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CHURCH OF ST. PETER THE APOSTLE



Photo Dawid Zajac

The church was constructed as a votive expression of gratitude for the election of Karol Wojtyła to the See of St. Peter and for miraculously saving the Pope's life after the assassination on 13 May 1981. Consecrated by Pope John Paul II during his second pilgrimage to Wadowice on 14 August, 1991

The Main Altar is shaped after the top view of St. Peter's Basilica and has a copy of Perugino's 16th century fresco "The Sacrifice of the keys to St. Peter by Christ". In side altars are located: a figure of Our Lady of Fatima and a "Jesus, I trust in you" painting. Behind the church is a symbolic Golgotha with the Stations of the Cross, plaques which are inscribed with the eight Beatitudes and the commandments of the Decalogue. www.swpiotr.wadowice.pl

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BARRACKS OF THE 12th INFANTRY REGIMENT



Photo Jacek Kubiena

Then building originates from the first half of the 19th century and represents a typical monument of military architecture from the former Austrian partition. The barracks were built on the plan of a square, with an interior courtyard. Initially it housed the 56th Infantry Regiment of the Austrian army, which after World War I was renamed to the 12th Infantry Regiment of Wadowice. It was here, where the father of the Pope was serving. John Paul II mentioned the military orchestra playing during patriotic celebrations on Wadowice's town square.

Before the barracks is a monument to the soldiers who died during the battles with the Soviet onslaught in the years 1918–1921. In front of the monument, a yearly patriotic commemoration is held with the participation of municipal authorities, veterans, and scouts.

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CONGREGATION OF THE SISTERS OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF NAZARETH



Photo Jacek Kubiena

That's where I went to kindergarten.

John Paul II

The Nazareth Sisters came to Wadowice in 1896. The current building was constructed in 1905. During its history the Sisters opened, among others, a tailoring school for girls and a kindergarten for children. Over the history of the house the Sisters ran, among others, a dressmaking school for girls, and an orphanage for children, to which young Karol went after the death of his mother Emilia.

Currently, the Sisters of Nazareth runs a Nursing Home here, caring for Wadowice's churches and, as tradition dictates, children under protection. Since 1984, Fr. Cardinal Franciszek Macharski has entrusted the care of the Pontifical Museum to the sisters. After conversion to the Family Home of Holy Father John Paul II Museum to a state institution, they have been involved in the work of the museum.

