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.

Calendar

November
1,8,15,29......Center Open 8:30 AM
13......................Board Meeting
St. Patrick’s 10 AM
22......................Center Closed
Thanksgiving Day
25………………In Memoriam Mass
Little Flower 8:00 AM

December
6,13,20........Center Open 8:30 AM
6.........Volunteer Potluck Luncheon
Center
26………………In Memoriam Mass
Little Flower 8:30 AM
27………………Family Volunteer Day
Center 9-11 AM
No December Board Meeting

January
Center Closed
15………………Deadline: Feb-Mar-Apr quarterly newsletter
16.....January Board Meeting TBA
25………………In Memoriam Mass
Little Flower 8:30 AM

Clothing Center will be closed in January and February.

If you need to schedule a drop off at the Center in January or February, please contact Megan Fitz, administrative assistant, at mfitz105@gmail.com or text/call 292-5700.

Chair Sought for 2018 LLS Fundraiser
A committee, formed to determine different possibilities for a Let Love Shine 2018 event, decided to consider smaller fundraisers/FUNraisers/ for this fiscal year and to investigate options for the major Let Love Shine event for 2018.

Two options possible for the smaller events were a raffle which many years ago was profitable and A Mother’s Day, Father’s Day, Christmas card fundraiser. A Christmas card fundraiser was tabled for this year because the Clothe-a-Child Annual Appeal campaign begins November 1.

One of the possibilities discussed for the 2018 major event is a dinner with a well-known speaker; other options are also being considered. If anyone knows of someone that they have a “relationship/friendship” with who might be considered as a guest speaker or if you have anyone you would like us to consider, please let Kathy Seidl know.

We Need Your Ideas and We Need a Chairperson!
We need a person or persons to chair/organize Let Love Shine 2018. It is not an overwhelming job and we have many members willing to help and work on various committees. Please consider this position. Contact Kathy Seidl with any questions: 574-276-0908 or marian0103@comcast.net.

Data Updates
- Like us on Facebook: facebook.com/ChristChildSB
- Follow us on Twitter: @ChristChildSB
- Check us out online: www.christchildsb.org

Fall Luncheon/Meeting
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Co Presidents:
Debbie Spillman
Susan Walsh
President Elect:
Vice President (Fundraising):
Kathy Seidl
Vice President (Membership):
Mary Wisniewski
Vice President (Clothing):
Linda Wray
Recording Secretary:
Katy Perry
Corresponding Secretary:
Terry Slamkowski
Treasurer:
Diane Lutomski

Executive Board

Board Positions Available!
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At the Anniversary Brunch, members and guests spent “Do you remember ...”
time viewing photos and memorabilia of Christ Child’s seventy years

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The Spring Luncheon and Mass

will be held March 21.

Mass will be at 11:00 AM at St. Joseph Chapel and a luncheon will follow at Andre Place, both at Holy Cross Village.

Any questions: contact Sherri Jones (574) 299-1716 or shashee409@aol.com or Ann Finn (574) 277-8880.

Mark your calendars now! Gather your friends and come as a group.

BOOK CLUB

November 15
Orphan #8
by Kim vanAlkemade
Pat Falvey (703-3658)

January 17, 2018
Commonwealth
by Ann Patchett
Marge Hosinski (256-9728)

February 21
Britt Marie Was Here
by Fredrik Backman
Pat Healy (272-5640)
New Members Host Opening Day Treat


To celebrate opening day at the Center on August 9, the Christ Child Society’s newest members hosted a light breakfast for all members and volunteers in a café-like space in the Bethany Room. New members had an opportunity to meet fellow members and become familiar with the Clothing Center, while creating a place for members and volunteers to enjoy something to eat and drink, visit with each other, and take a break on an extremely busy opening day of serving clients and their children.

Welcome and many thanks to all our newest members for the delicious food and beverages and to all members and volunteers for giving of yourselves to serve others!

Wanted:
70 New Christ Child Members for 70 Years

The New Member Coffee on May 9, 2018, may sound like it’s a long way off, but now is the time to be looking for new members.

Wouldn’t it be great to take in 70 new members as we celebrate our 70th year? If the idea appeals to you, please be looking. Friends, neighbors, colleagues, relatives, donors: we all come in contact with prospective members on a daily basis.

