

# the parish news

## 1 WAILUKU

### St. Anthony Parish

Parishioners and the Maui community welcomed the return of the annual **St. Anthony Fall Faire** on Oct. 22. They admired the many handmade creations by the parish **Craft Ladies** and bid on the beautiful **Hawaiian quilt** they designed and created. Fresh cooked laulau, pan-cit, and lumpia, as well as fresh baked pies and cakes were sold, along with religious articles, plants and rummage items. Profits from the Faire will be for the renovations of the **St. Anthony Chapel**. (Reported by Agnes Terao-Guiala; photo by Madelyn Pascual)



## 2 KALIHI VALLEY

### Our Lady of the Mount Parish

Both children and catechists joined in the Halloween fun donning their spooky, devilish and saintly costumes. The judges, **Lucille Mohika, Feomoeata Sole** and **Charito Valdez**, selected the winners in various categories: most spiritual, most original, most comical, most creative, and most unusual. The catechists also distributed candies for trick-or-treat. ... Parish leaders, ministries and organizations tendered a potluck fellowship for pastor **Father Edgar's 68th birthday** celebration. There was a delightful mix of Filipino, Samoan, and local dishes topped by a roasted pig, or lechon. Youth minister **Diena Peterson** emceed the program for both the Halloween fun and birthday fellowship. The **Filipino Catholic Club** rendered its version of "The Power of Love" while **Florencio Sipalay** belted out his favorite, "It's a Wonderful World." Father Edgar felt immensely younger by the warm-hearted show of affection and support by all. (Reported by Fran Kovaloff)



try (Edge, Life Teen, Shine Young Adult); Nov. 19-20 for parish pastoral council, stewardship and development committee, marriage and family life, respect life ministry, vocations ministry and social ministry (bereavement, health, food pantry, and senior); and Nov. 26-27 for **groups and organizations** (Basic Christian Community, Catholic Women's Circle, Filipino Catholic Club, Knights of Columbus, Sacred Heart, Samoan Ministry, Marian Devotions and Most Holy Trinity Prayer Groups); as well as **temporalities** (church cleaners, communications, garden, parking, and repair and maintenance). Each ministry had a display table, or poster boards, or flyers, or leaflets, or banner and sign-up sheets. Pictured is a **religious education** booth with catechist **Priscila Rayray**, far right, and parishioners browsing through free books from the **religious education department**. (Reported by Julia Torres)

## 6 KAHUKU

### St. Roch Parish

As **November**, the month of **All Souls**, a time to remember our deceased, comes to a close, our **remembrance tree** remains in the front of the church with candles, both displaying the names of those who have passed. We remember them in prayer this month. ... Our **Filipino Catholic Club** has been very busy. On Nov. 4-6, club president **Jarma Hudson** with members **Nancy Manuel, Nancy Castro, Henry and Aurenda Soriano, Norma Garo, Merli Andrade**, and nine other parishes, (pictured) participated in the **Diocesan Congress of Filipino Catholic Clubs** convention on Kauai, the first since 2018 due to COVID. Parish clubs gave reports on their activities, which will be compiled into a final report to the diocese. Future events were discussed. Outstanding members were recognized. ... Our **FCC Simbang Gabi** committee will sponsor nine Simbang Gabi Masses, Dec. 15-23. Our goal is to raise \$20,000 for items the parish hopes to purchase. ... The FCC is also making wreaths to display in the windows at St. Roch and **St. Joachim Mission** from the first Sunday of Advent through the Epiphany. ... **Father Sebastian** and our FCC president, **Jarma Hudson**, attended the **National Catholic Youth Conference** Nov. 10-12 in California. Hudson chaperoned four youth from **Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish** and was the ambassador liaison for **St. John Vianney's** three youth, who were responsible for the opening and closing prayers and the introduction of the guest speaker. Participants enjoyed fun exhibits and activities and speakers sharing the challenges and successes in their lives. **Bishop Larry Silva** celebrated Mass with the youth serving as ushers and altar servers. At least 12 bishops and 30 priests attended. ... Our

## 3 MAKAWAO

### St. Joseph Parish

The new **parish pastoral council** and **stewardship committee** were commissioned on Oct. 30 by **Father Michael Tolentino**. Father Michael thanked them for their commitment during this struggling time! Let's not get discouraged but trust in God and do his will! Amen! (Reported by Deacon Patrick Constantino; photo by Helen Souza)



EDITOR'S CHOICE

## 4 ENCHANTED LAKE

### St. John Vianney Parish

The **Sodality of Our Blessed Lady White Elephant Sale** Nov. 12 in our parish hall offered baked goods (including malassadas), crafts, plants and gently-used items. Proceeds support scholarships for our parish school, leadership development, campus beautification projects, and outreach ministry. ...