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FORMER "SOKÓŁ" BUILDING



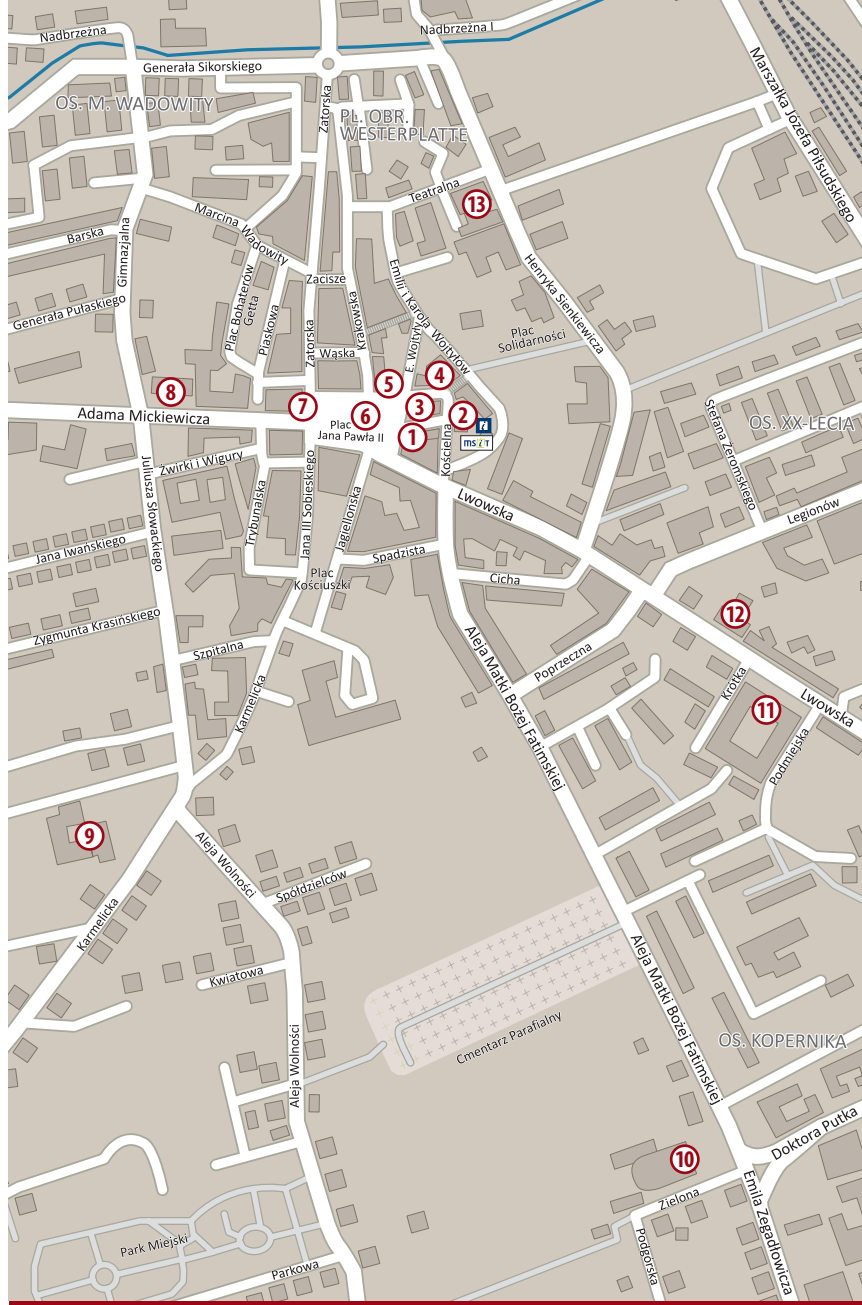
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Ismene, sister, mine own dear sister! Knowest thou what ill there is, of all bequeathed by Oedipus, that Zeus fulfils not for us twain while we live.

fragment of "Antigone" by Sophocles

The "Sokół" gymnastic society was established in Wadowice in 1887. The original building of the Gymnastic Association "Sokół" ("Falcon") was erected in 1889. The current one was built using the construction elements of the former gymnastic association building. Nowadays it houses the Wadowice Cultural Centre. Karol Wojtyła participated here in many theatrical plays as an actor and co-director. In 1999 during a meeting with believers John Paul II cited fragments of Antigone, staged here at the time.

Today, the building is the seat of the Wadowice Cultural Centre, a cinema, and a theatre stage which hosts numerous performances. www.wck.wadowice.pl



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KAROL WOJTYŁA'S FOOT TRAIL

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WADOWICE

It was here in this town, in Wadowice, that it all began. My life began, and school began, and my studies began, and theatre began, and the priesthood began.

John Paul II

WADOWICE – the birthplace of John Paul II lies at the foot of Beskid Mały, near the river Skawa. The papal city has a little less than 20 thousand inhabitants and is home to municipal and county authorities. The national road No. 52 from Bielsko-Biała to Cracow and the national road No. 28 from Oświęcim to Nowy Sącz both pass through the city.

Thanks to its location, Wadowice is a wonderful starting point for a mountain trip: Beskid Mały with Leskowiec and John Paul II's Groń peaks, Beskid Średni and foothills ranges. Many foot trails and bike trails lead out of the city. By coming here you will find monuments from the Austrian period, many tales and legends from times past.

It's this unusual land, where for a thousand years saint men have conveyed the faith of their ancestors. It's here, where the Apostle of the turn of the centuries – Pope John Paul II – was born.

