



# THE CHRIST CHILD SOCIETY

September 2016

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## Mission Statement

The South Bend Chapter of The Christ Child Society is a not-for-profit organization of volunteers dedicated to the personal service and clothing of all needy children and infants in the love and spirit of the Christ Child.

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## 2016 Opening Day - August 10



## New Members 'Perk' Up Volunteers

Opening Day was a bit cheerier this year thanks to the efforts of our newest members as they participated in the South Bend Chapter's first New Member Project. They guided a coffee cart through the Center, serving members and volunteers coffee, water and delicious homemade baked goods and fruit cups. Throughout the morning, volunteers stopped by the cart to replenish coffee cups and plates to fortify them as they served 74 families on a hot, busy day.

## CALENDAR

Sept 7,14,21,28 ..... Clothing Center  
Open for Clients 8:30 AM

Sept 11 ..... Center Open for Clients  
**Sunday** 1-3 PM

Sept 19 ..... Board Meeting  
Dickinson Room SJ CPL 10:15 AM

Sept 24-26 ..... NCCS Conference  
Atlanta, GA

Sept 25 ..... In Memoriam Mass  
Little Flower 8:00 AM

## Data Updates

- Like us on Facebook: [facebook.com/ChristChildSB](https://www.facebook.com/ChristChildSB)
- Follow us on Twitter: [@ChristChildSB](https://twitter.com/ChristChildSB)
- Check us out online: [www.christchildsb.org](http://www.christchildsb.org)

## From the Co-President . . . Peg Riggs

"In this life we cannot always do great things.

But we can do small things with great love." - Mother Teresa

It's that time of year when the Christ Child Clothing Center comes to life. Volunteers are running around getting ready: organizing clothing to distribute and getting supplies ready for each room. Clients are running around getting ready, getting their referrals and all their documentation ready. Now is the time to show St. Joseph County what Christ Child of South Bend can do!

Opening day of 2016 is in the books. August 10<sup>th</sup> was a very busy day. The line was down Scott Street to the gym door at 7:30am, an hour before we opened the doors! I checked in with the clients in line a couple of times, making sure they had their referrals with correct information, as well as reminding them that the doors open at 8:30 since our volunteers don't arrive until then. The heat both outside and inside the building was overwhelming. Although fans were placed throughout the halls, it was very difficult to keep the un-airconditioned hallways of our building cool. If you are planning on volunteering at the Center, please check the weather and dress appropriately! Shorts and short sleeved/sleeveless shirts are completely fine when the temperature is so high.

Thank you to all the members and volunteers who worked at the Clothing Center this summer! June was a flurry of activity; July was a lot of moving and organizing stock; August has been preparation and distribution. Thanks to all the volunteers who work behind the scenes - you know who you are - you are the floaters, the stockers, the fundraisers, the buyers, the baggers, the light of our mission. The Clothing Center would not run without you!

Mark your calendars for the following Sundays: September 11, October 2 and October 23 The Clothing Center will be open for distribution from 1-3 PM. Extra help is always appreciated on these days, as we never know how many clients will come through our doors.

As we look ahead, 2017 is our 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Mary Barrett is hard at working planning Let Love Shine 2017. It will be held June 15, 2017, at the History Museum. WE NEED YOUR HELP! Please contact Mary: mbarrett.iu@gmail.com and let her know you will help with this event.

Thank each and every one of you for your support of Christ Child!



## Students, Members Equal SUCCESS

There are wonderful things happening at St. Adalbert School and you could be a part of it. Christ Child Society sponsors a tutoring program called SUCCESS working with the students and staff at St.. Adalbert and it truly is a success.

Many families at St. Adalbert struggle to make a better life for their children. Many are Hispanic families with loving hearts but do not have the skills to help their children with reading and math. Not only do Christ Child volunteer tutors also help with academic skills, but they also build confidence and self esteem in the lives of the students involved.

You do not need teaching experience as the teacher provides assignments for you to work on with the students, usually on a one-to-one basis. The commitment is one hour per week, starting in late September continuing on through May with time off for holidays and teacher meetings. Times are negotiated between the tutor and the teacher with flexibility on both sides.

"I have worked with students in the past several years," says volunteer Judy Kuzmich. "I find that I am truly blessed to work with these caring children as they truly give back abundantly."

Would you consider being a tutor? For information on this great program sponsored by our organization, please contact Judy Kuzmich (272-5739) or [jkuzmich@sbcglocal.net](mailto:jkuzmich@sbcglocal.net) for more details. You can truly make a difference in the life of a child.

## Book Club Schedule

<b>Sept. 20</b> .....	<i>A Spool of Blue Thread</i>
Katie Screes (272-1770)	by Ann Tyler
<b>Oct. 18</b> .....	<i>Winter Garden</i>
Mary Jane Chase (233-7977)	by Kristin Hannah
<b>Nov. 16</b> .....	<i>A Man Called Ove</i>
Pat Short (232-1204)	by Fredrik Backman
<b>Jan. 18</b> .....	<i>The Scarlet Feather</i>
Terry Slamkowski (256-2650)	by Maeve Binchy
<b>Feb. 10</b> .....	<i>Mr. Churchill's Secretary</i>
Marge Hosinski (256-9728)	by Susan Elia MacNeal
<b>Mar. 11</b> .....	<i>Wonder</i>
Mary Lou Mullen (234-2626)	by R.J. Palacio
<b>Apr. 19</b> .....	<i>TBD</i>
Pat Healy (272-5640)	
<b>May 17</b> .....	<i>Wolf Hall</i>
Judy Kearns (273-9850)	by Hilary Martel
<b>June 21</b> .....	<i>Circling the Sun</i>
Louise Anella (234-0576)	by Paula McLain

