

O R C H A R D L A K E S C H O O L S

# CAMPUS COMMUNICATOR

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*"Trust in the Lord and do good; dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture." ~ Psalm 37:3*

## APRIL 2026



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**GIVING THANKS FOR OUR CAMPUS SAFETY TEAM**

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The Orchard Lake St. Mary's

# CAMPUS SAFETY TEAM

BY LEONARD KARSCHNIA  
HEADMASTER | ST. MARY'S PREPARATORY

As we work together in our VOCATION OF EDUCATION, this group of men have a role at the very forefront of our Mission of **God. Family. St. Mary's**. Their vigilance and commitment to keeping our students safe is to be commended. I know personally – and via the receipt of so many messages of gratitude from our Campus Family – that we are humbled and forever thankful for the daily work our Campus Safety Team provides to our students and staff.

We will not stray from our mantra that **"AN INCIDENT-FREE DAY IS A SUCCESSFUL DAY"** and Mr. Rychcik's guiding principle that we are always to act on the side of safety when it involves the children entrusted to our care.



Thank you, Campus Safety Team, for your continued work to help keep our campus a safe place for our community to grow in faith, education, culture and tradition. Photo L to R: Rich Rychcik, Tracy Krettlin, Steve Schneider, Allie, David Clevenger, Kyle Schneider

May we all continue to pray for the intercession of our Patroness Mary in providing her protection to our entire campus community as we forge ahead in our 141-year mission of our Founder Father Dabrowski in educating our students in The Roman Catholic Faith.



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## Congratulations to our STUDENT ATHLETES



Congratulations to the following St. Mary's Prep athletes on their season honors:

**GIRLS BASKETBALL ON THEIR CHSL HONORS:**

- All Catholic | Allie Crighton, Reese Holton, Laney Larsen, Brooke Shockey
- All League | Jessica Asmussen
- All Academic | Josie Andrzejczak

**GIRLS HOCKEY FOR THEIR CHSL HONORS:**

- All Catholic | Violet Breyer
- All Academic | Evie Sarigiannis



The Girls Varsity Basketball team defeated Lakeland (54-26) to capture the MHSAA D1 District Championship!

**BOWLING ATHLETES ON THEIR HONORS: (GIRLS DIVISION)**

- All League | Nika Ladogenszky
- All Academic | Gia Tanguay
- All Catholic | Kaylee Morton

**(Boys Division)**

- All League | Luke Jasinski
- All Academic | Brandon Hoffmann



The Boys Varsity Hockey team won the MHSAA Division 3 Regional Championship defeating South Lyon (4-1) and reaching the D3 state championship finals.

### OLSM's CHEF NICK Serves Up Gumbo!

On Thursday, February 26, OLSM Dining Hall's Chef Nick made some amazing Gumbo for Black History Month lunch that left students, faculty and staff coming back for more! "It's chicken, sausage and ham gumbo and I got the recipe from the *Splendid Soups* cookbook (James Peterson), but I did change it up a bit and put my own spin on it," he said. "I like to see the students trying new things."



## BLACK HISTORY MONTH



### ENJOY GUMBO!

Rooted in black history, "Gumbo," which is thought to have originated from the West African word "ki ngombo," is a prime example of the magic that can happen when different cultures come together! Ki ngombo means "okra" in many Bantu languages. Enslaved African Americans often exchanged or combined ingredients in order to make the dish, allowing it to serve as a means of community and identity. West Africans use the vegetable okra as a base for many dishes, including soups. In Louisiana, gumbo has several variations and includes ingredients introduced by several cultural groups, particularly French (creole) and Native Americans.

# GERALD MCBRIDE

## Inspires Students Through Faith & Storytelling During Black History Month



In celebration of Black History Month, our school had the honor of welcoming Gerald McBride—Detroit DJ, author, and film producer—for a powerful and engaging talk with our upper-class students. The visit was made possible through an invitation extended by Tracie Robinson, Community Partnership & Student Director, who invited him to share his inspiring testimony of faith, perseverance, and purpose.

McBride spoke openly about how his personal experiences with how God profoundly changed the direction of his life, career, and calling. Addressing both senior girls and boys, he reflected on the challenges he faced and how trusting God helped him grow through adversity and uncertainty. His message aligned beautifully with Black History Month, highlighting the importance of resilience, faith, leadership, and using one’s gifts to positively impact the community.



He also shared how his faith influences his creative work, including his book, *God, and the DJ*, which explores the intersection of faith, identity, and life experiences. Students were especially engaged when McBride presented a short clip from his

film, “Black Ice: The Rhythm,” a project he wrote, produced, and directed. The powerful footage offered insight into his storytelling journey and demonstrated how media can be used as a platform to inspire, educate, and elevate untold stories.

Following his presentation, McBride held a Q&A session, and students asked thoughtful questions about faith, perseverance, career paths, and balancing purpose with passion. He remained after the event to sign books and respond to additional questions.

One of the most memorable moments of the visit came at the conclusion of the presentation. Tracie Robinson surprised students by announcing that she had purchased several copies of *God, and the DJ* to gift to them. With excitement building in the room, students participated in a random number drawing for the opportunity to receive a copy, a meaningful close to an already impactful event.

Students left encouraged and inspired, reflecting on Mr. McBride’s reminder that faith, resilience, and obedience to God can transform not only a career, but a life. We are grateful to Mr. McBride for sharing his testimony and talents, and to Mrs. Robinson for creating such a thoughtful and enriching Black History Month experience for our students.

Additional information about Mr. McBride and his book, *God, and the DJ*, can be found by visiting his official website at [www.geraldmcbride.com](http://www.geraldmcbride.com)

## Black History Month ART Contest

**Promotes Social Change & Fosters Understanding.** St. Mary's students in both the boys and girls divisions participated in several Black History Month activities including contests to write compelling essays and to create beautiful, themed art. In addition, teachers incorporated Black History into their lessons to recognize important contributions in their subject areas including music, business, and government. Student works are displayed around campus.

