

The Parish & School

1 PAPAIKOU

Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish

Upon completion of the Advent and Christmas season comes preparation for **Lent and the Easter season**. With Ash Wednesday commences the Fridays of Lent and the Stations of the Cross. Here the stations on Friday evenings are led by the various ministries and committees. Participating this year will be **eucharistic ministers, lectors, Sacred Heart Ladies, altar servers, religious education children, high school youth ministry** and the **Filipino Catholic Club**. The **kindergarten through fifth grade religious education children** will put on a "shadow play" of the crucifixion. Often at the 10 a.m. Mass the religious education students sing a song before the final blessing. They really put their hearts and souls into it. I am sure that God is smiling down at them and enjoying their "little voices" praising him. At a recent Mass they sang, "Jesus Loves the Little Children." They may be sure of that. (Reported by Pat Phillips; photo by Inez Johnson)



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2 WAIMEA

Annunciation Parish

Our parishioners are pictured getting ready to pray the **Rosary for Life** on Jan. 22. They were joined by seven more parishioners who carried signs while praying outside the church for an end to abortion. (Reported by Mary Erickson)



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Immaculate Conception Parish

"Human Life is precious from its beginning to its natural end" (St. Pope John Paul II). On Dec. 8, during the celebration of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, a plaque dedicating our parish's **Grotto to the Unborn** was blessed by our pastor **Father Mike Dalton**. This parish project came to fruition through prayer, hard work and donations from the **Respect Life Ministry, the Knights of Columbus** and **wonderful parishioners**. For generations to come, this symbol will remind all of the need to respect life, to pray for the unborn, and to pray for the total abolishment of abortion! (Reported by Normand HJ Robert)



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4 PEARL CITY

Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish

A warm welcome to our new parochial vicar, **Father Rex Pimentel Rilveria**, who hails from Sta. Lucia, Ilocos Sur, Philippines. Born on Sept. 24, 1974, Father Rex is the second of four children of the late **Renato Rilveria** and **Benedicta Pimentel Rilveria**. Fondly called "kid" by his brother priests in the Archdiocese of Nueva Segovia, Father Rex finished his minor seminary formation at Immaculate Conception Minor Seminary, Vigan City. He earned his college degree at San Pablo Seminary, Baguio City, and his theology degree at Immaculate Conception School of Theology, Vigan City. After his ordination on Dec. 6, 2001, Father Rex was assigned as assistant pastor at San Juan de Sahagun Parish, Candon City. A year later, he went to St. Anthony Parish, Sugpon, serving there three years. He also served at Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, Sevilla, and at Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, Galimuyod, before he was called in May 2014 to be a missionary to Hawaii and assigned as parochial vicar at St. Catherine Parish in Kapaa, Kauai. Father Rex moved to our parish on Jan. 9. He stays fit playing basketball or by walking and jogging, and updates himself on global issues and concerns through social media. Father Rex lives by his ordination theme from John 10:11. "I



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am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for his sheep." (Reported by Bernadette Cabe; photo by Elaine Okamoto)

WAIALUA

St. Michael Parish

Plans for the **pilgrimage** to the **Cathedral Basilica of Our Lady of Peace** in Honolulu on Feb. 15 have been finalized. The purpose of this pilgrimage is for the opportunity to obtain plenary indulgence during the Jubilee Holy Year of Mercy. Plans are to leave St. Michael Church at 8 a.m. to visit St. Damien's Museum at St. Patrick Church where lunch will be served. Then it's on to the basilica for noon Mass and veneration of the relics of St. Damien and St. Marianne. We have chartered Royal Stars Hawaii and the cost of the bus fare, lunch and bottled water is \$20. (From the parish bulletin)

5 MAKAKILO

St. Jude Parish

Approximately **40 parishioners** attended the **March for Life rally** at the Hawaii State Capitol on Jan. 22. Pictured are the youth of our parish with a March for Life banner. (Reported by Caren Argenzia)

6 LANAI CITY

Sacred Hearts Parish

On Jan. 14, **faithful parishioners** began nine days of novena prayer for **Senor Santo Nino** followed by Mass in preparation for the **Fiesta Day** on Jan. 23. We were blessed with a beautiful Saturday afternoon beginning with the procession of the **Senor Santo Nino** around the perimeter of the church property followed by Mass. The church was filled. **Father Jose Macoy** was the main celebrant of this annual event assisted by **Deacon**

