



# Saint Hilary School

Where faith, family, and academics thrive!

Dear Parent/Guardian,

November 20, 2013

Congratulations to our Confirmation class of 2013 who received the sacrament last night: Angel Abara, Sean LaMantia, Gabriel Aco, Kevin Ludwig, Cyan Andalis, Angela Lynch, Shawn Arreguin, Katherine Lynch, Kamille Bagcus-Bumanglag, Pierce Lynch, Joshua Batista, Diala Michael-Emanuel, Melissa Cano, Matthew Migely, David Catalan, Patrick Mulchrone, Marlene Centeno, Lauren O'Connor, Catherine Close, Max Oquendo, Nicole Degillo, Nicolas Palomares, Kurtis Dinh, Ramius Pamatian, Marcella Espino, Gabriela Peña, Erica Farfan, Mariela Peña, Caitlyn Flaherty, Sandra Peña, Erin Flaviano, Anthony Ruazol, Elinor Frank, Julia Salvey, Denille Freino, Anthony Scarpelli, Katrina Giannoni, Camryn Serion, Dillon Grant, John Tabazian, Maya Harris, John Tran, Milan Hasmonnek, Christopher Troyke, Emmanuel Hernandez, Lance Villanosa, Alexis Jones, Tom Vu, Adam Kummerer, and Rayven Wehling.

Thank you to Ms. Rath, Mrs. Hopkins, Dr. Peg Hanrahan, and Mr. Torralba for their instruction, guidance, and hard work in preparing our children for this sacrament. Thank you to Mr. Chadek for the beautiful music. Thank you also to Mr. Ehrenberg and Mrs. Isaacson for hosting the Confirmation reception and to all of our parents who volunteered and contributed towards this celebration.

Thank you to Ms. Sexton and the green team who worked extremely hard weighing and recycling all the paper that you brought in. A number of teachers stayed after school to help – thank you so much. As a school you recycled 4,128.7 pounds of paper. You saved approximately 6 cubic yards of landfill space – you should be very proud of yourselves.

We will gather together at 1:45 p.m. on Tuesday, November 26<sup>th</sup> for our Thanksgiving prayer service. All are welcome to celebrate with us. Everyone is encouraged to dress-up that day in celebration of all that God has given to us. A \$1.00 minimum donation will be collected from each child – these donations will benefit our friends and families in the Philippines. Thank you for your continued generosity and kindness towards others in need.

Parents of our 1<sup>st</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade have been enjoying the PowerSchool parent portal. I have included an additional information sheet in today's envelope for anyone who has not yet utilized this form of communication regarding your child's progress. I encourage you to visit the portal and track your child's progress along with them.

It's cough and cold season and the question arises about the use of cough drops in school. Cough drops need to be treated as over-the-counter medications and kept in the office with written parental permission. Cough drops can be a choking hazard and the safety of our students is our top priority. Students are encouraged to bring their water bottle to keep their throats moistened.

**Ways you can help:**

- ✓ Monetary donations for our friends and families in the Philippines – the collection bottle is located on the first floor.
- ✓ Canned foods and nonperishable items for the hungry.
- ✓ Baked goods and “spirits” for the Women’s Club bake sale.

**Dates to Remember:**

- 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade Family Science Night Nov. 20<sup>th</sup> 6:30 p.m. in the Vacala Auditorium
- Band & Chorus Concert Nov. 21<sup>st</sup> 7:00 p.m. in the Vacala Auditorium
- Family Mass 10:00 Nov. 24<sup>th</sup> – Women’s Club Bake Sale after all masses
- Progress reports go home on Tues. Nov. 26<sup>th</sup>. Remember to track your child’s progress with the PowerSchool parent portal.
- Thanksgiving break Wed. Nov. 27<sup>th</sup> – Nov. 29<sup>th</sup>. School resumes on Monday, Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- All school Science Expo on Wednesday December 4<sup>th</sup>. See flyer in today’s envelope with more information.
- December 19<sup>th</sup> – St. Hilary School and Parish Christmas Concert 7:00 p.m. in the church.

Please check out the Peek at the Week for a look at the week ahead.

Gratefully,

***Mrs. Kathie Donovan***

Mrs. Kathie Donovan, Principal

# A Peek at the Week

**WEEK OF: NOVEMBER 25 - 29**

*St. Hilary where faith, family, and academics thrive!*

**MONDAY: November 25<sup>th</sup>**

**Altar Servers: Angelo Obra, Diala Michael-Emmanuel**

- ✓ Religious Education classes
- ✓ Final day for Thanksgiving Food Drive collections!!!

