

# THE SCHOOL NEWS

**1 HONOLULU**

**Holy Family Catholic Academy**

The school and parish were honored to collect nonperishable food donations for the **Our Lady of Good Counsel food pantry** during the month of February. We are so thankful for our parish and school community members who pitched in to help out. The OLGC food pantry has served Pearl City families in need for more than 25 years, and we were humbled to help them stock their shelves. Mahalo to the **Holy Family Catholic Academy Student Council** for organizing this wonderful community outreach event! (Reported by Julia Hudson)



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learners! (Reported by Magdalena Collins)

**5 KAILUA**

**St. John Vianney School**

For over 56 years our school has proven to be a vital institution in our community. Children in our school benefit from a learning experience that develops all of the physical, emotional, social and spiritual qualities integral to human health and happiness. We tell students every day, that God loves them, that Jesus walks with them in all things good and bad, that the Spirit is with them always, and that God has a unique plan for each of them. ... This Lent our students will lead the **Stations of the Cross** for our parish as a live reenactment of Christ's passion on Friday, April 8 at 7 p.m. ... Also, our school is participating in the **CRS Rice Bowl program**. This program invites all of us to reflect on the challenges of global hunger, and our Gospel call to care for our global human family. By joining our prayers, fasts and alms with those of other Catholic schools and parishes in the United States, we will help millions of people around the world whose economic challenges have been made worse by the pandemic. Our sacrifices during this holy season have the power to change lives by providing enough nutritious food for families to thrive. ... **St. John Vianney Summer Program** will take place June 13-July 8. Provide your child with an exciting and challenging summer experience by enrolling them in this program that allows them to grow both socially as well as intellectually. See our website for classes offered. Deadline for registration is June 13, and early registration is highly recommended as courses fill quickly. ... To take a virtual tour of our school, go to our website at [sjvkailua.org](http://sjvkailua.org). (Reported by Earl Walker)

**2 MAKAWAO**

**St. Joseph Early Learning Center**

The **student body and staff** gathered around the school courtyard flag pole as **Father Michael Tolentino** blessed the new American and Hawaiian flags. The students normally do the Pledge of Allegiance and sing "God Bless America" and "Hawaii Pono" at morning group circles indoors in their classrooms. But Tuesday, March 8, was a special day. They took time to gather outdoors as a student body, participating in the blessing and raising of the flags. The school purchased new flags after the old ones were worn and asked "Father Mike" as he is lovingly called by the students, to bless the flags. The old ones were left in a drop-off box at the Maui Mayor's Office where the flags will be properly retired. It was a great teaching opportunity for the children to learn about the special respect and care given to the valued symbols of our country and state. God bless our island home and country. (Reported by Helen Souza)



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**St. Elizabeth School**

Our school celebrated **Mardi Gras** (Fat Tuesday) with the students dressing in Mardi Gras colors and wearing masks and hats that they created in class. The students and their teachers paraded around the school to the sounds of New Orleans jazz music. After the parade they were treated to popsicles and



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EDITOR'S CHOICE

snacks. Pictured are our **preschool students and teachers** who did a fabulous job creating their colorful and fun adornments. A fun time was had by everyone! (Reported by Sharon Nagasawa)

**4 HONOLULU**

**St. Theresa School**

Students at our **preschool** are learning about the **solar system**. They demonstrate their under-

standing of orbits by acting out the moon orbiting the Earth. Students got creative and used playground balls to integrate into their demonstration. These two had a blast! Excellent job to our littlest

**6 WAIALUA**

**St. Michael School**

Writing class for the **first graders** took place outside of the classroom on March 21. **Henry Quarles, Ezekiel Lewis, Dominick Kankwenda** and the rest of the first-grade class spent some time in the school garden to help inspire their writing. (Reported by Anvie Alcayde)

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