Inquire if they have three hours a week from August to December to aid children in need of warm clothing. Who wouldn’t be interested in furthering the welfare of children? Let’s challenge ourselves and welcome 70 new members in May! Please give their names to Kristy Botich (574-291-7523 or wbotich@sbcglobal.net) and she will do the rest.

Clothe-A-Child II Ends Successful 2017, Readies for Next Year

After volunteers spent many hours cutting out mitten kids, counting them and packaging them for distribution, the 2017 Clothe-A-Child II fund-raising campaign is over for this year. Over 33,000 dolls were distributed for sale among our partners. Thanks to those partners, Mutual Bank, Notre Dame Federal Credit Union and Martin’s Supermarkets, almost $18,000 was raised in September. Now it’s time to collect all the checks and leftover mitten kids from our partners, re-count and re-package them for next year.

### Christ Child Society of South Bend Annual Report 7/1/16 to 6/30/17

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**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 card.

**IN MEMORIAM:**

Ricky Alvarez (Toni Pikuza)

Dr. Alton Backs (June B. Reese, Bette Vargo, Lois Leliaert, Pat Murray, M/M John Reiter, Mary Ann Derda, Diane/Gerry Quinn, Renee Hochstetter, Loretta Chillog, Tricia Shafer/The Shafer Family, Catherine Bickel)

George F. Bahl (Marlene/Otto Martinez)

William Bickel (Sara L. Ayers, Nicholas Boninfante, Jr., Jackie/Phil Kraus, Janet Staton, D.A./M.A. Pairitz, Michael/Carolyn Chartier, Catherine Bickel/Sarah Batt)

Rebecca Brown (JoAnn Axelberg)

Dick Brusk (Joe/Marie Burt)

Jeanne Buckwalter (Marcia/Tom Blum)

Thomas Cassady (James/Nancy Yohe, Barbara Dillon)

Jodie Cocquyet (Kenneth/Barbara Fedder)

Ansel Conn (Mary Lou Houle)

Joan D’Ambra (Donna/Don Kyle)

Mercedes Davy (Sally Smous, Kay Ellgass, Carol Bauer, Margaret Rodriguez, Edward/Mary Kubiak, Katie Scree, Esther Cyr, Krisy Botich, Sam/Linda Jones)

Jeanne Desmond (Rob/Linda Diltz, Jean Fuehrmeyer, Mike/Maggie Smith, Ron/Cindy Hestad, Jim Frings, Margaret Lusardi, Margaret Johnson, Morgan Rice, Matthew Koscielski, Debbie Spillman, Beth/Dan Barrett, Esther Cyr, Sheila Emge, Tim/Kitty Fulnecky, Sonny/Dee Tepe, George/Teddi Murray, Kent/Julie Sterling, Marilyn Toepp, Marie Brady, Marjorie/John Bycroft, John/Sue Uhran, Pat Murray, Bruce/Marcia Auger, Ed/Joan Hardig, Kathy/John Seidl, Bette/Pat O’Malley, Margaret Hosinski, Michelle/Thomas Mikula, Diane/Gerry Quinn, Jim/Carol Holt, Cleo Thanos, Judy/Hugh Kuzmich, Sharon A. James, Suzy/John Halloran, Kathryn Scree, Vedder Price, p.c., Lindi Strobel, Charles/Jan Stenftenagel, Mike/Kathy Desmond, Kathryn/Greg Banks, Ann Korb, Jan Williams)

Nancy Donnelly (Ann Jones)

Dick Dornbos (Tee Miller, Marilyn Toepp)

Yadid Duenas (Dottie/Ron Wallace)

Mary Ferris (Joan Jaworski)

Rosemary Foley (Darlene Heck, Carol Bauer, Peggy Bauer)

Jason Forget (Tom/Maureen Cahir)

Henry Froning, Jr. (Esther Cyr)

Alvin J. Gendron (Esther Cyr)

Jim Gibbons (Dottie Wallace)

Roy Govert (Marlene Martinez)

Larue Harkcourt (JoAnn Axelberg)

Jeffrey Hawke (Marcia/Tom Blum)

Robert Heminger (JoAnne Tezich)