## Gifts and Memorials

The beautiful Gold Christ Child Remembrance Card is a convenient way to send donations in any amount to the Christ Child Society, as an In Memoriam or in recognition of a special occasion or accomplishment. A donation can be made in memory of deceased friend or relatives who will also be remembered in a perpetual monthly Mass. The card also makes it possible to celebrate happy occasions such as birthdays and anniversaries in the same way. When requesting a Remembrance Card, members are asked to print legibly since the names will be printed in each newsletter with the donor's name in parentheses. Extra cards are available in the office or from Joan Hardig (277-7787)

### In Memoriam

Member  
Georgianna Sweeney  
Son  
Alan Zellers

### In Memoriam

Cirilo Chavez (Donna/Don Kyle)  
Bernard E. Doering (Catherine Vroman)  
Robert Edwards (Rita North)  
Mary Claire Fulks (Marti/Frank Moriconi, Earl/Phyllis Kubale)  
Donald P. Oederkerk (George/Teddi Murray)  
Patrick Pellouchoud (The Remley Family)  
Toby Peterson (Carol Bauer)  
John Phillips (Dale/Amy Patterson)  
Robert Screes (Bill/Maureen Jones, Tom/Maureen Cahir, Ginger O'Hara, Dave/Micki Remley, Clare/Ben Villarruel, Karen/Richard McCoy)  
Bill Sheperd (Carol Jacquay)  
Mildred Soper (Jack/Nancy Pycik)  
Georgia Sweeney (Ed/Joan Hardig)  
Jack Virga (Toni Pikuza)  
Thomas Westland (D/M Stanley Sevryn, Barbara Dillon)  
Alan Zellers (Marti/Frank Moriconi, Robert/Anna Urick)

### Special Occasion

Dr. Thomas Leipzig, MD (Tee Miller)  
Father Herb Yost – Birthday (Catherine Vroman)

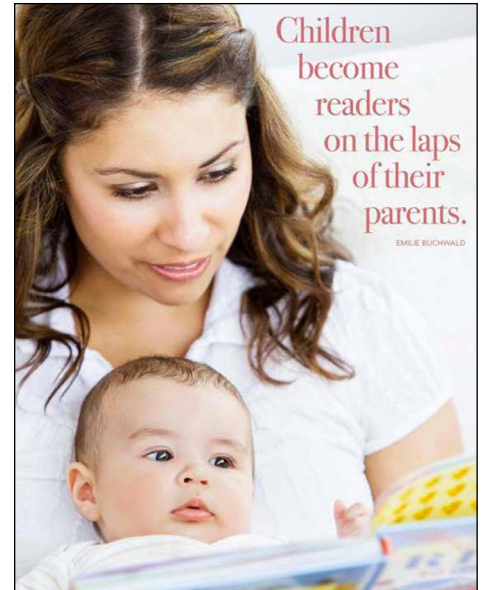
Deadline for September newsletter  
September 19  
Ann Korb (277-6443) ack339@aol.com

## Clothing Center Highlights Reading

The walls of the CCS Clothing Center have been decorated with colorful posters that encourage parents to read and talk to their babies and young children in order to start each child on the road to literacy and learning. In addition, parents are given a bookmark when their children select books at checkout. Each bookmark offers age-appropriate tips on how to read to and engage with their children.

Studies have shown that babies born into poverty are less likely to be prepared for school than their middle class counterparts. Experiencing language in all its forms, learning how to handle and explore books, and absorbing the process of decoding the written word develop the brain and build skills that benefit children for the rest of their lives. Early childhood education, especially through parental interaction, is known to be the cornerstone of academic achievement and future economic success.

Our new reading posters and bookmarks are designed to give



parents and caregivers tips on how to engage their babies in language-developing activities. This may be a small step toward literacy, but as part of a growing, nation-wide awareness of the value of early childhood education, it is an important and life-changing message.

## New Volunteer



Nine (and a half) years old Chloe Utz chose to spend her summer Wednesdays working at the Center with cousin Frederyk and grandmother member Cindy Burkhart.

One day she overheard members talking about homemade cookies and the following week, she baked her favorite Peanut Butter Sugar Kisses and brought them in to share with all our members! The fourth grader began cooking with Grandma two years ago while learning fractions.

## Guardian Angels

A special membership category was established in 1998. A one time \$1000 enrollment fee for deceased members or spouses, benefitting the Christ Child Society Endowment Fund, will insure the Society's ability to continue the future

good works.

The Guardian Angels are remembered monthly and each year at our annual Mass.

Current members and spouses may pre-enroll in the program and will be officially enrolled upon their deaths.

Please refer any questions to Sheila Emge (277-6421)

### Newest Angels:

Robert Screes, Eugene Hardig  
Mary Hardig, Fred Shafer

### Newest Angels in Waiting:

Melanie Chappleau, Mary Schilling  
Ed and Joan Hardig



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Join us for the Annual  
**CHRIST CHILD LUNCHEON MEETING**  
Thursday, October 20, 2016  
Windsor Park Conference Center at 11:30 AM.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Number of reservations at \$25.00 \_\_\_\_\_ total enclosed  
(Make checks payable to Christ Child Society)

Your check for \$25 is your payment and RSVP.

Mail your check by October 10th to  
Christ Child Society, PO Box 1286, South Bend 46624.  
It helps us plan if you make your reservations early.

If you have any questions,  
contact Marti Moriconi or Mary Lou Mullen.

Note: Remember to mail your checks to the Center. Megan will enter the checks into the system, making it easier for all.