Our parish organized a **Thanksgiving canned food drive** to support the food pantries of the **Windward Vicariate**. Donations were collected for three weeks at the rear of the church and in front of our parish hall on Sunday, Nov. 13. Collections went to the food pantries at **St. George, St. Anthony, Our Lady of Mount Carmel** and **St. Roch** parishes. ... Our parish is supporting the **National Eucharistic Revival**, a movement to restore understanding and devotion to the great mystery of the **Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist**. In support of this revival, our **Faith Formation Com-**

**mittee** is publishing a monthly insert in the bulletin and a take home bifold for parishioners to learn more. ... Parish and school families come together Nov. 26, 6 p.m. in the parish hall, to make **Advent wreaths** for their homes as we begin this holy season. (Reported by Earl Walker)

## 5 EWA BEACH

### Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish

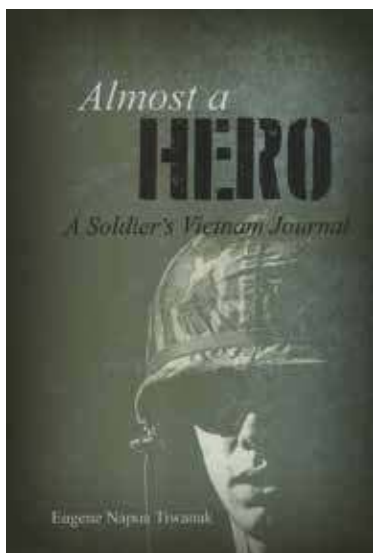
Our pastor, **Father Ed Barut Jr.** and

members of the **Parish Pastoral Council** met leaders of parish ministries Sept. 20 to plan a ministry fair as the parish moves forward with opening more parish activities. The group designated November for the fair, assigning the ministries for each weekend. Liturgical ministries were given Nov. 5-6 (altar servers, linen, music, extraordinary ministers of holy Communion, lectors, sacristans, ushers and LACE [Liturgical Art and Church Environment]); Nov. 12-13 for **religious education** (pre-K-grade 6, sacramental preparation, infant Baptism, RCIA, and adult faith formation) and **youth minis-**

## Almost a Hero:

A Soldier's Vietnam Journal

By Eugene Napua Tiwanak



In **Almost a Hero**, Hawaii author **Eugene Napua Tiwanak** depicts his personal journal accounts of his two years in the Vietnam War between the years 1965-1966 and 1968-1969. As a U.S. Army Transportation Corp. Company Commander/Liaison Officer/General Staff Officer, Tiwanak has a unique perspective on life during a different time, with much different surroundings. His fascinating experiences give readers the opportunity to step outside their comfort zones and understand what the word "hero" really means.



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youth are collecting canned goods and nonperishable foods through November to be distributed to those in need. On **Thanksgiving** morning, we will celebrate with a Mass and our **table of plenty**. Each person attending Mass is asked to bring a food item and place it on the table in front of the church. After Mass they may choose something in exchange. Fruit and baked goods seem to be the most popular items. ... St. Roch and St. Joachim parishioners, along with our pastor, Father Sebastian Soosai, wish everyone a very healthy, happy, blessed Thanksgiving. *(Reported by Sharin Au)*



**7 KALAHEO**  
**Holy Cross Parish**

**Religious education** had a family day Nov. 20 with a **Thanksgiving praise and worship workshop**. Parents and families of children enrolled in religious ed were invited to participate in the activities. ... Our **Youth Ministry** sessions are on the first and third Sundays of each month. High schoolers are encouraged to bring a friend. On their first session, youth bonded over an activity using their creativity and imagination. (pictured) ... The **Ladies Altar Society's** annual bazaar Nov. 12 featured craft items, plants, and their delicious sweetbread. The society sends its mahalo to all who helped make their bazaar a triumphant success! ... Our **social ministry** is participating in the **Prison Fellowship Angel Tree!** Parishioners were invited to stop by the tree after the Nov. 19-20 Masses to sponsor an angel — a local child with an incarcerated parent. The Angel Tree lets these children know they are loved by their parents and Jesus. Social ministry asked parishioners to purchase gifts and bring them to Mass the following weekend. Thank you for your generous and caring hearts in supporting the project. ... **Father Danny** and all the priests in the diocese will be attending the **annual priests' convocation** on Oahu, Nov. 28-Dec. 2. Please keep them all in your prayers. ... The **vicariate Advent penance service** dates and locations are posted on the bulletin board. The Holy Cross service is 6 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 6. If you cannot attend our service, please plan to attend one at another parish. .... Our parish social ministry, **Shared Blessings**, will have its monthly first Friday food distribution Dec. 2 from 4-5 p.m. in the hall. Please share this information with others. *(Reported by Judy Cabanting; photo by Della Silva)*