The senior boys also learned from guest speaker Gerald McBride, a local radio DJ, screenwriter, and author of the book, “God and the DJ” about his inspirational personal journey guided by faith.

### Essay Contest Winners!

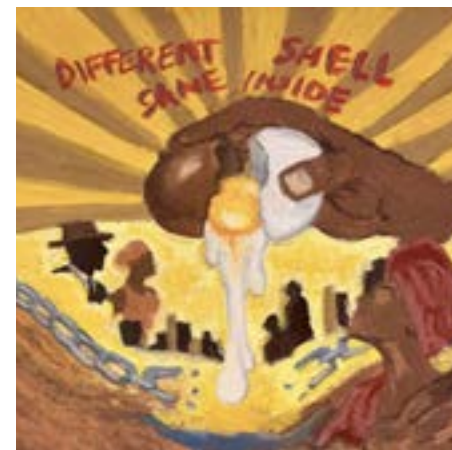
- BOYS DIVISION**  
 11th Grade: Emanuel Taylor  
 12th Grade: Michael Gumma

- GIRLS DIVISION**  
 9th Grade: Scarlett Gatie  
 10th Grade: Leah Roe  
 11th Grade: Chloe Naomi  
 12th Grade: Olivia Stevens

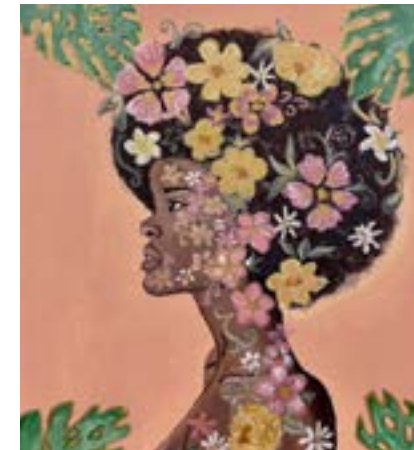
### Artist Contest Winners!

- BOYS DIVISION**  
 1st Place: (\$150) McKinnon Owen (Freshman)  
 2nd Place: (\$100) Jack DeBrincat (Senior)  
 3rd Place: (\$50) Mario Marougi (Senior)

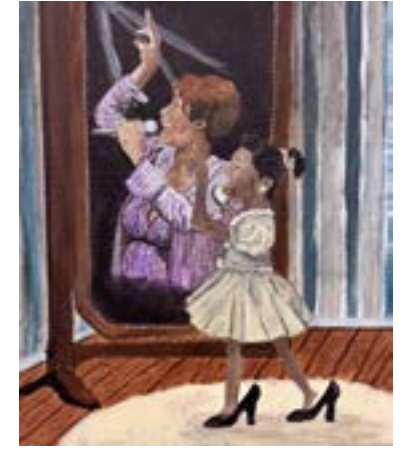
- GIRLS DIVISION**  
 1st Place (\$150) Chloe Filiatraut (Senior)  
 2nd Place (\$100) Lili Matyus (Sophomore)  
 3rd Place (\$50) Andrea Abarca (Senior)



Chloe Filiatraut



Lili Matyus



Andrea Abarca



McKinnon Owen



Jack DeBrincat



Mario Marougi

What National Honor Society

# MEANS to OLSM Students

The National Honor Society is an organization which empowers and equips students with knowledge and skills to be transformative leaders at OLSM, in their communities and beyond. By recognizing and uplifting well-rounded students, NHS allows OLSM to elevate a culture of scholarship, service, leadership, and character. These four pillars enhance the educational journey of every student, which leads to them making an impact on the world. Students make a commitment to lead practical decision making with good character attributes such as respect, trustworthiness, and perseverance. Along with having these good character traits, students have a passion for service, volunteering in their local communities for organizations, and the causes they care about. Some of these causes include volunteering at the Easter Seals Gala, tutoring

middle schoolers in math at Our Lady of Refuge and assisting at the Christmas Tree Lighting at OLSM.

For Genevieve Shina, President of the NHS Girls Division "NHS means striving to be the best version of myself inside and outside the classroom. It means hard work, leadership, and a commitment to helping others in the school and community." Students in NHS are seen as leaders at OLSM and in the community. Making a difference in the community is something these students aspire to do, and it is seen throughout the school year. The life lessons this organization provides for these students will carry them far in their educational careers and beyond the classroom. NHS is a way for students to show how dedication and passion for service work together to create a positive change in the community.



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| ISABELLA ALION        | ALLIE CRIGHTON     | REESE HOLTON      | PRESLEY RODRIGUEZ |
| ILEY ALTENBURG        | KATELYNN DABISH    | JILLIAN JACKSON   | ADRIANNA SALEM    |
| JOSEPHINE ANDRZEJCZAK | ALLYSON DARAKDJIAN | AVERY KAPELLER    | BELLA SANJUAN     |
| JESSICA ASMUSSEN      | ISABELLA DEGROAT   | DEVYN KAPELLER    | SIMI SCHOELCH     |
| ADELINA AYAR          | SKYLAR DELLY       | ZOEY KAPELLER     | LINDSEY SCHWEGMAN |
| REESE BACALL          | EVA D'AGOSTINO     | MILEY KARANA      | ALEXA SEMMA       |
| KAYLA BAUSS           | MALAINA DUFF       | REESE KNIGHT      | ADRIANA SHUNYIA   |
| LAYLA BERGER          | ANNA DUGGAN        | CAROLINE KRONEMAN | ZARA SINKULAR     |
| SLOANE BERGER         | RILEY EATON        | ADDISON KUHN      | STELLA TURBYFILL  |
| ANNA BLAZIC           | MADDIE GRABEL      | ELLA LIGE         | ANNELIESE WEBER   |
| KAYLIE BORDINAT       | MADLINE GUMMA      | KARSON MCKENNEY   | KYLIE WEYMOUTH    |
| ELSIE BOYLE           | ARLEIGH HALE       | SABRINA MUKHTAR   | SARAI YONO        |
| AMELIA BROWN          | ALEXIS HAZAMY      | CHLOE NAOUMI      | JORDYN ZAWAIDEH   |



