



Saint Hilary School

Where faith, family, and academics thrive!

Dear Parent/Guardian,

November 11, 2015

Congratulations to our Confirmation class of 2015 who received the sacrament last Saturday. Daniel Arreguin, Gabriel Atto, David Atto, Anthony Christianson, Truc Dang, Daniel Dinh, Gianna Ehrenberg, John Ernst, James Flaherty, Ethan Frank, Kathryn Isaacson, Kathryn Lemond, Juan Leon-Ospina, William Lopez, Dylan Magahis, Margaret McNabb, Rachel McNutt, Alexandria Mercado, Kristen O'Connor, Roswell Omandam, Brandon Rafol, Michelle Torralba, Rowen Vargas, and Ruel Yamat. This year's class completed 903 service hours (over 300 more than were required). We are very proud of your commitment and reverence to this important sacrament. May God continue to Bless you.

Thank you to Ms. Rath, Mrs. Hopkins, Dc. Juan Ramirez, and Mrs. Giannoni for their instruction, guidance, and hard work in preparing our children for this sacrament. Thank you to Mr. Chadek and Ms. Lamorena for the beautiful music. Thank you also to Mrs. Matsunaga, Mrs. Allen, Mrs. Scarpelli, Mrs. Hensch, Mrs. Swanson, and Mrs. Larson for hosting the Confirmation reception.

Mary Lou Miller has been a St. Hilary parishioner, school parent, and active volunteer for many years. In addition, she has been our loyal and dedicated Business Manager for 20 years. Mary Lou retired on Oct. 30 to spend time with her husband and four sons. We will be honoring her at the 5:00 mass on Saturday, Nov. 14th and will continue to celebrate and thank her at the Men's Club Spaghetti Dinner immediately following mass. I encourage you to attend and extend your gratitude to Mary Lou for her hard work and dedication to St. Hilary School and Parish.

Attention all St. Hilary bakers! The Women's Club is hosting their annual bake sale on Sunday, November 22nd at the Vendor Craft Fair in the Vacala Auditorium. This is a large fund-raiser for these hard working ladies. They are looking for donations of baked items to sell – parents will receive volunteer service hours. All baked goods may be dropped off at school on Nov. 20 until 11:00 a.m. or directly to the Women's Club after any masses.

Our Student Council has begun our Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive. Please consider donating food items to allow those less fortunate than us enjoy a warm meal not only on Thanksgiving but throughout the year. This year we will be donating to Vital Bridges –a local community organization that fights hunger and poverty and the St. Hilary food

pantry. On Thurs. Nov. 19 any student who brings in 4 items may dress down (out of uniform) for the day. Ask your child which Star Wars character their class represents.

Help Wanted:

I am looking for a cafeteria supervisor from Nov. 9 – mid February. The hours are 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Monday – Friday. A modest salary accompanies this position. If you are interested please contact Mrs. Donovan immediately. This person must be Virtus trained and have all volunteer paperwork submitted. Thank you for considering this position.

Reminders:

Last week you received the St. Hilary Spirit wear order form. All orders must be placed on or before November 18th. No orders will be accepted after that date. Please note that the ¼" zippered sweatshirts will be allowed as part of the school uniform and the black sweatpants can be worn for gym. The hooded sweatshirt will only be allowed on out of uniform days. These items will not be available again until next year so do not wait to order them.

Deacon Juan Ramirez will hold a VIRTUS class on Thurs. December 3 from 6:30 – 9:30 p.m. Anyone who would like to volunteer for any school or parish events must complete this training. Please sign up for this session at www.virtus.org.

The end of the first academic trimester is November 20th. Please make sure your financial obligations to Saint Hilary are taken care of in a timely manner in the next two weeks. If you have experienced a change in circumstances please contact Mrs. Donovan to make adjustments to your bill and arrange a payment plan. Per board policy, students whose tuition and fees have not been kept up to date will be subject to exclusion on Wednesday, November 19th. If your account is current, I thank you!

Emergency Closing/Cold Weather

Cold weather: Students will be kept in for indoor recess when the temperature is below 25 degrees (actually or with wind chill) or in wet rainy/snowy conditions. Please make sure your child comes prepared to go outdoors – gloves, scarf, hat or hood. This is especially true of those who are on patrol.