KAROL WOJTYŁA'S FOOT TRAIL IN WADOWICE

It was created in 2005 in order to show the places connected with Karol Wojtyła's childhood and adolescence to tourists and pilgrims. It's about 4,5 km (2.7 miles) long and leads through 13 places. Each one is marked by tablets with archival photos and detailed historic descriptions.

1 JOHN PAUL II'S FAMILY HOUSE MUSEUM



Photo Dawid Zając

The building was erected in the 19th century. In 1919 the Wojtyła family rented an apartment with kitchen on the second floor. It was here, where on 18 May 1920 Karol Józef Wojtyła – Saint John Paul II – was born. In 1984 an open panel exhibition was set up here.

Since 2010 the building is under renovation, adapting the whole tenement into the museum. After opening in 2013, tourists can witness the whole life of Saint John Paul II. The heart of the museum is the apartment where Karol Wojtyła was born and raised. The interior contains original artefacts related to the Wojtyła family. The whole is complemented by the decor, with period furnishings and personal memorabilia of St. John Paul II.

Also noteworthy are other exhibits, including a replica of the Holy Door from the Vatican, a copy of the crypt of St. Leonard in Wawel Castle, and reconstructed fragments of the Zakrzówek quarry where Karol Wojtyła worked during the Second World War.

Reservation is compulsory. Visiting in the summer (4–10) 9.00–19.00 (last admission 17.40), Monday–Sunday. On Tuesdays admission is free. In winter (11–3) 9.00–17.00 (last entry 15.40). Photography is prohibited in the Museum.

Note: Ticketing can be found in the Catholic House (Building No. 4 on the Trail of Karol Wojtyła).

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2 TOWN MUSEUM



Photo Jacek Krupnik

One of the oldest buildings in Wadowice (erected in the beginning of 19th c.) is located in front of the old, original entrance to John Paul II's Family Home.

Currently it's occupied by the Lesser Poland's Tourist Information Centre and the Town Museum. An exhibition is located on the second floor. It presents Wadowice from the interwar period and shows places important to Karol Wojtyła's life. Presents the urban space, its colours, people, and the everyday activity in which they came to live. All this influenced the young Karol – the future Pope – in a unique way.

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3 MINOR BASILICA OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

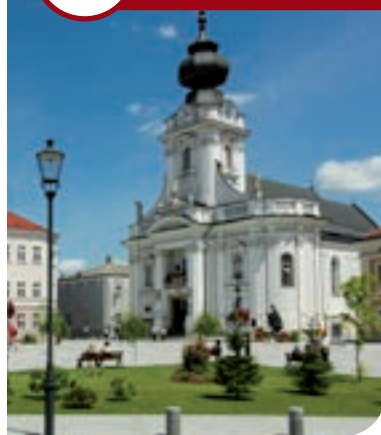


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The oldest element of the Basilica is a gothic presbytery built after 1440, the nave originates from the end of the 18th century, whereas the façade and tower from the end of the 19th c. After the year 2000 new polychromes depicting the teachings of St. John Paul II were made. The Main Altar has interchangeable paintings of the Mother of God and All Saints. There are several altars and four chapels inside:

- St Cross Chapel, with a painting of Our Lady of Perpetual Help.
- Sacred Family Chapel, with the baptismal font, where Karol Wojtyła was baptised.
- Crucifixion Chapel, with relics of St Father Pio, Szymon of Lipnica, father Maximilian Kolbe and father Stanisław Kazimierz.
- John Paul II Chapel, with a reliquary containing the Pope's blood.

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4 CATHOLIC HOUSE



Photo Archiwum IT w Wadowicach

On 1 September 1935 the metropolitan archbishop of Cracow, prince Adam Sapieha blessed the building. The local clergy led by priest Leonard Prochownik along with the citizens and catholic organisations participated in the ceremony.

The building quickly began acting as a new centre of cultural life in town. The landlords along with a quickly developing local artistic community used the theatrical possibilities it gave. Since 1936 plays were staged here, directed by a secondary school teacher and protonotary apostolic Edward Zacher. It was at that time, when Karol Wojtyła made his debut as a co-director of The Un-divine Comedy, in which he also played one of the main roles – Count Henry.