Pat Constantino and Deacon Cornelio Polido

from Maui. After Mass, the children processed in and danced the Sinulog dance, coordinated by **Aline Pardillo**. Thank you, Aline and children, for a wonderful performance! Everyone then enjoyed a potluck dinner, especially the lechon (roast pig). We thank all the parishioners who brought food and drinks. There was lots of laughter, fellowship, karaoke and dancing. Thank you everyone for coming and enjoying this year's fiesta. And a special thanks to the **Maui Santo Nino Group** for joining us. Viva Pit Senor Santo Nino! (Reported by Diane Ribucan)

7 KANEHOE

St. Ann Parish

In honor of **Catholic Schools Week**, our parish school set up various displays at Windward Mall. Our students have been creating projects

throughout the school year. The **teachers and aides** are pictured here showcasing the projects. (Reported by Dona Clamucha; photo by Cynthia Ramos)

8 EWA BEACH

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish

Deacon Eric and Mela Kim, pictured, were the presenters at the fourth session for parents of children in our **First Communion classes** on Jan. 21. The session focused on the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit. Mela, a First Communion catechist, opened the session with a game where parents answered two questions: What are the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit? The first seven then 12 parents who volunteered to line up in front of everyone had to name the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit respectively. Each participant received a copy of "Rediscovering Jesus" by Matthew Kelly. Deacon Eric explained more about the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit and shared how he experiences the presence of the Holy Spirit in his life and ministry. The parents shared their own stories in small groups. Sessions for parents of First Communicants are held every month from October to April of the following year to assist them in their role as primary catechists of their children. At the end of each session, parents are instructed to share with their children what they learned. The children are then given a short quiz on Sundays following the parent's session. (Reported by Julia Torres)

9 WAILUKU

St. Anthony of Padua Parish

At the 5 p.m. liturgy on Jan. 23, the local **Lay Marianist Community** held its annual recommitment ceremony, adding seven new members who made their initial commitment. Presiding were Marianist priests **Father Roland Bunda** (pastor) and **Father Paul Fitzpatrick**, visiting from Oahu. Pictured are the new members before the altar. Following this, the vowed Marianists came forward to renew their vows. After Mass, everyone enjoyed a reception with heavy pupus. (Reported by Brother Fred Silbereis)

KALAUPAPA

St. Francis Parish

The 25 women on pilgrimage to Kalaupapa and Kalawao on Jan. 22 were members of our **Sacred Hearts Sisters** who have leadership roles in their congregation's provinces all over the globe. Damien Tours guide **Norman** was the bus driver for the day, Sacred Hearts **Sister Helene Wood** conducted the tour and Franciscan **Sister Alicia Damien Lau** did her best to marshal the troops. Accompanying them was **Jesuit Father Javier**, who celebrated Mass in Spanish at St. Damien's church, St. Philomena. I did not understand a word of his homily but he was very enthusiastic in his delivery and spoke almost as much with his hands as he did with his tongue. It was 3 p.m. when the busload of happy pilgrims arrived back at the airport. They had enjoyed immensely their visit to the land of Saints Damien and Marianne and were ready to take to the air, perhaps feeling a little sad as we all do when we leave Kalaupapa with no expectancy to return. (Reported by Father Pat Killilea, ss.cc.)

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Sts. Peter and Paul Parish

We **collected palms** from last year's Palm Sunday to be burned the day before Ash Wednesday. Some know it as Shrove Tuesday or Fat Tuesday. It may be better known as Mardi Gras, Feb.