Emergency Closing Information

Our SchoolReach system will notify you either by phone or email in the event of our school closing due to weather. In addition, emergency closing information will be announced on WBBM Radio Newsradio 780 and WGN Radio 720. The television stations to watch are CBS Channel 2 Chicago, Channel 5, ABC Channel 7 Chicago,

WGN Morning News, Fox 32 and CLTV News. On-line you may access information at www.EmergencyClosings.com. Our website www.sthilarychicago.org will also have closing information. We will close if the Archdiocese is closed as a system, an extremely rare event. **You should choose, based on your own judgment and situation, whether or not to keep your child(ren) home.**

Contents of this Wednesday's envelope:

- SCP flyer
- Men's Club Spaghetti Dinner flyer
- Student Council Food Drive flyer
- Parent Ambassador flyer
- FSA Craft Fair, Volunteer, and Meeting flyers
- Battle of the Books flyer
- Advent Wreath flyer
- Women's Club Bake Sale flyer

Mark your calendars:

- Wed. Nov. 11th – Family School Association Meeting 7:00 p.m. in the cafeteria
- Fri. Nov. 13th – No School, teachers at Catechetical Conference
- Sat. Nov. 14th – Men's Club Spaghetti Dinner
- Nov. 17 & Nov. 18 – Battle of the Books meetings – see flyer
- Fri. Nov. 20 – end of the 1st trimester
- Sun. Nov. 22 – Family Mass 10:00 a.m. hosted by Kindergarten and 4th grade
- Sun. Nov. 22 – FSA hosts the Vendor-Craft Fair 9 am – 3 pm in the Vacala Auditorium

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

As always, if you have any questions please feel free to contact me at school 773-561-5885 or by email donovan@sthilarychicago.org.

Gratefully,

Mrs. Kathie Donovan

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Principal

A Peek at the Week

WEEK OF: NOVEMBER 16-20

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

MONDAY : November 16th

Altar Servers: Daniel, Camille, Katrina

- ✓ Religious Education classes
- ✓ Cadet Band 7 – 7:45 a.m.
- ✓ Concert Band 3 – 4 p.m.
- ✓ Running club
- ✓ Yoga class 3:00 – 3:45 in the gym

TUESDAY : November 17th

Altar Servers: Willy, Lina, Thao

- ✓ No Student Council meeting
- ✓ Art Studio 3:00 in Room 108

WEDNESDAY : November 18th

Altar Servers: Maggie, Adhrian, Alex

- ✓ 8:30 all school mass
- ✓ Cadet Band 7 – 7:45 a.m.
- ✓ Men's Club Meeting 7:30 p.m. in the cafeteria

THURSDAY: November 19th

Altar Servers: Roswell, Zheous, Liam

- ✓ Cardinal Choir Practice 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. in Room 109
- ✓ Concert Band 7 – 7:45 a.m.
- ✓ Art Studio 3:00 in Room 108
- ✓ Relaxed Dress Down for Thanksgiving Food Drive – bring at least 4 items!!

FRIDAY: November 20th

Altar Servers: Nathan, Isabella A., Christine L.

- ✓ Art Studio 3:00 in Room 108
- ✓ End of the 1st trimester – all financial obligations must be up to date.

SATURDAY: November 21st

SUNDAY: November 22nd

- Family Mass 10:00 hosted by the Kindergarten and 4th grade students
- FSA Vendor and Craft Fair 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. in the Vacala Auditorium
- Women's Club Bake Sale will be held at the Fair – all are welcome!

**Please support our Thanksgiving Food Drive,
help those less fortunate than ourselves!**

The St. Hilary Men's Club
Cordially invites you to its
Annual Spaghetti Dinner

Honoring
Mary Lou Miller's Retirement

Saturday, November 14th
Special Blessing at 5:00p.m. Mass
Reception 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
School Cafeteria



Dinner Complimentary
For all St. Hilary Parishioners and School Families

Cash Bar
Donations Appreciated

Co-Sponsors- St. Hilary Women's Club, FSA, Faculty,
Confraternity of San Lorenzo Ruiz de Manila

Family & School Association

**** MONTHLY MEETING ****

Wednesday, Nov. 11

7 - 8 p.m.

School cafeteria

(enter through gym doors on California Avenue)

Come to the November meeting of the St. Hilary Family & School Association! Mix and mingle with other St. Hilary parents while getting updates and helping plan the FSA's winter events and activities. We welcome your questions, ideas, energy and expertise.

This meeting is open to all parents and guardians.

"May The *FOOD* Be With You"

The annual St. Hilary Food Drive is being held during the weeks of November 9th and November 16th.

As a special incentive, if you bring in **4 or more canned items** on **Thursday, November 19th** you can **dress in a Stars Wars shirt** to match our theme. (Please no costumes, masks, or props). If you don't have any Star Wars attire you may wear the color of your grade's lightsaber!

PreK and K - Purple	1st Grade - Green	2nd Grade - Yellow
3rd Grade - Orange	4th Grade - Pink	5th Grade - Blue
6th Grade - Pink	7th Grade - Dark Blue	8th Grade - Red

The 4 canned items must be brought in with you that day to participate in the out of uniform day.