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| MITCHELL ALEXANDER | JULIUS ESSAK        | PIERSON KUHN     | NICHOLAS SHAMOUN     |
| JAYVEN ARAFAT      | ALEX FOX            | THOMAS LEMMER    | SOLANUS SHATHAIA     |
| TRISTAN BABBIE     | JACOB GARDYNIK      | ISAIAH MAHDI     | JAYDEN SHUNYIA       |
| DEVON BANKS        | JAMES GARNEAU       | MARVIN MANSOUR   | SAVIO SIMON          |
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| ISAAC BOJI         | ALEXANDER GREYSMARK | IAN NAKANISHI    | EMMANUEL TAYLOR      |
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# FATHER/SON Event An OLSM Fan Favorite



The annual OLSM Father/Son Mass and Luncheon on March 8, 2026, is always a favorite here on campus. Attendees celebrated the event's 25th anniversary, first gathering in prayer and community together as family in the Shrine Chapel

1978 MLB Draft. He played 14 seasons across the Tigers, Mariners, Athletics, Blue Jays, and Braves, batting .274 in 58 Major League games. After his playing career, he served as MLB Hitting Coach for the Detroit Tigers (2003-2005) under Alan Trammell, managed within the Tigers organization for eight seasons (558-442 record), and was named Midwest League Manager of the Year twice. He was also named Tigers Player Development Man of the Year in 1998.

Son Daniel Fields was selected in the 6th round of the 2009 MLB Draft by the Detroit Tigers out of University of Detroit Jesuit High School, where he was named Michigan Mr. Baseball as a senior. He was a 2nd Team Baseball America All-American and Baseball Factory Under Armour All-American. He spent 12 years in professional baseball, making his Major League debut with the Detroit Tigers in 2015.

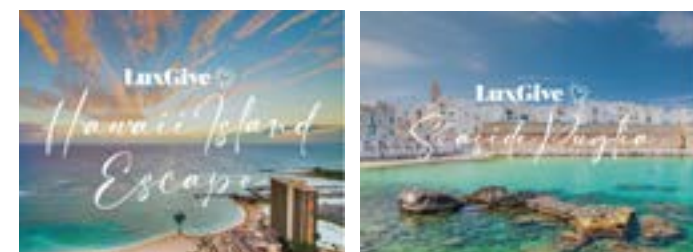
before the luncheon.

This year's guest speaker was father and son combo, Bruce and Daniel Fields, who shared special moments in their professional baseball careers and how their relationship grew together in the game of baseball. Bruce Fields is a 43-year baseball veteran drafted by the Detroit Tigers in the 7th round of the

# An evening of **DISTINCTION** Awaits

The most exceptional auction moments are never accidental—they're anticipated.

The Ambassadors Ball, hosted by the Orchard Lake Schools Ambassadors Cabinet in partnership with the Development Office, is made possible through the generous support of our leading sponsor, **Schwartz & Co Investment Advisors**, along with **Financial One, Dillon Energy Services, The Family of Leo & Bernice Obloy, and Special Drill & Reamer Corporation.**



At the heart of this year's Silent Auction are two extraordinary travel experiences:

**SEASIDE LUXURY IN PUGLIA** – a five-night private escape along Italy's Adriatic coast, where timeless beauty and effortless elegance define every moment.

**HAWAII ISLAND ESCAPE** – a five-night retreat, where sunlit horizons and tranquil waters create a setting meant to be savored.

In addition to the trips, we offer a collection of refined experiences, including premium Detroit Lions seats, premier Michigan Football at The Big House, a private lakeside dinner, golf at the beautiful Orchard Lake Country Club, and more. Join us for an evening where generosity creates impact—and where each bid becomes part of something greater. Become an Ambassador and join us at this year's ball on Saturday, April 18th. [www.orchardlakeschools.com/ambassadors](http://www.orchardlakeschools.com/ambassadors)

# There are Events... and then there are **MOMENTS** that **STAY** with **YOU**

BY **ROBERT MAZUR**  
ALUMNI RELATIONS OFFICER

St. Mary's Founder's Day isn't something you attend. It's something you return to. Not out of obligation or because it's on the calendar. You attend because something about the place still pulls you back. And when you walk onto campus, it happens almost instantly. You see someone you haven't spoken to in years, maybe decades. There's no awkwardness, no catching up required. Within minutes, you're not talking as executives, business owners, or parents.

You're back where it all started. Same energy, bond, and foundation. That kind of connection doesn't exist in many places anymore, and that's what makes this day different. For younger alumni, it's not just about memories, it's momentum. You walk into a room filled with people who understand where you come from. Conversations don't feel forced. Opportunities don't feel transactional. Everything feels natural.



For older alumni, it goes deeper than that. It's a reminder of whom you were or whom you became and the people who were part of that journey. And for the school – it's something even bigger. It's proof that what was built here didn't end when you graduated. Proof that the values, friendships, and experiences carried forward into careers, families, and lives far beyond campus.

In a world that moves fast . . . where people rarely pause, reconnect, return . . . having a place that still brings generations together – effortlessly – that's rare. **THAT'S ST. MARY'S.**

# Founder's Day & Alumni Golf SPONSORSHIPS



Become a sponsor of one or both of these events. Visit [www.orchardlakeschools.com/founder-s-day](http://www.orchardlakeschools.com/founder-s-day) for more information on how to sponsor these events.