**TUESDAY: November 26<sup>th</sup>**

**Altar Servers: Angelo Obra, Diala Michael-Emmanuel**

- ✓ NO Student Council meeting
- ✓ Progress reports go home today
- ✓ Dress-Up day to give thanks for everything we have! \$1.00 donation to benefit our families and friends in the Philippines.
- ✓ Thanksgiving Prayer Service 1:45 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY: November 27<sup>st</sup>**

**Altar Servers: Katie Close, Diana Flatsousis**

- ✓ No School – Thanksgiving Holiday – School resumes on Monday Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>!

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At this time of Thanksgiving celebration our thoughts turn gratefully to you with warm appreciation and thanks for your continued support and dedication to the St. Hilary community.

Wishing you a Thanksgiving filled with warm moments and cherished memories with family and friends!



\*\*\*Reminder: December 4<sup>th</sup> is the Science Expo!

(Please see holiday altar server schedule on back.)

## Altar Server Schedule

### **Thursday, November 28th**

9:00 a.m.: Thanksgiving Katie Close & Diana Flatsousis

### **Friday, November 29<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 a.m.: Brandon Rafol & volunteer

### **Saturday, November 30<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 a.m.: Brandon Rafol & volunteer

5:00 p.m.: Matthew Crowe, Camryn Serion & Daniel Dinh

### **Sunday, December 1st**

8 a.m.: Destne Bailey, Sarah Martin, Meghan Cabrera

10 a.m.: Nuala Kalensky, Gianna Ehrenberg, Jessica Trieu

12 p.m.: Christopher Troyke, Louie Sirgiovanni, Joe Sirgiovanni

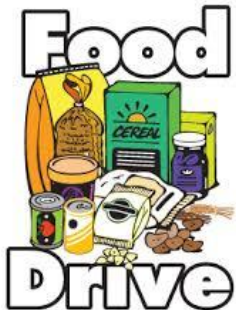


# Thanksgiving Food Drive

During the season of Thanksgiving, help support the people that are less fortunate in our community. Student Council is asking St. Hilary students to collect food items to give to people through the food pantries at **St. Hilary Parish and Vital Bridges**. Vital Bridges is a local community organization that fights hunger. For more information about their program see the back of this flyer.

The Thanksgiving Food Drive will run from **Monday, November 11<sup>th</sup> till Friday November 22<sup>nd</sup>**. Please bring the items to your homeroom teacher. Students can bring in *soups, canned vegetables, canned fruit, canned meats, or boxed foods (cereal, pasta, Mac and Cheese, etc.)* **Please no perishable items.**

Please bring in your donations by Friday Nov. 22nd to help make this season brighter for many less fortunate families in Chicago.



Students can earn money at home to buy these items. Some examples of things students can do are:

1. Saving change to buy items
2. Raking leaves for neighbors
3. Use your allowance to purchase items



**ST. HILARY...**  
**HUNGRY TO FEED THOSE IN NEED!!**

Let's keep giving and giving and giving and giving and giving and giving...



# HARVEST FOR HOPE

## A COMMUNITY FOOD DRIVE

Each year, Heartland Health Outreach's Vital Bridges Center on Chronic Care helps more than 1,800 low-income people impacted by HIV and AIDS throughout metropolitan Chicago. This year alone, they will provide:

- 500,000 meals,
- 28,000 nights of shelter, and
- 9,000 counseling sessions

Vital Bridges Center on Chronic Care recognizes the essential link between nutrition and health. Eating the right foods is key to building up immune systems and getting people with HIV/AIDS back on their feet. That's why **Harvest for Hope** is a critical part of Vital Bridges Center on Chronic Care's success!

**The need is great -- but you can help!** Help us collect non-perishable food and personal care items that will help low-income people living with HIV/AIDS improve their health and achieve self-sufficiency.

### Wish List

Canned Chunky Soups & Stews

Stuffing and Cranberry Sauce

Canned Chicken, Tuna, Salmon

Healthy Boxed Dinners

Macaroni & Cheese

Canned Beans

Dry Bagged Beans

White/Brown Rice

Peanut Butter

Jelly / Jam

Cold & Hot Cereal

Canned Fruit

Laundry Detergent

Disinfectant Wipes/Sprays

Toothpaste/Toothbrush

Dish soap

Bar Soap/Body Wash

Shampoo

While all donations are welcome, these items in particular are of greatest need.