Thank you for all your donations during the Food Drive,
St. Hilary Student Council





The Family & School Association is presenting a

Christmas Craft & Gift Fair

Sun., Nov. 22 • 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

St. Hilary School Gym

**More than 25 crafters and vendors will be here to help
you with your Christmas list!**

Here's just a sampling of what you'll find:

*Wood ornaments * Handmade gift items and creations *

* Pampered Chef * Tastefully Simple * Scentsy *

* Arbonne * Tupperware * Premiere Jewelers *

* and many more! *



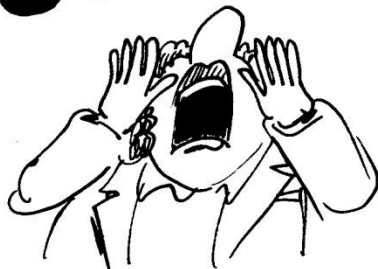
Volunteers Needed!!!

*WE ARE IN NEED OF
VOLUNTEERS TO HELP AT THE
CRAFT and GIFT FAIR*

*SUNDAY NOVEMBER 22
FROM 10:00am-2:00pm*

*If you would like to volunteer contact Kathy at
ernst@sthilarychicago.org*

Volunteers!





IT'S TIME TO BOOK YOUR RESERVATION FOR.....

BATTLE OF THE BOOKS CLUB

The first two Battle meetings will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 17 and Wednesday, Nov. 18.

Both days will cover these four books: Sugar, Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library, About Average and Year of Billy Miller.

You need to be able to cover one of these four books to attend the Book Club. This means you must have either read the book or are in the process of reading the book. You need to have signed up for Battle on Nov. 9 or 10.

Please note: Do not attend both days! Only attend one of the two book club meetings since all four books will be covered on both days. Happy Reading!

ANNOUNCING!!!

Top 5 Reasons To Become A Parent Ambassador

NEW

The St. HILARY Parent Ambassador Program

2015-2016

THIS PROGRAM IS:

- a new way to communicate with St. Hilary families
- a recruitment opportunity to share St. Hilary with others
- encourages involvement in St. Hilary activities
- offers assistance for St. Hilary parents navigating challenges that may arise each year

PARENT AMBASSADORS ARE:

- a resource for prospective, new, and current St. Hilary families in need of information
- a way to create unity within the St. Hilary family by making sure everyone is up-to-date on school-wide events with personal contact ahead of time

PARENT AMBASSADORS WILL:

- make periodic phone calls and e-mails to prospective and new families to see how students and families are adjusting to St. Hilary
- guide new families through the transition to St. Hilary
- attend school-wide events to meet new families and introduce them to current families
- assist current families with any new questions that arise throughout the year
- visit parishes without schools or with closing schools
- provide tours to prospective families

INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING?

We will be kicking-off this program on Monday, November 30th in the cafeteria. The meeting will be from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. Light refreshments will be served.

If you are interested in serving as a Parent Ambassador please RSVP to Mrs. Donovan at or email Donovan@sthilarychicago.org by Fri. November 20th.

Thank you considering this offer!!!!

5 . You will meet a lot of great new friends.

4. It is a great way to earn participation hours.

3. You will learn things about the school that you never knew.

2. You will be playing an active role in the growth of the school.

1. You will get a cool St. Hilary shirt.



Happy Veterans Day!

Bonus Rebate Offers in November: Lands' End (8%) Oct 31st thru Nov 13th, Bath & Body Works (9%) Nov 7th thru Dec 4th, Lettuce Entertain You (9%) Oct 31st thru Dec 25th. Note: Subway Golden Gift card Giveaway Oct 31st thru Dec 13th, and Bath and Body Works Giveaway Oct 31st thru Nov 13th.

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* Email
KATHY ERNST@ Ernst@sthilarychicago.org

CERTIFICATES USUALLY ON HAND:

CERTIFICATE ORDERS RECEIVED BY FRIDAY WILL BE AVAILABLE ON TUESDAY OF THE FOLLOWING WEEK:

RESTAURANTS:

Burger King (2% rebate)	\$10 ____
Chili's (5.5% rebate)	\$25 ____
Chipotle (5.5% rebate)	\$10 ____
Dunkin Donuts (1.5% rebate)	\$10 ____
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 ____
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 (1.5% rebate)	\$10 ____
Wendy's (2% rebate)	\$10 ____

SPECIALTY:

AMC-Cineplex-Sony-Lowes Theaters (4% rebate)	\$25 ____
AMC-Cineplex-Sony-Lowes Theaters (4.5% rebate)	\$9 ____
Fannie May (12% rebate)	\$20 ____
I Tunes (1.5% rebate)	\$25 ____
Mobil/Exxon (0.50% rebate)	\$50 ____
Shell Debit Card (1% rebate)	\$25 ____
Shell Debit Card (1% rebate)	\$100 ____
U.S. Postage Stamps 20 @ .49¢ (0% rebate)	8.8 ____

RETAIL:

Bath & Body Works (6.5% rebate)	\$10 ____
Best Buy (1.5% rebate)	\$25 ____
Carson Pirie Scott (4.5% rebate)	\$25 ____
Claire's (4.5% rebate)	\$10 ____
Dick's Sporting Goods (3% rebate)	\$25 ____
Gordon Food Service (1.5% rebate)	\$25 ____
Home Depot (2% rebate)	\$25 ____
Jewel-Osco (2% rebate)	\$25 ____
Jewel-Osco (2% rebate)	\$100 ____
Lowe's Home (2% rebate)	\$25 ____
Marianos (2% rebate)	\$25 ____
Marshall's/T J Maxx(3.5% rebate)	\$25 ____
Muller Meats (3% rebate)	\$20 ____
Old Navy,Gap,Banana Republic (2% rebate)	\$25 ____
Ross (5% 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 \$_____

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)	\$10 ____
Outback Steakhouse (4% rebate)	\$25 ____
Red Robin (4.5% rebate)	\$25 ____

SPECIALTY:

Barnes & Noble (4% rebate)	\$10 ____
B P Gas (.50% rebate)	\$50 ____
Chuck E. Cheese (4% rebate)	\$20 ____
Honey Baked Ham (4.5% rebate)	\$25 ____
Hyatt Hotels (4% rebate)	\$25 ____
Oberweis (4.5% rebate)	\$10 ____
Timber Ridge Lodge (4.5% rebate)	\$25 ____

RETAIL:

Bed, Bath & Beyond (3% rebate)	\$25 ____
Build A Bear (4% rebate)	\$25 ____
Crate & Barrel (3% rebate)	\$25 ____
CVS Pharmacy (2% rebate)	\$25 ____
Eddie Bauer (4.5% rebate)	\$25 ____
Express (5.0% rebate)	\$25 ____
Foot Locker (4% 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 (1.00% rebate)	\$25 ____
Target (1.00% rebate)	\$100 ____

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

NAME _____

ORDER TOTAL \$ _____

SEND WITH STUDENT * _____

PHONE NUMBER _____

WILL PICK-UP AT SCHOOL _____

Please make checks payable to: St. Hilary 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.

ROOM # _____

Advent Wreath Lighting

The Advent wreath is a Christian tradition that symbolizes the passage of the four weeks of Advent. Each of the four candles on the wreath represents an aspect of spiritual preparation for the celebration of the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ. The Third Sunday of Advent, often called Gaudete Sunday, is represented by a rose colored candle. "Gaudete" is a Latin term for "rejoice" and, in this case, it is a reminder to rejoice that the time of Jesus' birth is near. During the season of Advent, candles are lit successively for each of the four Sundays of this penitential season.

Fr. Aloy and Fr. Tom are inviting families to take part in the lighting of the Advent wreath for all of the Masses each Sunday in Advent. Each family is asked to arrive at least 10 minutes before Mass. Choose your seat in the congregation. Leave your coats in the pew. Then return to the back of church to be part of the entrance procession. As you come to the sanctuary, bow and then walk up and stand near the Advent wreath. The wreath will be lit during the Kyrie. The candles are numbered. When the Cantor begins to sing, take the flame from one of the candles on the Altar and light candle #1 for the First Sunday of Advent, candles #1 and #2, for the Second Sunday, and so on. When the priest moves to the presider's chair you will return to your pew.

Please complete this form and return it to the school office or rectory. You will be notified of your assigned date. Thank you for your participation during this special time of the Church Year.

Fr. Aloy Fr. Tom Mrs. Donovan Deacon Ramirez

Family Name

Phone

E-mail

Please choose your Mass dates & times:

Sat. Nov. 28 5:00 p.m. _____

Sun. Nov. 29 8:00 a.m. _____

10:00 a.m. _____

12:00 noon _____

Sat. Dec. 5 5:00 p.m. _____

Sun. Dec. 6 8:00 a.m. _____

10:00 a.m. _____

12:00 noon _____

Sat. Dec. 12 5:00 p.m. _____

Sun. Dec. 13 8:00 a.m. _____

10:00 a.m. _____

12:00 noon _____

Sat. Dec. 19 5:00 p.m. _____

Sun. Dec. 20 8:00 a.m. _____

10:00 a.m. _____

12:00 noon _____



GOODIES GALORE!

The St. Hilary Women's Club
will hold its annual
Spring Bake Sale
on November 22nd
at the Vendor & Craft Fair after all the Masses
in the Vacala Auditorium.

Bakers are asked to prepare their fabulous goodies
and bring them to the Vacala Auditorium (gym) before
masses on Sunday the 22nd,
or they can be dropped off at school on
Friday the 20th before 11:00 a.m.

Don't forget to stop by to purchase
your favorite sweets for the holidays.

Thank you
The St. Hilary Women's Club



Service hours are available for baked items