THE SCHOOL NEWS

1 KAPAA

St. Catherine School

Surrounded by her great-great grandchildren, longtime parishioner Cresencia (Maglinte) Labuquen was honored by St. Catherine Parish for her many years of ministerial service. Busy as she was raising four children alongside her beloved late husband **Delpidio**, she volunteered in many parish ministries for decades. Lovingly known as Aunty Cres, she worked simultaneously for the parish and the school in the 1970s. For 40-plus years, she set the bar high for present-day sacristans by preparing the church at 5:30 a.m. for daily Mass. She served as sacristan, lecturer, extraordinary minister of Communion, sang (and is still singing) in the choir, and planned and cooked for the school annual carnival. The parish recognized her with a blessing and presentation of a Charlot crucifix during Mass before gathering in the parish hall for a feast of food, laughter, fun, and time to talk-story, reminisce and create new memories. Thank you, Aunty Cres. (Reported by Gloria Aqui)

2 HONOLULU

Holy Family Catholic Academy

The first week of March was dedicated to Read Across America, as we celebrated reading and literacy as a school community. Our preschoolers had a week of thematic fun that coordinated with engaging books they read together, and our middle school language arts students took the week to read their favorite childhood stories to students in our kindergarten, first- and sec-



ond-grade classes, and colored bookmarks with their reading buddies. We take our Holy Fam-**EDITOR'S**





ily namesake to heart when we plan unique opportunities for our upper grades to connect with our lower grades and it is always a memorable experience for all! Pictured, seventh-grader Caleb Splane reads his favorite **Dr. Seuss** book to kindergartner **Sophia Kemp**. (Reported by Julia Hudson)

3 HONOLULU

Saint Louis School

Congratulations LIFE Team! The **Marianist LIFE Team** comprises selected upperclassmen who seek to serve the school community by forming faith mainly through Marianist LIFE Communities. These communities reflect the early sodalities of lay people who Blessed Father Chaminade brought together to strengthen each other's faith lives. The new LIFE 2024 team will travel to California in June to attend the Marianist LIFE Retreat. There they will gain leadership skills and learn ways to sustain Marianist LIFE Communities at Saint Louis. ... Ash Wednesday Mass! On Feb. 14, we began the

Lenten season. Pictured are students receiving their ashes. As a time for increased prayer, fasting and almsgiving, we embrace this time to better ourselves and our community. ... **Catholic Schools Week Praise and Worship!** The Music Ministry Team led the school in song and praise as we celebrated the blessing of our Catholic, Marianist school. For many years, a favorite song of Crusaders has been: "Lord, I need You. Lord, I need You, oh, I need You, every hour, I need You. My one defense, my righteousness. Oh God, how I need You." (Reported by Nada Ashrafi)

4 MAKAWAO

St. Joseph Early Learning Center

Field **trips** are always fun. On Feb. 28, the students enjoyed a wonderful day at the **Hui Noeau** Visual Arts Center. Students got to create their own fish puppet with supplies provided by the center in their art studio. After creating their work of art the

students got to share their work as they put on a puppet show for the group. They also enjoyed the grounds of the Baldwin Fam**ily Estate House**. They played a chasing game called "sharks and minnows" as they ran around the side yard of the upcountry landmark. Thank you to the parents who chaperoned and to the staff at the hui. (Reported by Helen Souza)

CHOICE

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St. John Vianney School

During this Lenten season, our school is participating in **Catho**lic Relief Services (CRS) Rice **Bowl**, the program that invites us to reflect on the challenges of global hunger. CRS Rice Bowl gives us an opportunity to encounter different people from around the world, know more about their lives and recognize them as our sisters and brothers. Through our prayers, fasts and alms with those of other Catholic schools, we can help millions of women, men and

children around the world who face economic challenges, and provide enough nutritious food for families. Our students and faculty returned their CRS Rice Bowls on Monday, March 11, in a beautiful service in the church. ... Our fabulous PTSH (Parent,

Teacher, Student Hui) took the entire school to the movies to see the film "Kung Fu Panda 4" on Tuesday, March 12. This generous gift was given to the students for their incredible participation in our Mariothon Turkey Trot this past November. All students with parental approval walked together to the nearby Kailua Cinemas and were provided with popcorn and drinks during the movie. ... Our PTSH is also having a Panda Express fundraiser on Friday, March 15, in which 28% of sales of online orders will go to our school. For more information, please contact the school office at 808-261-4651. We thank our PTSH for their generosity. (Reported by Earl Walker)