**We need your help! Donate today!**

**Where:** St. Hilary School

**Dates:** November 11-22

**Contact:** donovan @ sthilarychicago.org



# Give the gift of an adventure! Donate a book!

This holiday season, we are asking that each student donate two or more new books to be given to Operation Homefront, Fort Knox. The books should be age appropriate of the child donating the books. For example, PreK should donate books appropriate for children birth to age 4. 8<sup>th</sup> graders should donate books appropriate for 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. The books will be sent to our adopted soldier, Jason's, wife who is the liaison for Operation Homefront, Fort Knox. The books will then be distributed to children who have a parent who will be deployed over the Christmas season. It's our way of not only supporting Jason and his family this holiday season, but the others that he serves with as well.



All book donations need to be collected by Wednesday, December 11.

Thank you!



## **Family Advent Ideas and Activities**

**by Sue Bordenaro**

Advent 2013 begins on Sunday, December 1st and ends on Christmas Eve. It is a wonderful four week period in which we can step back every now and then from the chaos the holidays bring and rest in the peacefulness of the real meaning of Christmas: Christ is coming and we will find him as an infant in a manger!

Following are some suggestions for symbols and service activities that can involve your family in a spiritual preparation for Christmas to augment the ever present shopping, wrapping, baking and partying that are always present during the holidays.

### **Symbols:**

- An Advent wreath is made of four candles - three purple and one pink in a circular holder. One candle is lit each Sunday until all four candles are burning on the final Sunday of Advent. As the candles are lit, each family member can name a gift given to them by the Lord or share a personal prayer of thanks.
- Bookmarks made by the children and other members of the family expressing "a Blessed Christmas" in a personal way can be given as gifts to family members, church shut-ins or people at a local nursing home.
- Pieces of straw can be carried by the children weekly or daily to a crèche so that the manger is full on Christmas Day and ready to receive the Christ Child in a simple ceremony.
- A cake decorated with the words "Happy Birthday, Jesus" can be brought to the table as the family sings the traditional "Happy Birthday" song.
- Decorate a Jesse Tree with home-made ornaments that represent the biblical people and events leading up to the birth of Jesus.
- Download or purchase an Advent calendar and take to heart the suggestions for each day.
- Calendars that have windows to open each day are a source of family fun.



**Service:**

- Assist an older neighbor or family member with holiday decorations;
- Go caroling at a local nursing home or senior residence with other families, your church group or just your own family.
- Spend a day as a family helping at a soup kitchen or food pantry. Many families enjoy this so much and feel their children learn so much that they do it often during the year.
- Bake cookies to share with a parish shut in, a nursing home or a neighbor you rarely see. As you pack the cookies, say a prayer for the recipients.
- Connect with a group that is sending needed items and cards to service men and women overseas.
- Your family may think of other symbols and services that best utilize your own gifts.

Whatever your family chooses to do, discuss and reflect on the spiritual dimension of your service or symbol in language appropriate to the age of your children. Shifting the emphasis for even a little while from the secular trappings of Christmas can be nothing but a blessing for every member of your family.



# ST. HILARY 2013 SCIENCE EXPO

## *“Exploring God’s Universe”*

December 4th, 2013 from 6:30-8:30 P.M.

The expo suggested showing times

Grades Pre-k, 1, 3, 5, 7 should be from 6:30-7:30

Grades Kindergarten, 2, 4, 6, 8 from 7:30-8:30

Of course all are welcomed anytime they can come to see our scientists!

**PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE CHILDREN**  
**UNACCOMPANIED IN THE CAFETERIA OR GYM**

Grades: Pre-K, 5, 6, 7, 8 in the gym.

Grades: Kindergarten, 1, 2, 3, 4 in the cafeteria



We come together to celebrate the achievements of St. Hilary students and  
their scientific endeavors.



# ***Calling all volunteers!***

***The Annual Family Christmas Party will take place from 6 to 9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14, in the gym and cafeteria.***

**Do you want to contribute to this fun family event?**

The Family & School Association is looking for volunteers to serve on the Christmas Party Planning Team. We'd love your ideas on how we can make this a special event for our families. If you would like to join the planning team, please contact FSA event coordinators Kathy Ernst ([ernst@sthilarychicago.org](mailto:ernst@sthilarychicago.org)) and Monica Giannoni ([jghms.cww@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jghms.cww@sbcglobal.net)).

Helping hands will be needed on the day of the Christmas Party. More information will be available at a later date.



# GOODIES GALORE!

The St. Hilary Women's Club  
will hold its annual  
Pre-Thanksgiving Bake Sale  
next weekend, November 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>,  
in the California vestibule of the church after all the Masses.

Bakers are asked to prepare  
their fabulous goodies  
and bring them to the California vestibule after 4 p.m. on  
Saturday, before masses on Sunday, or they  
can be dropped off at school on Friday.

Donations to help fill the "Spirits" baskets  
would be appreciated and  
may be dropped off at the Rectory.