Currently, this houses the ticket office to the Family Home of Holy Father John Paul II Museum and a conference and cinema hall.

5 TOWN OFFICE – FORMER COMMON SCHOOL



Photo Archiwum IT w Wadowicach

Now Wadowice has a Madam Mayor; but in my time it was Mayor Teofil Kluk.

John Paul II

The Municipal building was built in 1846. Over its history, it has housed offices; urban and district authorities; and county and primary schools. In the period after the Second World War, in the years 1945–1990, it housed the local communist authorities. It was only after the change in system and the

first fully free and democratic elections, held on 27 May 1990, that local government was revived. Currently, the mayor of Wadowice is Ewa Filipiak, who has been acting as the city's manager since 1994.

From 1875, some of the Municipal rooms were occupied by the District School. Later, in the interwar period, the 7-year Boys' Primary School. In the years 1926–1930, Karol Wojtyła was a student of this school. While in school on 13 April, 1929, he received the tragic news of the death of his mother Emilia.

6 TOWN SQUARE – JOHN PAUL II'S SQUARE



Photo Jacek Kubiena

The current shape of the town square comes from the break of 18th and 19th century. Everyday Karol Wojtyła walked through the main square on his way to common school and secondary school, later on. All of his friends lived by the town square. It was here, where he met with the citizens during pilgrimages to Homeland. Between 2010 and 2013 the town square underwent renovation. Old sanitary and

storm water sewerage were replaced and new power network, water sewage system and telecom and IT network was built. New granite pavement and a new fountain were built, and the old well reconstructed. 161 tablets commemorating John Paul II's pilgrimages to homeland and over 100 countries in the world were built in the town square's main tablet.

7 KAROL HAGENHUBER'S FORMER CAKE SHOP



Photo Archiwum IT w Wadowicach

And there was the cake shop. After the final exams we went for cream cakes.

John Paul II

The building was erected in the first half of the 19th century. It is located on 15 John Paul II's Square, on the corner of Adam Mickiewicz St. (former Vienna St.). Currently it houses one of the banks.

In 1936 a local confectioner from Brzesk rented the place. He brought with him a recipe for cream cakes, taken from the best cooks from Vienna. The cake shop was closed in 1945.

8 HIGH SCHOOL – FORMER SECONDARY SCHOOL



Photo Dawid Zając

Purity pleases the gods: come with pure robes and draw the fountain's water with pure hands – This motto by Albius Tibullus appears above the entrance to the secondary school.

Wadowice's upper secondary school was founded in 1866 as a classical secondary school. The curriculum included Polish, Greek, Latin, and German.

Wadowice's secondary school was created in 1866. In its history it had many outstanding graduates, i.e. st. Józef Bilczewski, B. Alfons Maria Mazurek. Karol Wojtyła attended the secondary school for eight years. He was a brilliant student who almost only received A's both for semester and end-year grades. Two of them are noted as "with exceptional performance".

9 MONASTERY OF THE BAREFOOT CARMELITES – ST. JOSEPH'S SANCTUARY



Photo Dawid Zając

The monastery and church were built in the years 1897–1899. The Main Altar holds a painting of St. Joseph, and on the sides figures of St. John of the Cross and St. Teresa of Avila. The image of St. Joseph has been decorated with Pope John Paul II's papal ring, which he received on his first pilgrimage to Mexico.

The aisles hold three altars: Our Lady of Mount Carmel and the Blessed Alfons Maria Mazurek, Saint Raphael Kalinowski and the Prague Infant Jesus, and St. Therese of Lisieux. Next to the altar of Our Lady of Mount Carmel has been placed a papal scapular in a golden rosette.

The monastery has made two exhibitions available to explore. The chapel dedicated to the Servant of God Fr. Rudolf Warzecha, and the cell of the Monastery's founder St. Raphael Kalinowski.

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