 Ski MHSAA Finals @ 8:00 AM @ Nubs Knob
Boys Varsity Basketball MHSAA Districts TBD |
| | 24 Girls Basketball CHSL Championship TBD |
| | 29 Leap Day
Girls Varsity Basketball vs. Lutheran NW @ 6:00 PM |

MONTHLY ENROLLMENTS

*Throughout the year, donors to the Orchard Lake Schools enroll their loved ones in the "Friends of the Orchard Lake Schools" Enrollment. These names are those that have been added from the month of December. 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.***

MANSUR ISSA ASHANDER	PAM & TERRY MACK	THOMAS P. PIETRAS, (C '57)
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JUDY DYC	RICHARD L. METRIC	LAWRENCE "LARRY" SHEPANЕК
DENO FATIEO	BARBARA NODOLSKI	VELLA FAMILY
MARY JEAN JANOGHA	LOIS PERRY	JESUS ROBERTO VERDIN
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FEBRUARY 2024

MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4

9:00 AM	FR. WITEK • ENGLISH	SEMINARY CHAPEL
9:00 AM	MSGR. BROWNE • LATIN	ST. JOHN PAUL II SHRINE
11:00 AM	FR. WITEK • ENGLISH	ST. JOHN PAUL II SHRINE
1:00 PM	FR. WITEK • POLISH* POLISH 1st SUNDAY	ST. JOHN PAUL II SHRINE

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11

9:00 AM	FR. WITEK • POLISH*	SEMINARY CHAPEL
9:00 AM	FR. SUHY • LATIN	ST. JOHN PAUL II SHRINE
11:00 AM	FR. WITEK • ENGLISH	ST. JOHN PAUL II SHRINE
1:00 PM	FR. WITEK • POLISH* FEAST OF SS CYRIL & METHODIUS	SEMINARY CHAPEL

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14 • Ash WEDNESDAY

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

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18

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

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25

9:00 AM	FR. WITEK • POLISH*	SEMINARY CHAPEL
9:00 AM	FR. SUHY • 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 THURSDAY 2/1	MASS AT 7:00 PM THEN DEVOTIONS • FR. WITEK	ST. JOHN PAUL II SHRINE
1ST FRIDAY 2/2	MASS AT 7:00 PM THEN DEVOTIONS • FR. WITEK	ST. JOHN PAUL II SHRINE
1ST SATURDAY 2/3	MASS AT 9:00 AM THEN DEVOTIONS • FR. WITEK	ST. JOHN PAUL II SHRINE
THURSDAY 2/15	BIBLE STUDY AFTER MASS AT 7:45 PM	SEMINARY CHAPEL
FRIDAY 2/16	DIVINE MERCY PRAYERS AT 7:45 PM KRAŁ BIBLIJNY AT 8:00 PM	ST. JOHN PAUL II SHRINE SEMINARY CHAPEL
FRIDAYS IN LENT	STATIONS OF THE CROSS AT 6:30 PM	ST. JOHN PAUL II SHRINE
FRIDAY 2/23	ALL NIGHT ADORATION AFTER MASS 7:45 PM	ST. JOHN PAUL II SHRINE
SATURDAY 2/24	END OF ALL NIGHT ADORATION 9:00 AM	ST. JOHN PAUL II SHRINE

CONFESSIONS

MONDAY-THURSDAY	6:00 PM - 6:55 PM	ST. JOHN PAUL II SHRINE
FRIDAYS	5:30 PM - 6:25 PM	ST. JOHN PAUL II SHRINE
SATURDAYS	8:00 AM - 8:55 AM	ST. JOHN PAUL II SHRINE