# ORCHARD LAKE SCHOOLS FOUNDER'S DAY 2026

## FOUNDER'S DAY SCHEDULE

### MORNING EVENTS

ENJOY FUN, FOOD & MUSIC AT ST. MARY'S ATHLETIC COMPLEX

- 8:00 AM\* • Family 5K Fun Run/Walk
- 9:00 AM\* • Breakfast at Concessions Stand
- 9:00 AM\* • Alumni Soccer Game
- 11:00 AM • Lunch at Concessions Stand
- 11:30 AM\* • Alumni 7-on-7 Football Game

\*Sign-in time. Activities begin 30 minutes later.



### EVENING CELEBRATION

CIGAR BAR • SILENT AUCTION • BOURBON TASTING

- 4:30 PM • Holy Mass at Grotto • Fr. Witek, Celebrant
- 5:30 PM • Cocktail Reception at Rakoczy Gymnasium
- 6:45-10:30 PM • Founder's, Alumni & Friends Dinner in Quad



### FRIDAY MORNING GOLF AT PINE KNOB • JUNE 5<sup>th</sup>

Limited Tee-Times starting 9:30 AM

*Our Alumni & Friends Golf Outing in the Fall will replace the annual Founder's Day Golf Outing. QUESTIONS? Contact Lisa Gray at (248) 392-9974*



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 Prep graduates: 2016-2026

# SATURDAY, JUNE 6<sup>th</sup>

ORCHARD LAKE SCHOOLS CAMPUS

# ORCHARD LAKE SCHOOLS FOUNDER'S DAY 2026

# ALUMNI EVENTS

ALUMNI: SCAN CODES TO REGISTER TO PLAY

FRIDAY MORNING

## GOLF @ PINE KNOB



### FRIDAY 6/5

PINE KNOB GOLF CLUB

Tee times available starting at 9:30 AM

Payment at course



RUN/WALK

## FAMILY 5K



FOOTBALL FIELD BEHIND VISITOR STAND

8:00 AM Registration

8:30 AM Race Start

Come on out and join us for a brisk morning walk or run while enjoying the sights of our beautiful campus!



ALUMNI

## SOCCER GAME



RED TURF FIELD

9:00 AM Registration

9:30 AM Start time

You can scan this code to play or come to watch OLSM alumni compete for the coveted alumni soccer trophy!



ALUMNI

## 7-ON-7 FOOTBALL



RED TURF FIELD

11:30 AM Registration

12:00 PM Start time

Scan this code to play or come to watch as OLSM Football alumni compete in a 7-on-7 game on the red turf field!



# SATURDAY • JUNE 6

ORCHARD LAKE ST. MARY'S CAMPUS

# TREY MCKENNEY (P'25)



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team win the 2025 MHSAA D1 State Basketball Championship, but the guard was also named Mr. Basketball by the Michigan High School Coaches Association and a McDonald's All-American.

Now in his freshman year at the University of Michigan, he and his Men's Basketball team not only just won the BIG Ten Championship, but he's made

**One of U of M Men's Basketball Big Ten Champs Makes His NCAA Tournament Debut.** OLSM Class of 2025 graduate Trey McKenney not only helped the Prep varsity basketball

his NCAA Tournament debut that began in Buffalo, New York, at the KeyBank Center win over Howard on the way to the NCAA Semifinals (results not available at time of printing).

According to WNEM News, McKenney has 22 games of ten-plus points, including one game with over 20 points. "I definitely dreamed of putting on the Michigan jersey and repping my city and my state and ultimately doing something here that a lot of people haven't done," McKenney told WNEW 5 Sports, "but, this team, I think we can do it and we're really deep and we've been one of the best teams in the country. We're really consistent . . ."

McKenney was also named to the BIG Ten's All-Freshman Team! Check out his recent "Miles That Matter" Geico Insurance commercial here: [www.instagram.com/reel/DV8xcG3OW\\_F/?igsh=ZXM1aHd1MmxoMmk2](https://www.instagram.com/reel/DV8xcG3OW_F/?igsh=ZXM1aHd1MmxoMmk2)

**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](http://www.orchardlakeschools.com/Ever-Forward)

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# REFLECTION

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

Divine Mercy Sunday is celebrated on the Sunday after Easter. However, the story of Divine Mercy goes back to the 1930s, when our Lord, in a series of revelations to St. Faustina Kowalska, called for a special feast day to be celebrated on the Sunday after Easter.

The message of Divine Mercy was always dear to St. John Paul II. In 1940, when he was studying for the priesthood in Krakow, he heard about revelations to Sr. Faustina. As Archbishop of Krakow, he introduced

## In the Words of

# ST. JOHN PAUL II

*Divine Mercy reaches human beings through the Heart of Christ crucified: "My daughter, say that I am love and mercy personified", Jesus will ask Sr. Faustina (Diary, p. 374). Christ pours out this mercy on humanity through the sending of the Spirit who, in the Trinity, is the Person-Love. And is not mercy love's "second name" (cf. Dives in misericordia, n. 7), understood in its deepest and most tender aspect, in its ability to take upon itself the burden of any need and, especially, in its immense capacity for forgiveness?*

*Today my joy is truly great in presenting the life and witness of Sr. Faustina Kowalska to the whole Church as a gift of God for our time. By divine Providence, the life of this humble daughter of Poland was completely linked with the history of the 20th century, the century we have just left behind. In fact, it was between the First and Second World Wars that Christ entrusted His message of mercy to her. Those who remember, who were witnesses and participants in the events of those years and the horrible sufferings they caused for millions of people, know well how necessary was the message of mercy.*