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9. The ashes were for Ash Wednesday, Feb. 10. (From the parish bulletin)

10 NUUANU St. Stephen Parish

2015 was a good year liturgically, spiritually, and a year of camaraderie. Many of the year's goals were accomplished, thanks to **Father Mario** and our many dedicated ministries. Our **religious education children**, accompanied by their teachers and some parents, made their annual caroling visit to **Nuuanu Hale Nursing Home** on Dec. 13, after the 9:30 a.m. Mass. Some choir members also joined them. Thank you to all who contributed lap blankets, toiletries and Kleenex packets, and thanks also to **Marfi** for the toothbrush and toothpaste donations. Some of the nursing staff and residents joined in the caroling and had a joyful time. ... For the second year, **Misa De Gallo** (Dawn Mass) was celebrated for nine consecutive days, Dec. 16-24, in the Chapel of St. Catherine at 5:30 a.m., followed by fellowship. Our diligent altar servers were present throughout the nine-day novena. Pictured, from left, are **Kainalu Aki, Adrian Abcede** and **Elliana Abcede**. The chapel was filled for all nine days extending into the hallway and conference room. After the Mass, many remained for breakfast and fellowship. It was a joyful time spent with our Lord and with each other, singing and worshipping together. It was heartwarming seeing how many parishioners were willing to sacrifice getting up so early to prepare for the birth of our Lord. The celebration brought a vibrant, faith-filled spirit to those in attendance. (Reported by *Ginny Jordan*; photo by *Marissa Abcede*)



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11 HAIKU St. Rita Parish

Our **altar servers** are active members of our parish. In addition to assisting **Father Leonard Ssempijja** at weekend celebrations, they help with parish ministries, assist in social events, and participate in fundraising projects. Outside from parish activities, the altar servers planned an outing to spend time with one another. They met at the home of **Cheyenne Yap** (altar server recruiter and trainer) who prepared lunch for them. Then they headed to Kahului to watch "Star Wars" in 3-D. Before driving back to Haiku they stopped for ice cream where they shared their thoughts on the movie. It was a fun time out. Pictured, from front to back, **Talan, Miko, Sophie** and **Aguida** and **Cheyenne** (standing). (Reported by *Esther Yap*)



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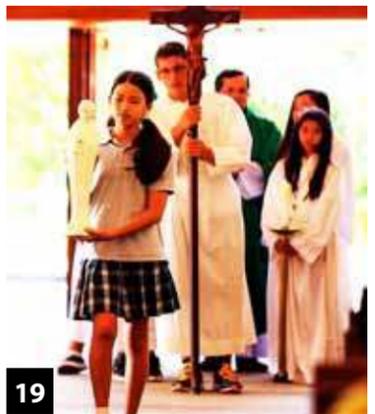
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12 KALIHI VALLEY Our Lady of the Mount Parish

On Feb. 2, **Sister Marie Clemence Mira, SPC**, renewed her vows as a Sister of St. Paul of Chartres. Pastor-emeritus **Father Adrian Gervacio** received her profession of a life of chastity, poverty and obedience as she first did 56 years ago in 1960 in the Philippines. Sister Clem arrived in Honolulu on May 28, 2008, and on May 31 began her mission at our parish as the director of the religious education program. Sister Clem expressed gratitude to Father Adrian for being with her at all times, patiently guiding, forgiving and walking with her, and bids her present pastor **Father Edgar Brillantes** "maraming salamat po!" To her fellow **Sisters of St. Paul of Chartres** and co-parishioners who became her family and companions on the journey, a big mahalo! Sister Clem ended her vow with these words, "I beg the Lord to grant me the heart and spirit to look at the past with gratitude, embrace



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the future with hope and passionately live the present. With Mary our Mother, Magnificat anima mea Dominum." Pictured is Sister Clem receiving the Body of Christ from Father Adrian during the Holy Mass on Feb. 2. (Reported by *Fran Kovaloff*)

13 KEKAHA St. Theresa Parish

On Jan. 30, our parish came together to celebrate a wonderful potluck for **Father Emerson "Boyet" Delos Reyes'** birthday. Entertainment was

by our beautiful **Waimea Choir** under the direction of **Les Ceballos**, our dedicated **Filipino Catholic Club** members, and our **Kekaha Choir** members under the direction of **Mary Fatora-Tumbaga** along with our **Ukulele Ministry** under the direction of **Debbie Olores** with **Aunties Millie, Barbara and Gloria** dancing the hula. Former pastor **Father Fred Iminga, MS**, currently filling in at Holy Cross Church for pastor **Father Tony Abuan**, joined the celebration with Holy Cross parishioner **Prudy** and **Father Arlan**, pastor

of **St. Raphael Church** in Koloa. Happy birthday, Father Boyet! May God bless you with many, many more! Pictured is Father Boyet with some of our dedicated parish FCC members. (Reported by *Chantal A. Duarte*; photo provided by *Father Boyet*)

