

Saint Hilary School

Where faith, family, and academics thrive!

Dear Parent/Guardian,

April 5, 2017

During this last week of Lent remember the words of Fr. Tom, he reminded us to go into our own personal desert during Lent by giving alms (to be generous and share), to fast (put something aside and take that time to think of others who are less fortunate) and to pray (spend time with God). These three things will draw us closer to Jesus. We have been very busy here at St. Hilary and that is a wonderful thing. Just a few reminders of some activities that are taking place:

- Please log onto Funrun.com to register your child for our Fun Run which will take place on Wed. April 12th at 1:30 in the parking lot. We encourage families to join us for this exciting run. You will not be disappointed. Remember that this takes the place of our annual Walk athon. Each family is responsible for a minimum donation of \$200.00. Please reach out to family and friends to raise these funds. Our goal is \$20,000.00
- In honor of Earth Day we are holding a recycling contest this week. There have been many bags of plastic and aluminum cans coming through the doors – keep it coming. We are currently in 1st place in Illinois and would love to make that in the country as well. See the flyer in today's envelope for more details.
- If you have not already signed up for the playground build day, don't delay. We will need as many hands as possible to help make this dream a reality for our children. The link is on the flyer in today's envelope. Thank you to those who have already signed up.
- The 40 items for Lent to be donated to St. Vincent DePaul are due in on Monday, April 10th. See the flyer in today's envelope.

Basketball season may be over but there are a few things you don't want to miss. This Saturday there will be team pictures and uniform returns. Please check the athletic tab on the school website for times. Also the banquet is scheduled for Sunday, April 30th.

I feel the need to remind our parents of the importance of safety during arrival and dismissal. I realize that the weather has not been all sunshine and that we are often in a hurry; however we must keep the safety of our children and each other as our top priority. Please follow the street signs posted by the alley between school and the bank, this is a one way alley for the safety of all. Drive ways and alleys should not be blocked by any cars at any time – access needs to be available always. Finally, please respect each other as we teach our children and be kind as each family is saying good bye to their children and sending them into school. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Thank you:

Thank you to the Student Council Officers who hosted our annual Lenten Silent Lunch. This is a very special tradition at St. Hilary when we give thanks for all we have and show empathy for those you are less fortunate than we are. Our children and faculty take one day to step into their shoes and share a very simple meal together. In addition, everyone generously donated a canned good that will be given to Care for Real. Thank you to Ms. Montemurro, Mrs. Castle, and Ms. Weber for their time in guiding the officers through this important time.

Thank you to the Family & School Association for hosting a very successful fund-raiser at Chipotle. I hope all those who came out enjoyed a delicious meal and time with others in our community. Thank you for your support.

Reminder:

The book fair hosted by FSA will continue through the week and will also be open on Sunday after all the masses. Your child had a sneak peek and should have brought home a wish list. Reading is the foundation of all learning, help your child and support our amazing Family & School Association at the same time.

Friday is the last day for the Heart of the School nominations.

If you have not ordered your yearbook, Friday is the last day to keep your price at \$26.00. Once they are in the price will go up to \$30.00 and there will be a very limited supply. Don't delay order yours today.

Please come out and support our Men's Club at the annual Lenten Fish Fry on Friday, April 7th. If you have not tasted this dinner you are missing out. These men definitely know how to cook.

There are only a handful of families who have not registered their child for next year. I ask your cooperation in completing this process or contacting me as soon as possible. Classroom assignments cannot be finalized and teacher contracts cannot be offered without these numbers. We do not want to lose any of our fine teachers so don't delay return your registration forms and fee today.

This year, once again, St. Hilary will be utilizing the FACTS management program for our financial aid process. There is a link on our school's website for the FACTS program. This is the same organization that serves as our tuition management program. It is more efficient for everyone to incorporate both of these services in one program. The application is now available for you. All families must completed a financial aid application in order to qualify for any scholarships or financial aid.

Don't forget to tell a friend about St. Hilary and as a thank you, you will receive a \$100.00 tuition credit on your December tuition statement pending enrollment of the referred family. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated!