*Jesus told Sr. Faustina: "Humanity will not find peace until it turns trustfully to divine mercy" (Diary, p. 132). Through the work of the Polish religious, this message has become linked forever to the 20th century, the last*

Sr. Faustina's name to the Congregation for the Causes of Saints for beatification. He also defended her credibility when the message of Divine Mercy was questioned in Rome. As Pope John Paul II, he wrote his second encyclical letter on the Mercy of God (Dives in Misericordia). On April 18, 1993, which was the Sunday after Easter, in St. Peter's Square, he proclaimed her beatified. On April 30, 2000, which again was the Sunday after Easter, he canonized her and on the same occasion established the Second Sunday of Easter as the feast day of Divine Mercy for the entire Church. Below is an excerpt from his homily during Sr. Faustina's canonization:





*of the second millennium and the bridge to the third. It is not a new message but can be considered a gift of special enlightenment that helps us to relive the Gospel of Easter more intensely, to offer it as a ray of light to the men and women of our time.*

*And you, Faustina, a gift of God to our time, a gift from the land of Poland to the whole Church, obtain for us an awareness of the depth of divine mercy; help us to have a living experience of it and to bear witness to it among our brothers and sisters. May your message of light and hope spread throughout the world, spurring sinners to conversion, calming rivalries and hatred and opening individuals and nations to the practice of brotherhood. Today, fixing our gaze with you on the face of the risen Christ, let us make our own your prayer of trusting abandonment and say with firm hope: Christ Jesus, I trust in you! Jezu, ufam tobie!*

# DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

## NIEDZIELA MIŁOSIERDZIA BOŻEGO


AT THE ORCHARD LAKE SCHOOLS

**1:00 PM** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
Sacrament of Confession

**2:00 PM** Holy Mass • celebrated by Fr. Bernard Witek, SDS

**3:00 PM** Divine Mercy Novena



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# SUNDAY, APRIL 12<sup>th</sup>

## ARCHDIOCESAN SHRINE OF ST. JOHN PAUL II

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**SUNDAY, MARCH 29**

PALM SUNDAY MASSES

9:00 AM | Polish | Seminary Chapel

8:15 AM | Latin | JP II Shrine Chapel

11:00 AM | English | JP II Shrine Chapel



**THURSDAY, APRIL 2**

HOLY THURSDAY

MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

7:00 PM | English | JP II Shrine Chapel



**FRIDAY, APRIL 3**

GOOD FRIDAY

JP II Shrine Chapel

1:00 PM | Stations of the Cross

2:00 PM | Good Friday Liturgy



**SATURDAY, APRIL 4**

HOLY SATURDAY

JP II Shrine Chapel

11:00 AM & 1:00 PM | Blessing of the Food

8:30 PM | Easter Vigil Mass



**SUNDAY, APRIL 5**

EASTER SUNDAY

JP II Shrine Chapel

9:00 AM | Polish | Seminary Chapel

9:00 AM | Latin | JP II Shrine Chapel

11:00 AM | English | JP II Shrine Chapel

**OBCHODY KONSTYTUCJI TRZECIEGO MAJA 1791 R.**

**Niedziela, 3 maja 2026 r.**



**1:00 PM**

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# THE ORCHARD LAKE SCHOOLS AMBASSADORS BALL

SUPPORTING THE ORCHARD LAKE SCHOOLS AMBASSADORS ENDOWMENT

## SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 2026

ORCHARD LAKE COUNTRY CLUB

GIFTS TO THE AMBASSADORS ENDOWMENT FUND ARE PRUDENTLY INVESTED, AND ANNUAL EARNINGS ARE USED TO SUPPORT THE CORE PARTS OF THE ORCHARD LAKE SCHOOLS. SINCE 1974, THE AMBASSADORS ENDOWMENT HAS PROVIDED MORE THAN \$7 MILLION TO PROJECTS IMPACTING EDUCATION, OUR CATHOLIC FAITH, AND POLISH HERITAGE.

— *Ambassadors with current annual memberships* —  
*receive two complimentary tickets to the Ambassadors Ball.*

*If you are a Perpetual Ambassador or current Annual Ambassador for 2025-2026, you will receive a mailed invitation. To check on your Ambassador Membership status, contact Stephanie Gonzales at (248) 392-9209 or sgonzales@orchardlakeschools.com.*

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO JOIN THIS ESTEEMED GROUP,  
ATTEND THE AMBASSADORS BALL, AND MAKE A LASTING IMPACT ON  
THE ORCHARD LAKE SCHOOLS, PLEASE VISIT:  
[WWW.ORCHARDLAKESCHOOLS.COM/AMBASSADORS](http://WWW.ORCHARDLAKESCHOOLS.COM/AMBASSADORS)  
OR CONTACT STEPHANIE GONZALES AT (248) 392-9209  
OR [SGONZALES@ORCHARDLAKESCHOOLS.COM](mailto:SGONZALES@ORCHARDLAKESCHOOLS.COM).



*THE FIDELITAS MEDAL, FIRST AWARDED IN 1949, IS PRESENTED IN RECOGNITION OF ONE'S FIDELITY IN SERVING GOD, COUNTRY, AND THE ORCHARD LAKE SCHOOLS. FIDELITAS MEDALISTS ARE EVALUATED FOR THEIR REALIZATION OF THE RELIGIOUS AND CULTURAL IDEALS OF ORCHARD LAKE SCHOOLS FOUNDER, REV. JÓZEF DĄBROWSKI, A POLISH MISSIONARY PRIEST, WHO ESTABLISHED THE ORIGINAL EDUCATION INSTITUTION IN DETROIT IN 1885.*

*WE ARE HONORED TO SHARE THAT THE RECIPIENTS OF THE 2026 FIDELITAS MEDAL ARE REVEREND MONSIGNOR FRANCIS KOPER AND REVEREND STANLEY ULMAN.*



**REVEREND MONSIGNOR FRANCIS B. KOPER** (P'63, C'67) dedicated more than 40 years to the Orchard Lake Schools, leaving a lasting legacy of leadership, priestly formation, and service. A native of Wilmington, Delaware, he graduated from St. Mary's Preparatory and St. Mary's College before

being ordained a priest for the Diocese of Wilmington in 1971.