Nancy Henthorn (Bill/Jan Killilea)

Alice Wilson Hood Holtz (B.J. Hood O’Brien)

Wanda Houdeck (Rolande Parent)

Fred Kanouse (Dennis/Barbara Norbus, M/M J. Ciesiolka, Nick/Kathleen Cenova, M/M W. Niemann, Ed/Joan Hardig, Beth Barrett, Mike/Carol Barcza, River Commons HOA, Joe/ Sharon Chookie, James/Marlene Holthouse, Deb/Mike Low, Walt/ Kristy Botich, Jean Fuehrmeyer, Bette/Pat O’Malley, John/Janet Paul, Larry/Karen Kazier, Ted/Judy Cichos, John/Kathy Seidl, Gerry Dickey, Tom/Judy Burmeister, Margaret Hosinski, Joan Blitz, Ronald Stopczynski, Gordon May, Norma/Ralph Villanucci, Judy/Hugh Kuzmich, Ivan/Margi Jahns, Linda Clevenger, Jerry/Ann Shidaker, Joan Schweiger, Jim Karczewski, Carol Roberts, Mary Hurst, Judy Ciesiolka, Bill/Donna Niemann, Nick/Kathy Cenova, Mary Anne/Gene Smith)

Robert L. Kozmer (Kent/Katy Perry)

Terry Krege (Janice Goossens)

Beverly Krugel (Bette/Pat O’Malley, George/Teddi Murray)

Earl A. Kubale (Marilyn Toepp)

Diane Lindzy (M/M Robert Huyvaert)

Mary Lyons (Marcia/Tom Blum)

Alice Marciuniqi (Esther Cyr)

Mary Elizabeth Marten (Dan/Beth Barrett)

Betty Mersich (Jeff/Gina Toepp)

Dennis Miller (Ann/Dave Jones, Peg Claeyes)

Margaret Munich (Janice Goossens)

Joanne Murtagh (Marcia/Tom Blum)

Linda Nalepinski (Peggy Bauer)

Zachary Eli Neiman (Dan Ryan)

Susan Norborg (Kay Houser, Bernie/Sandy Gorski, Kaye Malahick, Norma Wilson, Betty/Jerry Vascil)

Stephen Ortland (Florence Duesterberg)

Bob Ostheimer (Sue/John Shirrell, Bette/Pat O’Malley)

Greg Parr (Ron/Dottie Wallace)

Patti Parr (Ron/Dottie Wallace)

Sylvia Popovich (Fred/Katherine Kagel)

Karen Riggs (Tricia Shafer, Bette/Pat O’Malley, Paul/Sue Freudinger, Sharon/Joie Fodrocy, Lori Severeid, Dana/Brad Fuelling, M/M Joe Fodrocy, Jr., M/M John Bycroft, Bruce, Marcia, Michelle Auger, Joe/Pat Corcoran, Kristy Botich, Sheila Emge, Rolande Parent, Kathy/John Seidl, Debbie Spillman, Jean Fuehrmeyer, Ed/Joan Hardig, Fredric Hillebrand, Tom, Diane & Katie Lutomski, Margaret Johnson)

Maritza Robles (Bette/Pat O’Malley)

Chuck Roemer (Bette/Pat O’Malley, Ginger O’Hara, Florence Duesterberg, Ed/Joan Hardig, Kathryn Scree, Ann Korb, Sonny/Dee Tepe)

Thomas D. Russell (Norma/Ralph Villanucci, Teresa/Sam Jermano)

Thomas Saggara (Barbara Dillon)

Sal Sanchez (Janice Goossens)

John Semrad (B. G. Butler)

John Sellers (JoAnn Axelberg)

Rosie Shafer (Susan/David Walsh, M/M John Killeen, Kathy Roberts, Esther Cyr, Mary Beth McGrath, Jim/Carol Holt, Richard/Judy Rajter, Pete/Judy Jank, Claude/Angie Hyden Family, Karen L. Rolinesh, Kay Weber, Ellen Matthews, Maurice/Ed Trubac, Jerry/Trues Jones, Peter/Jeanne Hosinski, Jane/Carl Littrell, Julie Tanaka, Joseph...
Christ Child Society Guardian Angels

This special membership category was established in 1998. A one time $1000 enrollment fee for deceased members, spouses, family and friends benefiting 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. A special page in our directory will list our angels annually.