14 WAIPAHU St. Joseph School

On Saturday, Jan. 23, our **sixth to eighth graders** were invited to participate in a graffiti clean up event. With the assistance of HPD **Officer**

Paiva, about 20 students and their parents were able to beautify the Waipahu community. Pictured is sixth grader **Matthew Aguon, Mrs. Aguon** and sibling **Jack Aguon** and sixth grader **Guy Juliano** and **Mrs. Juliano**. (Reported by *Keala Kia*)

15 PEARL CITY Our Lady of Good Counsel School

We are proud to say that four students were once again selected as the top winners of the **Veterans of Foreign Wars'** annual **Patriot Pen Essay Contest**. Writing about the sacrifices that our veterans have made to keep us safe is easy, said one student. Without them who knows how our lives would be today. The recipients were awarded a certificate, a pin and a generous monetary gift Feb. 1 at the school's Mass. Members of the **Veterans of Foreign Wars Fort Shafter Post 10276** were there to present the awards to first place winner **Nathan Bonnell**, second place winner **Teana Hubbard**, third place winner **Sage Valdez**, and fourth place winner **Kaytlyn Kuni**. Wonderful job guys, you do us proud! (Reported by *Ginger Kamisugi*)

16 EWA BEACH Our Lady of Perpetual Help School

Congratulations to the **2016 Lady Dolphins** basketball team for their successful season. Athletic director and coach **Joel Morales** and assistant coach **Jay Donlin**, worked with these students from fourth, fifth and sixth grades. Team captain **Mikayla Morales** led her teammates — **Alyssa Alvarez, Taryne Ano, Mahaley Cabudol, Cheyna Ekau** and **Ixchel Ochoa** — through a six-game season and into two playoff games. The Lady Dolphins captured **second place** in Pool B during the playoffs. It was a challenging season, Mikayla reflected, "but we pushed through because of our determination." We are so proud of these young ladies, not only for their positive attitude and perseverance, but also for representing our school as athletes with school spirit and pride! (Reported by *Thalia Woodward*)

17 HONOLULU Sacred Hearts Academy Lower School

Thirty-eight of our third graders, 25 parents, and teachers **Melody Coloma** and **Debbie Au** gathered to cleanup Magic Island Beach Park on Dec. 17. Armed with gloves and trash bags, they beautified the environment while celebrating family ties and community ohana. In addition to the service activity, the third graders also visited **St. Augustine Church** in Waikiki. There they did presentations on the five joyful mysteries of the rosary and sang for the parents in attendance. Pictured are **Mya Choi, Olivia Gentry, Emilie Cosseboom, Sara Inao, Christine Galang** and **Ellen Ha**. (Reported by *Hayley Matson-Mathes*)

18 KAILUA St. Anthony School

Our school had a wonderful **Catholic Schools Week**. Our students enjoyed the activities that celebrate our Catholic faith, the educators, our students and families; both past and present. Our students come to us as caterpillars and emerge as butterflies, prepared to move on to the next phase in their lives. Join us for our **open house** on Feb. 20 at 9 a.m. to noon. (Reported by *Patricia Barros*)

19 HONOLULU

Mary, Star of the Sea School

Students celebrated the start of their **Catholic Schools Week** festivities with a special Mass followed by a week of festivities honoring their families, school, parish, community and nation. For this year's service project, students made sandwiches, fruit salad and chili for the residents of the **Next Step Shelter**. Students from **first through eighth grade** were able to see how they could make a difference in the world. Pictured at the Mass are sixth grader **Seyeon Moon** carrying statue of Mary our patron saint and altar servers eighth grader **Angelo Rufo** and sixth grader **Victoria Hung**. (Reported by Roselyn Vicente McMahon)