**8 WAIHEE**  
**St. Ann Parish**

**Father Jun** has been embraced by the congregation of St. Ann Church. We look forward to his homilies as they relate to everyday living, strengthening our faith journey, always in preparation. Father Jun acknowledges the youth's participation in the liturgy, calling upon them to be acolytes, lectors, offering collectors in training, in hope one day they too will answer the call of vocations. We appreciate Father Jun in keeping with St. Ann traditions, always looking to enhance them, i.e., the blessing of the deceased at the **parish cemetery**, Waihee, and **St.**

**Joseph Shrine** in Waikapu for **All Souls Day**. ... Come celebrate with us: Saturday Vigil Mass, 5 p.m.; Sunday Mass, 8:30 a.m.; or morning Mass, 6:30 a.m., weekdays, except Monday. *(Reported by Frances Asuncion)*

**9 KEKAHA**  
**St. Theresa Parish,**

Like most other parishes, we had many opportunities for the faithful to pray the **rosary** to **Our Blessed Mother** for intercession with our dear, sweet Jesus during the **Month of the Holy Rosary**. Beginning Oct. 1, we prayed the rosary

every day, with special opportunities in between. On Oct. 15, we held a **Public Square Rosary** on the beautiful lawn fronting our mission church in Waimea, **Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary**, where 15 parishioners prayed for peace. Maraming salamat po to **Edita Dullaga** for organizing the event here on Kauai and to **Nelly Capino** for her long-distance coordination from Las Vegas. On Oct. 23, our **Rosary Walk for Peace** was very successful with 21 parishioners walking and praying all 20 decades on the grounds of St. Theresa Church and School. It was a beautiful afternoon, with a special cloud formation of the

Holy Spirit descending upon us, ending as the sun set behind the Island of Niihau. Our thanks to **Darlene Muraoka** for coordinating the rosary walk. May all our prayers ascend to our **Heavenly Father** above! Here's wishing everyone a very **happy and blessed Thanksgiving** holiday! *(Reported by Chantal A. Duarte)*

**10 PAHOA**  
**Sacred Heart Parish**

On Nov. 6, at our parish, Masses were offered for **widows and widowers** and they received a blessing at the end of Mass. Also, our **consecrated widows**

made the annual renewal of their private promises to love Jesus alone, to pray the rosary daily for vocations in our diocese, and to be good Christian stewards of their time, talent and treasure. Pictured with **Father John Molina** are consecrated widows **Sally Ganiron, Ilyn Narciso, Sharen Chaves, Priscilla Molina** and **Melinda LaCaille**. *(Reported by Janan Malinowski)*

**11 HANA**  
**St. Mary Parish**

October is the month of the **Rosary**. Parishioners at St. Mary and **St. Peter Mission** met every Sunday at 5 p.m. to pray in front of the **Blessed Mother Grotto**. On Oct. 30, we gathered with our administrator **Father Roel de los Reyes** for our last Rosary and enjoyed fellowship after. *(Reported by Virginia Timbal)*

**12 KAPOLEI**  
**St. Jude Parish**

The St. Jude **Filipino Catholic Club** attended the **Diocesan Congress of Filipino Catholic Clubs** convention at the Hilton Garden Inn on Kauai Nov. 4-6. From left, **Judy Datzman, Beth Recamara, Bishop Larry Silva, Marita and Nestor Abellana**. *(Reported by Tere Hunt)*

**13 MANOA**  
**St. Piux X Parish**

At our **Ministry Fair**, Oct. 29 and 30, after weekend Masses, all 22 parishes presented informational displays as part of a stewardship campaign to inform and recruit parishioners to support and serve in the various ministries. Thanks goes to **Willa Papandrew** for her creation and arrangement of the colorful booth and **Thomas Pereira** for his motivating talk on being good stewards and how we can help serve our community. Response was good. *(Reported by Walter Jung)*

**14 HAIKU**  
**St. Rita Parish**

Our annual **Thrift Store Christmas Sale** Nov. 5-6 featured Christmas items and gifts donated by parishioners and the **Haiku community**. Parish members baked homemade breads, cookies, jams, jellies, and other scrumptious goodies. Added to the food venue were kalua pork and barbecue chicken plates. Before the sale began, **Father Chacko Muthoottil** prayed with all the volunteers and blessed the event. People came early from all parts of the island. A big mahalo to the **Thrift Store Ladies** and parish volunteers for their hard work preparing, and our bakers and cooks for their delicious foods. A special thank you to the religious education students who helped with packaging and assisted customers with items to their vehicles. Pictured from left, parish volunteers **Gosha Jasowicz, Tamyra Freeman, Diane Nifong** and **Joanie Diaz**. We thank God for the blessing of a successful event for St. Rita's! *(Reported by Esther Yap)*



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