Current members and spouses may enroll in the program as living angels and will be officially enrolled as Guardian Angels upon their deaths.

Please refer questions to Norma Villanucci (574-243-0621)

Newest Guardian Angels are Cornelius T. and Jeanne I. Desmond and Anne Monserez.
Co-Presidents Return with Ideas from NCCS Meeting

In September, Co-Presidents Debbie Spillman and Susan Walsh attended the National Christ Child Society (NCCS) Conference in Bethesda, MD. The goal of the conference was to educate all chapters about many facets of the work of the Christ Child Society.

A presentation about Layettes informed us about different items that can be put in a layette package. A chapter in Michigan has been putting their infant clothing in a diaper bag and the feedback has been extremely positive! It was sad to learn that most of the under-resourced mothers we serve never own a diaper bag to tote their baby’s supplies.

An important aspect of our chapter duties is to raise awareness of the work we do. Therefore, there was an educational session about using social media to tell our story. The use of media such as Facebook has the ability to help a chapter to gain new members as well as benefactors. It was amazing to learn that 63% of all Facebook users are between the ages of 50-64!

In the past year, the NCCS has put a focus on reading. They have donated “Read to Me” cards to every chapter. These cards promote reading and are put in every layette bag we assemble. We also heard an eye-opening talk from Lillian Baumann, PhD, a retired professor from the Fordham University School of Education who helped us to understand the challenges of the disadvantaged students: “Reading comprehension is where students fail.” The experiences of children will help them to understand and recall the words they read; if they cannot relate to the words, they cannot comprehend. Dr. Baumann donated a copy of her book for every chapter to be shared with our members who volunteer to work with local students through our SUCCESS program at St. Adalbert’s School.

These are just a few of the highlights of our busy days at the Conference. We returned to South Bend with a renewed sense of direction and a feeling of excitement for the potential of utilizing some of these new ideas!

Derby Day: Luncheon, Style Show

The annual Derby Day luncheon and style show is in the early planning mode. It will be held on May 3rd at the Blue Heron at Blackthorn.

This is a fun event attended by many members and guests who love to dress up in their finest Derby Day hats and apparel. Each year brings something new and this year will not be an exception. More news to follow as plans are in place so don’t tuck that fancy hat too far away in your closet.

Calling . . . All Gift Wrappers

It’s that time of year again - time to volunteer to gift wrap at the Notre Dame Book Store for the Christ Child Society. The schedule extends from Wednesday, December 13 through Christmas Eve.

If you would like to volunteer or have any questions, please contact Cathy Mathews at 574-277-0550 or cathmath@sbcglobal.net or Marie Burt at 574-2715987 or joe.burt11@gmail.com. Marie will also have the sign up sheets on Wednesdays in November when the Center is open.

Chapter’s Past Presidents Share Experiences

The Past Presidents’ traditional brunch took place August 24 at the home of Norma Villanucci where they enjoyed a light meal and shared moments of past and present times. This tradition provides an opportunity for past presidents to continue their involvement in Christ Child by sharing their past experiences and insights with each other.
Take a Day Off Just for You
Christ Child Day of Prayer and Reflection at Moreau Seminary on Moreau Drive
Reflections by Rev. Dan Ponisciak CSC

Father is currently the Parochial Vicar at St. Joseph Church in South Bend and previously was assigned to St. Ignatius Martyr Church in Austin, Texas.
He was ordained April 11, 2015.

Wednesday, February 21, 2018
9:00 - 2:30

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Please send reservations with your check for $18.00 payable to The Christ Child Society to PO Box 1286 South Bend, IN 46624
Price includes all food, drinks and the retreat. Please include any special dietary needs.

Names(s) ___________________________________________ phone ____________

Deadline: Monday, February 12, 2018, please.

Please park in the ‘East Lot' off Moreau Drive (old Douglas Rd.) and enter through the lower level. Someone will be at the door to greet you and direct you. An elevator is available to take you to the main level.
Questions: contact Sue Uhran 574-271-0199 or nsueu@sbcglobal.net
Corinne DeTrempe 574-243-7770 or cdetrempr@yahoo.com