Contents of this Wednesday's envelope:

- SCP flyer
- Men's Club flyer
- FSA flyers
- Heart of the School flyer
- Kaboom Playground flyer
- Fun Run flyer and information

Mark your calendars:

- Week of April 3rd – FSA hosts the Spring book fair
- Fri. April 7th – Field trip for K – 3rd grade
- Sun. April 9th – Palm Sunday
- Tues. April 11th – Living Stations 2:00 pm in church, all are welcome 1:30 pm
- Wed. April 12th – St. Hilary Fun Run
- Thurs. April 13th – Holy Thursday 11:30 dismissal
- Fri. April 14th – Good Friday, no school
- Sun. April 16th – Happy Easter
- Mon. April 17th – no school, Easter Monday

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,
Principal



A Peek at the Week



WEEK OF April 10 - 14

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

MONDAY: April 10th Altar Servers: Sophia, Toni <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Religious Education classes✓ Concert band 3:00 – 4:00 in Room 109✓ Cadet Band 7:00 – 7:45 am
TUESDAY: April 11th Altar Servers: Camille, Isabella A. <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Student Council – officers✓ Codas 7:10 – 7:45 am in Room 109✓ Battle of the Books✓ Living Stations hosted by 7th grade 2:00 in church
WEDNESDAY: April 12th Altar Servers: Christopher, Marc <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Cadet Band 7:00 – 7:45 am✓ NO all school liturgy✓ FUN RUN 1:30 in the parking lot
THURSDAY: April 13th Holy Thursday Altar Servers: no mass 7:00 pm mass Christine & Sabrina N. <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Concert Band 7:00 – 7:45 am✓ Lenten prayer service 10:45 in church✓ 11:30 dismissal
FRIDAY: April 14th Good Friday Altar Servers: no mass <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ No School
SATURDAY: April 15th Holy Saturday Altar Servers: 8:30 a.m. & 5:00 p.m. no mass 8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil – Madison, Nicholas, Zachary, Marina, Zheous
SUNDAY: April 16th Easter Sunday Altar Servers: 8 am Lina, Phuc, Tam 10 am Christine L., Marc, volunteer 12 pm Christopher, Luke, Nathan

No School Monday April 17th – Easter Monday
School resumes on Tues. April 18th

Forty Days—Forty Items

Each day of Lent, we asked you, along with your family, to remove one item from your clothes closet that you no longer wear or need (gently used clothes or shoes only) and put it into the bag we gave you on Ash Wednesday. The items will be shared with those who can really use them! Please remember to send your filled bag to school on Monday, April 10th for a special pick-up.



ST. HILARY SCHOOL NEWS

I am excited to launch a call for 2017 Heart of the School Award nominations! The Heart of the School Award honors our dedicated teachers, administrators and staff members who support our students and Catholic mission every day. Applications for nominations are available via the Archdiocese of Chicago website, schools.archchicago.org, now through Friday, April 7 at 11:59 p.m. CT.

We are very blessed to have an amazing faculty who are truly dedicated to Catholic education and the children at St. Hilary School. I hope that you will find a few minutes to nominate one of our own. Here are some quick details on the awards.

Who Can Be Nominated: Any current teacher, administrator or staff member who works in a Catholic school in the Archdiocese of Chicago can be nominated for a Heart of the School Award. Employees can be full or part-time employees, and must work directly for the Catholic school (not a third-party organization).

Who Can Nominate: Nominations can be submitted by any stakeholder at the school (e.g. teacher, staff member, administrator, parent, volunteer, student, etc.).

Nomination Process: To nominate someone for the Heart of the School Award, one of the award areas listed below must be selected and listed on the nomination form. The nomination form also requires a brief (500 word or less) description of why the person should be honored.

Heart of the School Award Areas

Heart of Excellence: This award is given to teachers who foster the highest quality of teaching and learning in their classrooms. Through rigorous, 21st century instruction, awardees demonstrate an ability to motivate each student to reach his or her greatest academic potential.

Heart of Inclusion: Christ calls us to welcome all who come to us. This award is given to teachers, staff members and administrators who foster inclusion in education by welcoming and serving all students, regardless of their socioeconomic background or the presence of defined learning needs.

Heart of Enrichment: Catholic schools seek to teach the “whole child,” providing each child with enrichment opportunities beyond the core subjects. This award recognizes school employees who excel at providing instruction and activities in one or more enrichment area (e.g. art, music, foreign language, physical education, etc.).

Heart of Service: This Award recognizes individuals who provide excellent support to the school community. Often not people who are “front and center,” awardees work behind the scenes to assure that the school successfully meets the mission of service to God’s children.

Heart of Christ: Christ is the true center of any Catholic school. Recipients of this award are outstanding examples of Christian service, love and compassion. Through both work and witness, they live out our Catholic mission every day.

Heart of Innovation: Excellent educators are willing to innovate, infusing their work with the latest teaching practices and instructional technology. Recipients of this award reflect the ability to successfully serve students through adaptation and innovation.

Heart of Leadership: Recipients of this award demonstrate leadership in their school through mentoring, inspiring others and setting a clear vision. Awardees are not necessarily school administrators, but rather leaders who constantly motivate the school towards excellence, faith and service.