Don't forget to stop by to purchase  
your favorite sweets for the holidays  
and take a chance on several  
generous liquor baskets.

Thank you





Don't forget to order cookies for the Christmas exchanges and SANTA!!! December is Cookie Month! The more cookies we order from Market day the bigger the profit! We earn 15%!!!

[www.marketday.com](http://www.marketday.com) Account # 3532

Orders are due 12/5 Thurs. at 11pm online

Pick up is Monday, Dec 9 4:30-5:30 in café

(If you can't pick up call Sally Scarpelli (773) 934-0059 and we can store in freezer)







## **Thanksgiving**

**Is just around the corner Be sure to order SCP  
early for that special holiday dinner!**

**Bonus Rebate Offers in November: iTunes (3%) Sept. 28<sup>th</sup>  
thru Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>, Bath & Body Works (9%) Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> thru Nov.  
29<sup>th</sup>.**

**\*ORDER EARLY TO ASSURE CERTIFICATE AVAILABILITY\***

**Remember, no order is too Big or too Small. It all goes to benefit our  
children.**

**You can now use your rebate towards reducing your tuition,  
your book fee, purchase gym uniforms, after school care, or  
add to your lunch card and as always you can buy more  
certificates, or donate your rebate to the school which would  
be used towards the school technology program**

- ❖ **USE THEM TO SHOP INSTEAD OF CASH, CHECK OR CREDIT.**
- ❖ **ST. HILARY RECEIVES A COMMISSION ON EACH CERTIFICATE SOLD.**
- ❖ **WE WILL SPLIT THAT COMMISSION "50-50" ON YOUR TOTAL  
PURCHASE FOR EACH QUARTER. IT CAN BE USED TOWARDS TUITION,  
BUY MORE CERTIFICATES OR DONATE IT TO THE SCHOOL.**
- ❖ **"FACTS" PARTICIPANTS ARE ELIGIBLE FOR ALL THE BENEFITS OF THE  
SCP PROGRAM.**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION ON SCP\***

**CALL KATHY ERNST @ (773) 989-9249 or email [Ernst@sthilarychicago.org](mailto:Ernst@sthilarychicago.org)**



**CERTIFICATES USUALLY ON HAND:**

**RESTAURANTS:**

Burger King (2% rebate)	\$10	_____
Chili's (5.5% rebate)	\$25	_____
Chipotle (5.5% rebate)	\$10	_____
Dunkin Donuts (1.5% rebate)	\$10	_____
Gordon Food Service (1.5% rebate)	\$25	_____
I Hop (4% rebate)	\$25	_____
Kentucky Fried Chicken (4.5% rebate)	\$5	_____
Lettuce Entertain You Restaurants (6.5% rebate)	\$25	_____
Lou Malnatis (3.5% rebate)	\$25	_____
Marianos (2% rebate)	\$25	_____
Panera Bread (4.5% rebate)	\$10	_____
Olive Garden/Red Lobster (4.5% rebate)	\$25	_____
Panera Bread (4.5% rebate)	\$10	_____
Pizza Hut (4% rebate)	\$10	_____
Starbucks Coffee (3.5% rebate)	\$10	_____
Subway (2% rebate)	\$10	_____
Wendy's (2% rebate)	\$10	_____

**SPECIALTY:**

AMC-Cineplex-Sony-Lowes Theaters (4% rebate)	\$25	_____
AMC-Cineplex-Sony-Lowes Theaters (4% rebate)	\$7	_____
Fannie May (12% rebate)	\$20	_____
I Tunes (1.5% rebate)	\$25	_____
Mobil/Exxon (0.75% rebate)	\$50	_____
Shell Debit Card (1% rebate)	\$25	_____
Shell Debit Card (1% rebate)	\$100	_____
U.S. Postage Stamps 20 @ .45¢ (0% rebate)	8.8	_____

**RETAIL:**

Bath & Body Works (6.5% rebate)	\$10	_____
Best Buy (1% rebate)	\$25	_____
Carson Pirie Scott (4.5% rebate)	\$25	_____
Claire's (4.5% rebate)	\$10	_____
Dick's Sporting Goods (3% rebate)	\$25	_____
Dominicks (2% rebate)	\$25	_____
Home Depot (2% rebate)	\$25	_____
Jewel-Osco (2% rebate)	\$25	_____
Jewel-Osco (2% rebate)	\$100	_____
Lowe's Home (2% rebate)	\$25	_____
Marshall's/T J Maxx (3.5% rebate)	\$25	_____
Muller Meats (3% rebate)	\$20	_____
Old Navy, Gap, Banana Republic	\$25	_____
Ross (4% rebate)	\$25	_____
Toy-R-Us (1.5% rebate)	\$20	_____
Walgreens (3% rebate)	\$25	_____
Wal-mart (1.25% rebate)	\$25	_____