After early parish ministry, he joined the Orchard Lake faculty in 1974, focusing on the education and formation of seminarians—many from Poland. He served as rector of SS. Cyril & Methodius Seminary for 25 years (1977–2002), guiding a period of academic growth and securing accreditation from the Association of Theological Schools in 1995. He also held key roles as Vice Chancellor, professor, and later Dean of Pastoral Formation.

Named a Monsignor by Pope John Paul II in 1996, Msgr. Koper is recognized for his commitment to Catholic education and the Church. Even in retirement, he continues to serve as pastor of Our Lady of Hope Parish in Clare, Michigan.

A devoted teacher and mentor, his life's work reflects faithful service and a deep commitment to forming future leaders of the Church.



**REVEREND STANLEY ULMAN** (P'64, C'68) has faithfully served the Archdiocese of Detroit for more than 50 years, marked by steady pastoral leadership and a deep commitment to faith, community, and heritage. A graduate of St. Mary's Preparatory and St. Mary's College, he continued his studies at the Pontifical Gregorian

University in Rome before his ordination on August 25, 1973.

Fr. Ulman's early ministry included several associate pastor assignments, followed by more than two decades as pastor of St. Ladislaus Parish in Hamtramck. Since 2004, he has served as pastor of St. Mary of the Hills Parish in Rochester Hills. Throughout his priesthood, he has held numerous leadership roles within the Archdiocese, including service as vicar, member and chair of the Presbyteral Council, and adviser to the archbishop.

A lifelong advocate of Orchard Lake Schools, Fr. Ulman served as Regent, Trustee, and Seminary Board member, while also briefly teaching pastoral theology. Beyond parish life, he led and supported organizations such as the Catholic League for Religious Assistance to Poland and MOSES Detroit.

Grateful for the formative impact of Orchard Lake, Fr. Ulman continues to embody its values of faith, service, and enduring community.



# THE MARY PROJECT

AT ORCHARD LAKE SCHOOLS

*Please visit and enjoy the NEW*

## WALKING ROSARY AND REFLECTION AREA *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 GROTTTO.**

### YOU CAN DONATE BY:

- 1) Purchasing a brick paver. Order forms are available at the gate or online at the link [www.orchardlakeschools.com/ways-to-give](http://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*

For naming opportunities, please contact Maureen Gross at [themaryproject@myyahoo.com](mailto:themaryproject@myyahoo.com).

*All donations are tax deductible. EIN: 82-5453994*



## The Mary Project



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 3 will begin in early November. Sales for Phase 4 (continuing towards the lake) begin September 15, 2025. There is plenty of space for additional commemorative bricks. Bricks purchased for Phase 4 are \$150 each and will be installed in November 2026.

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!

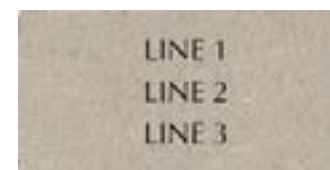
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**ALL ORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED BY SEPTEMBER 15, 2026**

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

**\$150 - 4x8 Brick**

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**MAIL FORM AND PAYMENT TO:**

The Mary Project  
3535 Commerce Road  
Orchard Lake, MI 48324

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The Mary Project

## 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.*



## IN MEMORIAM . . .

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

+ MAY THEY REST IN PEACE +

### NORMAN E. DZIADZIO

(2024 Honorary Alumnus; Chancellor's Senate member; Ambassadors member)  
January 3, 2026 ~ Age 85  
Shelby Township, Michigan

### JOSEPH THOMAS LENTINE, JR.

(Son of Board of Regents member Joseph Lentine, Sr.)  
January 13, 2026 ~ Age 58  
Saint Clair Shores, Michigan

### MICHAEL J. LUCKOW, JR.

[Father of OLS PR & Communications Liaison Lisa Healy, Father-in-Law of Brett Healy, Grandfather of OLSM Alumni Austin Healy (P'12) & M. Skylar Healy (P'13) & Gabrielle Healy]

January 15, 2026 ~ Age 89  
Traverse City, Michigan

### REV. PAWEL MECWEL (S'90)

March 8, 2026 ~ Age 66  
Diocese of Marquette, Michigan

### WALLACE "WALLY" OZOG

(OLS Ambassador; Wallace and Joann Ozog Endowed Fund at St. Mary's Prep; Member of Board of Regents)  
February 28, 2006 ~ Age 85  
Warren, Michigan

### REV. NICHOLAS ZUKOWSKI

(C'77)  
March 4, 2026 ~ Age 71  
Warren, Michigan

+ Remembering our loved ones who passed into eternal rest January – March, 2026.

You can view previous years by visiting our website at: [www.orchardlakeschools.com/in-memoriam](http://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](mailto: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 February.