Heart of Connection: Recipients of this award recognize that the school is part of a greater community, and actively seek to build connections with the community and the school. Through successful outreach to parishes, universities and/or other organizations, awardees consistently leverage outside resources to support the school, while enabling the school to benefit the surrounding community.

Heart of the Future: This award recognizes employees who have worked in education for three years or less, and demonstrate outstanding excellence, leadership and service. Awardees are people who inspire those around them with their enthusiasm and support of our educational mission.

OUR GOALS FOR

ST HILARY SCHOOL FUN RUN

 **100%**
OF FAMILIES
GET PLEDGES



5 
PLEDGES
PER STUDENT

\$20,000

SCHOOL PROFIT
FOR

BALANCING THE BUDGET

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972952

 SHARE ON FACEBOOK
THROUGH [FUNRUN.COM](https://funrun.com).
IT CAN HELP YOU BRING IN

 **\$100 MORE** PER
FAMILY

★ EVERY PLEDGE COUNTS ★

THANK YOU!



St. Hilary School is building a playground!

We need you to bring play to kids at St. Hilary School

We need more than 100 volunteers from the St. Hilary School and Chicago community to help us give more than 550 area kids the childhood they deserve by building a new playground.



Prep Day: Thursday, May 11, 2017 – 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

Build Day: Saturday, May 13, 2017 – 8:00 am to 3:00 pm



St. Hilary School
5614 N. Fairfield Ave.
Chicago, IL 60659



- ❖ Volunteers should be age 18+ and will assemble playground pieces, mix concrete, move mulch, etc.
- ❖ Wear comfortable clothes you don't mind getting dirty and closed toe shoes; leave valuables at home.
- ❖ Youth activities provided.
- ❖ Gloves, goggles, breakfast, and lunch will be provided.

Play is central to a child's ability to grow into a productive adult. Together, we can ensure kids get the balance of play they need to thrive! Please join us and show that play matters to you.

VOLUNTEER SIGN UP LINK:
<https://www.tfaforms.com/4609214>



Family & School Association Meeting

NEXT WEEK

Wednesday, April 12

7 – 8 p.m. | St. Hilary Cafeteria

On the agenda:

- **Get updates on our events and activities**
- **Find out about volunteer opportunities**
- **Looking for a way to meet other parents and enrich our St. Hilary School community? Learn more about how you can join the FSA Executive Committee**

**** All parents and guardians welcome! ****

*** Refreshments will be served ***

Please mark your calendars for the Family & School Association executive committee elections and our next meeting: May 10.



Buy SCP Gift cards to put in your Easter Baskets!

Bonus Rebate Offers in April: Honey Baked (6%) April 1st - April 14th, Build-A-Bear (5%) April 1st - April 14th, Fannie Mae (14.5%) April 1st - April 14th.

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

Remember, no order too **BIG** or too **small**. It all goes to benefit our children.

- ❖ 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 at 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 ____
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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 # _____



To Cardinal Blase J. Cupich
Archbishop of Chicago

Dear Brother,

Please convey to the people of Chicago that they have been on my mind and in my prayers. I know that many families have lost loved ones to violence. I am close to them, I share in their grief, and pray that they may experience healing and reconciliation through God's grace.

I assure you of my support for the commitment you and many other local leaders are making to promote nonviolence as a way of life and a path to peace in Chicago. You are marking that effort by inviting people of goodwill to walk for peace on Good Friday in areas afflicted by violence. As I make my own Way of the Cross in Rome that day, I will accompany you in prayer, as well as all those who walk with you and who have suffered violence in the city.

Sadly, as you have told me, people of different ethnic, economic, and social backgrounds suffer discrimination, indifference, injustice, and violence today. We must reject this exclusion and isolation, and not think of any group as "others," but rather as our own brothers and sisters. This openness of heart and mind must be taught and nurtured in the homes and in schools.

Walking the path of peace is not always easy, but it is the only authentic response to violence. As Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. said, humanity "must evolve for all human conflict a method which rejects revenge, aggression and retaliation. The foundation of such a method is love".

I urge all people, especially young men and women, to respond to Dr. King's prophetic words—and know that a culture of nonviolence is not an unattainable dream, but a path that has produced decisive results. The consistent practice of nonviolence has broken barriers, bound wounds, healed nations—and it can heal Chicago.

I pray that the people of your beautiful city never lose hope, that they work together to become builders of peace, showing future generations the true power of love.

I ask you to pray for me too.

From the Vatican, 4 April 2017

Francis

Hollywood Park Advisory Council & Church of Christ, Presbyterian

EASTER EGG HUNT



Saturday, April 15 @ 11 am

Hollywood Park - 3312 Thorndale

For children 10 years old and younger