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20 KAILUA

St. John Vianney School

Congratulations to fourth grade teacher **Mrs. Earleen Victorino** for receiving a **Locations Foundation Teacher Award**. The Locations Foundation awarded 15 Hawaii teachers a \$200 prize for their excellence in reinforcing learning inside and outside the classroom, and encouraging and caring for their students. **Mrs. Clorinda Wong** of Locations Hawaii presented the award on Jan. 20 at the morning flag assembly. ... For Catholic Schools Week, Feb. 1-4, our school held several special events. On Monday, the **St. Francis School Band and Cheer Concert** performed at our school. On Tuesday, there was a lunch with grandparents and a parade of students dressed as saints. Our **halau** performed at Windward Mall on Tuesday evening. On Wednesday, students brought a snack to share with a snack buddy. On Thursday there was a students versus faculty kickball game. Throughout the week our school focused on the value of a Catholic education and its contributions to our church, our communities and our nation. Our annual **Jump Rope for Heart** event took place on Thursday, Feb. 11. Students were encouraged to wear red, pink and white appropriate jump rope clothing in celebration of Valentine's Day. (Reported by Earl Walker)



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21 HONOLULU

Maryknoll High School

Every year, homecoming season is highly anticipated. This spirited time exemplifies a lot of the joy, achievement and pride for students from kindergarten through high school. This year, the **Gold Blooded Spartans** came together for homecoming week in honor and unity. On the evening of Jan. 18, **Brad Koki (71)** of the Maryknoll ohana passed away. Brad was an amazing art teacher, a dear friend, a caring mentor, and a true Spartan. This school year marked his 20th anniversary as a Maryknoll teacher. With homecoming week right around the corner, it was only right that Spartans came together in his remembrance. With honor, the students took on homecoming week. After days of scholastic and athletic competition among peers, back-to-back wins by the **women's and men's basketball teams**, loud class cheers, and plenty of paint on prideful banners, homecoming week came to a close with the classes more unified than before. Students past and present have learned from Mr. Brad Koki, and many other great Maryknoll leaders, the true meaning of noblesse oblige — to whom much is given, much is expected. Pictured is the **Maryknoll Spartans Men's Team** celebrating its homecoming win over the Kamehameha Warriors in overtime. (Reported by Laura Essenberg; photo by Kyle Roche)



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the road from the school and church. They presented the **community workers** with a thank you poster, songs of prayer and thanksgiving for all they do to serve their neighborhood. The students were then treated to snacks, a tour of the grounds and equipment, and given a souvenir hard hat. In addition to the week's events they also served their parish by cleaning the church and picking up trash in the parking lot. They also enjoyed a morning with pastor **Father Jaime Jose, MS**, and a "pajama day" at school. Thank you to all who support Catholic schools and education. (Reported by Helen Souza)

23 WAILUKU

St. Anthony School

Maui Catholic schools celebrated **Chaminade Day** at our school on Jan. 22, the 166th anniversary of the death of Blessed William Joseph Chaminade at Bordeaux, France. The students of St. Anthony Junior-Senior High School, Grade School and Preschool held a joint celebration in his honor. One of the religion classes of teacher **Mr. Ernie Mendoza** prepared colorful banners, which were paraded in and raised on posts behind the altar during the Mass. Blessed Chaminade is the founder of the **Society of Mary**, also called the **Marianists**, who have charge of St Anthony Parish and Schools on Maui,

St. Louis School and Chaminade University. Chaminade also founded the **Daughters of Mary** (an order of sisters not present in Hawaii) and the **Marianist Lay Communities**, an international organization of laymen and women. (Reported by Brother Fred Silbereis)

24 AIEA

St. Elizabeth School

Our **sixth, seventh and eighth graders** attended the **March for Life** and rally at the State Capitol on Jan. 22. They created posters and proudly marched around the capitol defending the rights of the unborn. This positive experience gave them the enthusiasm to do it again next year. (Reported by Sharon Nagasawa)

25 KAPAA

St. Catherine School

We kicked off Catholic Schools Week on Jan. 31 with a beautiful Mass. Prior to the opening procession, we viewed a video prepared by **Madam Andrea Corbo** containing testimonials from our pastor **Father Anthony Rapozo** and principal **Mrs. Celina Haigh** as well as many students. Students took on the roles of lectors, cantors and commentators. Faculty and staff, as well as many of the students, came to celebrate and at the conclusion, proudly sang our school song.