ESTHER CENTER	RUTH FINZEL	SHIRLEY A. SNOW
GUADALUPE CRUZAT	GREG HARRIS	ROGER TUTTLE
ROBERT THOMAS FELLER, KNOXVILLE, TN	JEANETTE SMITH	JOANNE YANG

For more enrollment information, please contact Lisa Gray at [lgray@orchardlakeschools.com](mailto:lgray@orchardlakeschools.com)

April 2026

# Upcoming EVENTS highlights

- 1 April Fools' Day  
Varsity Baseball Doubleheader vs. De La Salle | 4:00 PM
- 1-12 NO SCHOOL – Easter Break
- 2 Holy Thursday
- 3 Good Friday
- 4 Holy Saturday | Easter Basket Blessing | Shrine Chapel | 11:00 AM
- 5 EASTER SUNDAY
- 6 Varsity Golf @ Oakland University Tournament | 11:00 AM
- 12 Divine Mercy Sunday
- 13 Classes Resume  
Track @ Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook | 4:00 PM  
Varsity Golf @ Tam-O-Shanter Invitational | 12:00 PM
- 13 Varsity Golf @ TPC Dearborn Invitational | 10:00 AM
- 14 Varsity Golf @ Macomb Lutheran North | Cracklewood Golf Club | 3:00 PM  
Varsity Softball Doubleheader vs. Toledo St. Ursula | 4:00 PM
- 16 Varsity Golf @ U of D Jesuit | Red Run Golf Club | 3:00 PM
- 17 Varsity Softball vs. Lake Orion | 4:00 PM
- 18 Crew @ Mitten Series 1 | Kensington Metro Park | 8:00 AM  
Varsity Baseball Doubleheader vs. Toledo Central Catholic | 11:00 AM  
Ambassadors Ball | Orchard Lake Country Club | 6:00 PM
- 19 "With a Song in My Heart" Fundraiser Concert | Galeria | 2:00 PM
- 20 Varsity Golf @ Red Run Invitational | 12:00 PM  
Varsity Softball vs. Hartland | 4:30 PM
- 21 Varsity Golf @ The Cardinal | St. John's | 9:00 AM  
Varsity Golf @ Divine Child | Wabeek Country Club | 3:00 PM  
Varsity Softball Doubleheader vs. Macomb Lutheran North | 4:00 PM
- 22 Varsity Baseball Doubleheader vs. St. Frances de Sales | 4:00 PM
- 23 Varsity Golf @ Bob Cat Invitational | Warwick Hills | 11:00 AM  
Varsity Golf vs. Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook | Wabeek Country Club | 3:00 PM  
Girls Tennis vs. St. Catherines | Sports Club West Bloomfield | 3:00 PM
- 24 Honors Convocation | Boys Division 8:00 AM | Girls Division 10:00 AM
- 25 Crew @ Mitten Series 2 | Kensington Metro Park | 8:00 AM  
Moms and Dad Club "Run for the Roses" Auction Gala
- 27 Varsity Golf @ Edgewood Invitational | 12:00 PM  
Varsity Golf @ McIntyre Invitational | 2:00 PM  
Track @ Brother Rice/U of D Jesuit/Marian/Mercy | 4:00 PM
- 28 Varsity Golf vs. Brother Rice | Wabeek Country Club | 3:00 PM  
5th Annual Spring Concert | Galeria | 7:00 PM
- 30 Varsity Golf vs. Catholic Central | Wabeek Country Club | 3:00 PM  
Girls Tennis vs. Everest Academy | Sports Club West Bloomfield | 3:00 PM  
Senior Prom

Visit [olsmathletics.com](http://olsmathletics.com) for more information on schedules and playoffs, and check for results on Instagram and Facebook.

April 2026

# MASS schedule (See Holy Week Schedule on page 16)

## SUNDAY, APRIL 5 | EASTER SUNDAY

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, APRIL 12 | DIVING MERCY SUNDAY

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
2:00 PM	FR. WITEK   ENGLISH	ST. JOHN PAUL II SHRINE

## SUNDAY, APRIL 19

9:00 AM	FR. WITEK   POLISH*	SEMINARY CHAPEL
9:00 AM	FR. WHITAKER   LATIN	ST. JOHN PAUL II SHRINE
11:00 AM	FR. WITEK   ENGLISH	ST. JOHN PAUL II SHRINE
1:00 PM	FR. WITEK   POLISH*	ST. JOHN PAUL II SHRINE

## SUNDAY, APRIL 26

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

## TUESDAY, APRIL 28 | HEALING MASS

7:00 PM	FR. AUGUSTINE   ENGLISH	ST. JOHN PAUL II SHRINE
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\*The Polish Mass is now live streamed at:  
[www.youtube.com/@orchardlakeschools9385](https://www.youtube.com/@orchardlakeschools9385) within the "Live" tab



### 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 <sup>ST</sup> THURSDAY 4/2	MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER 7:00 PM   *FR. WITEK	ST. JOHN PAUL II SHRINE
1 <sup>ST</sup> FRIDAY 4/3	STATIONS OF THE CROSS   1:00 PM LITURGY OF THE LORD'S PASSION   2:00 PM DIVINE MERCY NOVENA   3:00 PM *FR. WITEK	ST. JOHN PAUL II SHRINE
1 <sup>ST</sup> SATURDAY 4/4	BLESSING OF THE FOOD   11:00 AM & 1:00 PM EASTER VIGIL MASS   8:30 PM * FR. WITEK	ST. JOHN PAUL II SHRINE
THURSDAY 4/16	BIBLE STUDY AFTER MASS   7:45 PM	ST. JOHN PAUL II SHRINE
FRIDAY 4/17	DIVINE MERCY PRAYERS   7:45 PM KRAĞ BIBLIJY   8:00 PM	ST. JOHN PAUL II SHRINE SEMINARY CHAPEL

### CONFESSIONS

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

# *With a Song in My Heart*

*A medley of music  
expressing love — human  
and Divine*

Fundraiser Concert in Support of the Galeria

Sunday, April 19, 2026 | 2:00 PM

Stacey Mason, *violin and vocalist*

Andrew Langlands, *vocalist*

Ken Krach, *pianist*

Proceeds will support  
the installation of a new sound  
system in the Galeria,  
enhancing future concerts  
and cultural programming.