**ST. HILARY GIFT CERTIFICATE**

CHOOSE THE AMOUNT \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**RETAIL:**

CERTIFICATE ORDERS (FROM BOTTOM SECTION) RECEIVED BY FRIDAY WILL BE AVAILABLE ON TUESDAY OF THE FOLLOWING WEEK:

**RESTAURANTS:**

	\$10	_____
	\$10	_____
Boston Market (6.5% rebate)	\$10	_____
Buffalo Wild Wings (3.5% rebate)	\$25	_____
Eduardo's Pizza (4% rebate)	\$10	_____
Houlihan's (4% rebate)	\$25	_____
Mrs. Fields Cookies (9% rebate)	\$5	_____
Outback Steakhouse (4% rebate)	\$25	_____
Red Robbin (4.5% rebate)	\$10	_____

**SPECIALTY:**

	\$10	_____
Barnes & Noble (4% rebate)	\$10	_____
B P Gas (.75% rebate)	\$50	_____
Chuck E. Cheese (4% rebate)	\$20	_____
Honey Baked Ham (4.5% rebate)	\$20	_____
Hyatt Hotels (4% rebate)	\$25	_____
Marriott Hotels (4.5% rebate)	\$50	_____
Oberweis (4.5% rebate)	\$10	_____
Sara Lee Outlets (6.5% rebate)	\$10	_____
Timber Ridge Lodge (4.5% rebate)	\$25	_____

Bed, Bath & Beyond (3% rebate)	\$25	_____
Build A Bear (5% rebate)	\$25	_____
Crate & Barrel (3% rebate)	\$25	_____
CVS Pharmacy (2% rebate)	\$25	_____
CVS Pharmacy (2% rebate)	\$100	_____
Eddie Bauer (4.5% rebate)	\$25	_____
Express (6.5% rebate)	\$20	_____
Foot Locker (5% rebate)	\$25	_____
Hair Cuttery (4% rebate)	\$10	_____
J C Penneys (2% rebate)	\$25	_____
Land's End (7% rebate)	\$25	_____
Lane Bryant (4% rebate)	\$25	_____
Mario Tricoci (4% rebate)	\$25	_____
Menard's (1.5% rebate)	\$25	_____
Office Depot (2% rebate)	\$25	_____
Office Max (2.5% rebate)	\$25	_____
Payless Shoes (6.5% rebate)	\$10	_____
Pier 1 Imports (4.5% rebate)	\$20	_____
Pottery Barn/Wm. Sonoma (4% rebate)	\$25	_____
Shutterfly (4.5% rebate)	\$25	_____
Sports Authority (4% rebate)	\$25	_____
Target (.75% rebate)	\$25	_____
Target (.75% rebate)	\$100	_____

Please note: When one or more companies are listed together, the certificates are good at either store.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

ORDER TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to: St. Hilary School

SEND WITH STUDENT \* \_\_\_\_\_

ROOM # \_\_\_\_\_

WILL PICK-UP AT SCHOOL \_\_\_\_\_

\*PLEASE NOTE: St. Hilary School & its Board cannot be held responsible for any loss that may occur in transit.  
Any Questions, Call Kathy Ernst (773) 989-9249.

# St. Hilary Kids' Christmas Cards

*Looking for Those Special Christmas Cards?  
Check-out St. Hilary Kids' Originals*

Christmas cards featuring the artwork of St. Hilary school students go on sale the weekend of Nov.30/Dec.1 in the church vestibule after all Masses.

These charming cards are one of a kind and will bring the joy of Christmas to everyone who receives them. A package of 12 assorted cards costs \$7. Cards also will be available in the rectory beginning Monday, Dec. 2.

Please consider St. Hilary Kids' Christmas Cards for your holiday mailing list. Proceeds benefit the work of the Pro-life Committee.

**Celebrate Life this Christmas**



# Homeless men need clothing!



Donate Warm Gently Used or New Men's Clothing



The clothing will be going to support Our Lady of Sorrows homeless men program

November 20-December 27  
(also a drop-off box in Church vestibule)

These will be a great donation to these men

They will be grateful for the donation

\*\*\*\*\* Thank you Saint Hilary Girl Scouts \*\*\*\*\*

# *Holiday Photos*



**Perfect gift for the holidays.**

**Book your appointment and call**

**773.490.2184**

**email: [marylou@SpotlightOn3.com](mailto:marylou@SpotlightOn3.com)**





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