The **third grade**, under the direction of teacher **Ms. Chelsea Chock**, held an "around the world" culture fair on Jan. 21. Students picked a country out of the seven continents and studied its language, religion, food, dress, currency and even sports! Each created a poster about his or her country, brought a traditional food or dressed up in traditional clothing. The culture fair was open to all grades and parents and staff. Needless to say, the fair was a hit, and the students presented with confidence and poise. Mahalo to all that helped! (Reported by Andrea Corbo and Patricia Doherty)

26 HONOLULU

St. Anthony School

Kendall Ramelb and **Sigrid Benigno** represented the school in the recently concluded **District Spelling Bee** competition at Iolani School on Jan. 30. Kendall is a seventh grader and Sigrid is in sixth grade. They are both honor students. Kendall is the vice president of the student council. Both students worked hard because they wanted to represent the school well. With the help of their spelling coach **Mrs. Josefina Thorp**, Kendall and Sigrid made the school proud. Kendall finished in 4th place while Sigrid vowed to study harder for next year's competition. Pictured are **Mrs. Corazon Aczon**, **Sister Victoria Lavente, SPC**,

Sigrid, Kendall and **Mrs. Thorp**. Congratulations, Kendall and Sigrid! (Reported by Tess Reyes)

27 HONOLULU

Damien Memorial School

Members of our **student government** (pictured with principal **Brother Daniel Casey** and student government advisor **Tara Clare**) kicked off **Catholic Schools Week** with a Cookie and Cocoa-munion, a yummy morning treat for faculty, staff and students. Many teachers are incorporating Catholic Schools Week activities in the curriculum. A popular assignment is having students write letters of appreciation to parents, former principals, teachers, custodians, cooks and others involved in Catholic education. Our **religion classes** and the faculty will be participating in a special grade-level mission collection challenge. Other Catholic Schools Week events include food drives, studying our school mission statement, a campus improvement project, creating posters to honor various saints, and a photography/creative writing project. Students in Japanese language classes are making origami churches and Spanish and French students are exploring how the Catholic Faith has spread and the place of the church in their respective countries. The junior history classes are creating a timeline identifying highlights of church history. Damien congratulates the following employees who are celebrating a combined 100 years of service (!) to Hawaii Catholic Schools: **Jean Ota**, 20 years; **Bruce Tam Hoy 89**, 20 years; **Elaine Teraoka**, 30 years; and **Diane Lota**, 30 years. (Reported by school staff; photo by Christian Cubacub)

28 HONOLULU

Sacred Hearts Academy High School

Our **advanced chemistry class**, teacher **James Bell** and fellow science teacher **Chelsea Zaniboni** visited the **Hawaii Institute of Marine Biology** facility on Moku O Lo'e, better known as Coconut Island, on Jan. 22. Situated in Kaneohe Bay, the island supports a rich and diverse marine environment. It is a dynamic arena for research and scientific discovery. The students focused on learning more about the chemistry behind ocean acidification, the process by which carbon dioxide is absorbed by seawater, resulting in various chemical reactions. While much of their day was spent in the classroom environment with the HIMB staff, the group had the opportunity to explore part of the island's 29 acres. They visited one of the six acres of adjacent lagoons including the one housing the shark pond. (Reported by Hayley Matson-Mathes)

29 KANEHOE

St. Ann's Model School

Students participated in the **Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge** where players demonstrate one of the most basic soccer skills — the penalty kick. Students in grades 3-7 learned the basics in physical education class. Each student was allowed 15 shots at the goal from the penalty line. PE teacher **Robert Shklov** determined a winner for each grade and on Feb. 2, the winners competed against each other for the championship. Congratulations to fourth grader **Brynn Castello** who won by making 12 shots out of 15, scoring 90 points! She is pictured receiving congratulatory handshakes as she makes her victory lap. Thank you to the **St. Ann Parish's Knights of Columbus Council 14620** for sponsoring this event. ... In honor of **Catholic Schools Week**, St. Ann Model Schools set up various displays in The Windward Mall. Our students have been creating projects through out the school year. The Teachers and Aides here at St Ann's helped to showcase the projects. (Reported by Kuulei Halemano; photo by Sue Lynn Shinsato)

22 MAKAWAO

St. Joseph Early Learning Center

For **Catholic Schools Week**, the students took a field trip out into their community. On Feb. 3 they visited the Makawao County base-yard across