

# Ka`aha`ilono Hōkū

*Where Learning Never Stops*

## LENT A TIME FOR CHANGE

Our observance of Lent began on Ash Wednesday, February 22, a day of fast and abstinence for Catholics. At Mass on Ash Wednesday, Star of the Sea faculty, staff and students received ashes on their foreheads. The imposition of ashes replicates an ancient penitential practice and symbolizes our dependence upon God's mercy and forgiveness.

During Lent, the baptized are called to renew their baptismal commitment as others prepare to be baptized through the **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults**, a period of learning and discernment for individuals who have declared their desire to become Catholics.

The three traditional pillars of Lenten observance are **prayer**, **fasting** and **almsgiving**. The Church asks us to surrender ourselves to prayer and to the reading of Scripture, to fasting and to giving alms. The fasting that all do together on Fridays is but a sign of the daily Lenten discipline of individuals and households: fasting for certain periods of time, fasting from certain foods, but also fasting from other things and activities. Likewise, the giving of alms is some effort to share this world equally—not only through the distribution of money, but through the sharing of our time and talents.

*Taken from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops*



## MARCH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- March 8 **Group Picture Taking Day**
- March 9 **Teachers' In-Service Day**  
**NO SCHOOL**
- March 15 **Spring Pictures**
- March 16 **Jump Rope for Heart**
- March 23 **Faculty Meeting**  
**11:45 Dismissal**
- March 26 - April 6  
**SPRING BREAK**
- April 9 **Easter Monday**  
**NO SCHOOL**
- April 10 **FOURTH QUARTER BEGINS**

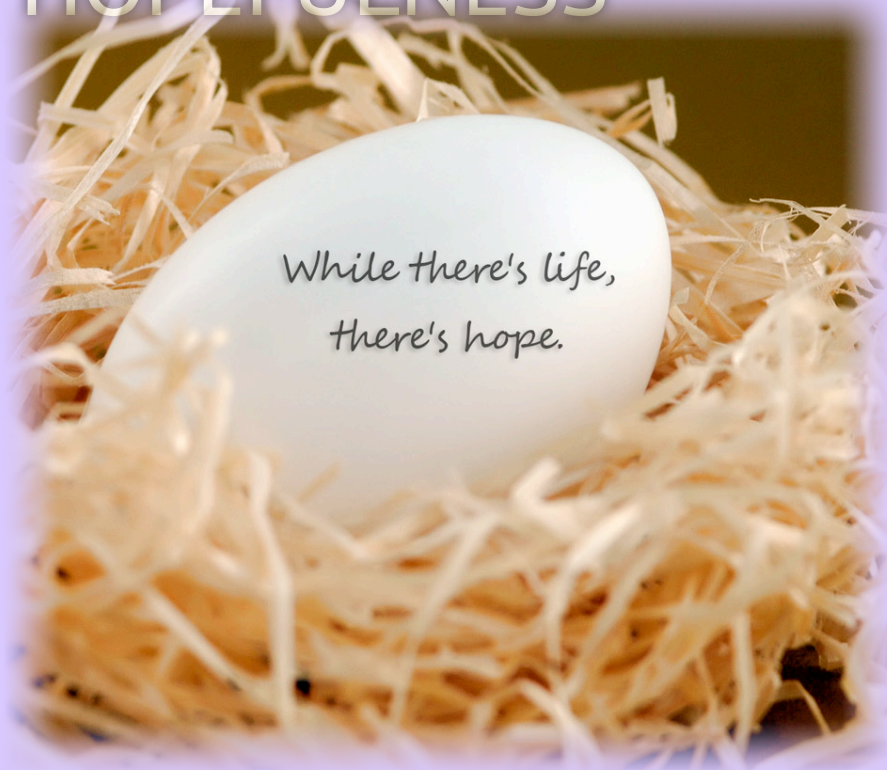
## Third Quarter

## Wrap Up

*We will be concluding our third quarter semester on Friday , March 23rd. Congratulations to all of our students who continue to work hard towards achieving their best! Report Cards will be mailed out during the Spring Break. On behalf of the Star of the Sea Administration, Faculty and Staff, we would like to wish all of you a safe, blessed Easter Holiday.*

# THEME OF THE MONTH

## HOPEFULNESS



Every heart that has beat strongly and cheerfully has left a hopeful impulse behind it in the world, and bettered the tradition of mankind.

**Robert Louis Stevenson**



### STEPPING UP DAY

**MAHALO** to our PTG, Faculty, Parents and Star of the Sea Seventh and Eighth Grade Students who contributed toward making our **Stepping Up Program** a success!

We are looking forward to welcoming our **future first graders and their families, to our Ohana in the 2012-2013 school year!**

On Friday, March

16, Star of the Sea Students

will be

participating in Jump Rope for

Heart. Pledge

forms will be coming

home soon and will be

due back to school on



March 16, Jump Rope

for Heart Day.

Mahalo for your

| RE-REGISTRATION   | TEACHER IN-SERVICE DAY   | PICTURE DAYS   | SPRING BREAK              |
|---|--|--|---------------------------|
| Re-registration deadline was February 24, 2012. Please visit us at the administration office, as soon as possible, if you haven't registered yet. | On Friday, March 9, Star of the Sea School Faculty and Staff will have a Teacher in-service day.<br>No School for Students | Group Pictures<br>March 8<br><br>Spring Pictures<br>March 15 | March 26<br>to<br>April 6 |