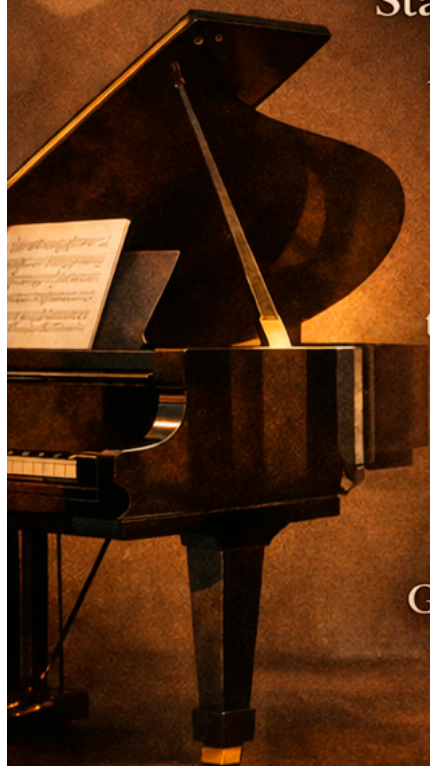
Galeria at the Polish Institute  
of Culture & Research

3535 Indian Trail,  
Orchard Lake, MI 48324

[www.picrol.org](http://www.picrol.org) for tickets

\$40, (\$50 at door) includes concert,  
reception, and a curated wine service.

  
Polish Institute  
of CULTURE  
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AT ORCHARD LAKE



# Polish Institute of Culture & Research at Orchard Lake

## SPRING UPDATE

The year opened with real momentum at the Polish Institute. Each program has built on the last, carrying us into Easter and spring with energy and intention. The Galeria has remained full and active, bringing together tradition and creativity.

We began March with the second edition of **Blooms of Tradition** on March 7, a Women's Day fashion show presented in collaboration with Recultured Designs. The evening brought together elegance and meaning, honoring women across generations. The program was preceded on March 6 by a student-only lecture from designer Olenka Lisiecki, who spoke candidly about her work, creative process, and journey from Detroit to San Francisco. We are grateful to our St. Mary's Preparatory students and members of Polonia who served as models, and to the women whose strength, sacrifice, and quiet leadership continue to shape our lives.



On March 21, we hosted our **4th Annual Pisanki Workshop**, offering three full sessions led by instructor Iwona Jędrzejczak. Participants traveled in from across the region, and each session brought together children and adults to learn the precise and symbolic process of traditional wax-resist egg decorating. It was a day rooted in Easter preparation, patience, and craftsmanship. We are grateful to Local 4 for their coverage, which captured both the artistry and the meaning behind the tradition.



We also pause to recognize the passing of Wallace "Wally" Ozog, PICR Board Member and a devoted advocate for Polish American life. His leadership, generosity, and unwavering presence strengthened institutions and relationships alike. He leaves behind a lasting example of service and dedication that will not be forgotten.

*Looking ahead, the coming weeks continue at the same pace.*

On April 11, we will host **Painting with a Polish Twist**, co-sponsored by the Kościuszko Foundation Michigan Chapter.

On April 19 at 2:00 pm, the Galeria will present **With a Song in My Heart**, a fundraiser concert featuring Stacey Mason, Andrew Langlands, and Ken Krach. The program centers on music that expresses both human and divine love. Proceeds will directly support the installation of a new sound system in the Galeria, an important investment that will elevate the quality of future concerts and programming. Admission includes a reception and curated wine service.

Submissions will open on April 20 for the **30th Annual Friends of Polish Art Fine Art Competition**, presented in partnership with the Polish Institute. This milestone year continues a long-standing Detroit tradition rooted in the legacy of Richard Kubiński. Artists working in all media are invited to participate. While entries are not required to be Polish in subject, a special award will recognize a work that most strongly evokes the Polish spirit.

**The Polish Consulate will return to the Galeria on April 24 and 25** to assist with passport services. Appointments must be scheduled by phone only on April 14 and 15 between 10:00 am and 1:00 pm Chicago time at 312-337-8166.

May brings one of Orchard Lake's most meaningful traditions. On May 3, we celebrate **Constitution Day**, marking the 235th anniversary of Poland's first constitution. Widely recognized as the first modern constitution in Europe and the second in the world after the United States, it remains a defining moment in Poland's history.

The day will include a full program with the **Student Art Competition Awards** at 2:30 pm in the Galeria, **the 5K Vivat Run** at 3:00 pm, and the longstanding tradition of Mass and a Polish meal as part of the celebration. It is a day that brings together history, faith, and continuity.

On May 15 at 7:00 pm, we will introduce the **Polish Institute Literary Salon**, a new initiative we are very excited to launch, featuring Michigan native and author Amanda Barratt. Her novel *The Warsaw Sisters* was developed in part through research conducted in our archives. This series will create a place to share meaningful works, encourage conversation and thoughtful dialogue, and inspire book clubs and continued engagement.

On May 23 at 2:00 pm, **PICROL and the American Romanian Festival will present Ukrainian pianist Tetiana Shafran in the Galeria**. A First Prize winner of the Olga Kern International Piano Competition and soloist with the New Mexico Philharmonic, she will perform works by Beethoven, Lysenko, Busoni, Enescu, and Chopin.

Our current exhibit, **The History of Poland in Posters**, remains on view through May 24. Guests are welcome to experience the exhibit during scheduled events or by arranging a private appointment or tour.

**For tickets and details, please visit [www.picrol.org](http://www.picrol.org).**

*Wraz z nadejściem wiosny i Świąt Wielkanocnych zapraszamy do wspólnego przeżywania tradycji i spotkań w Instytucie Polskim. Dziękujemy za obecność i zapraszamy na nadchodzące wydarzenia.*

Ania Bieciuk  
Associate Director for Polonia Affairs