



## THE CHRIST CHILD SOCIETY

November 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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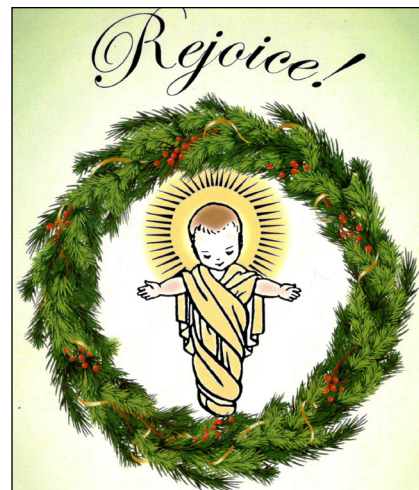
## 2016 Christmas Card

Both last year's card with the Mitten Kids and this year's card will be available at the Center starting October 26: 12 card pack \$10

Questions?

Contact Megan in the office:

288-6028 or [mfitz105@gmail.com](mailto:mfitz105@gmail.com)



Message inside:

*May the peace of the Christ Child be with you  
at Christmas and always.*

## Look What's Coming to Your Mailbox Soon!

Cloth-A-Child Annual Appeal will kickoff the 2016-2017 campaign in early November. We are excited about the new colorful brochure being sent for our 70th anniversary year celebration year in 2017.

Each year in November our letter has gone out to members and friends of The Christ Child Society asking for a monetary gift to help clothe our infants and young children. It has always been a tremendous success and we are hoping this year will even be better. We have revised our mailing list and want to have correct addresses for those receiving our mailing. If you have recently moved and think we do not have your updated address, please contact the Center at 574-288-6028 or send an email to [mfitz105@gmail.com](mailto:mfitz105@gmail.com). If you do not receive your mailing by mid-November, please contact our office. Our success depends on those who care about the children of our community by giving to this annual appeal. Please help us continue by considering a gift to The Christ Child Society of South Bend.

### CALENDAR

Nov. 2,9,16,30 ..... Clothing Center  
Open for Clients 8:30 AM  
(Nov. 23 Closed for Thanksgiving)

Nov. 14 ..... Board Meeting  
Dickinson Room SJCLP 10:15 AM

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

*Happy  
Thanksgiving*

### Data Updates

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

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

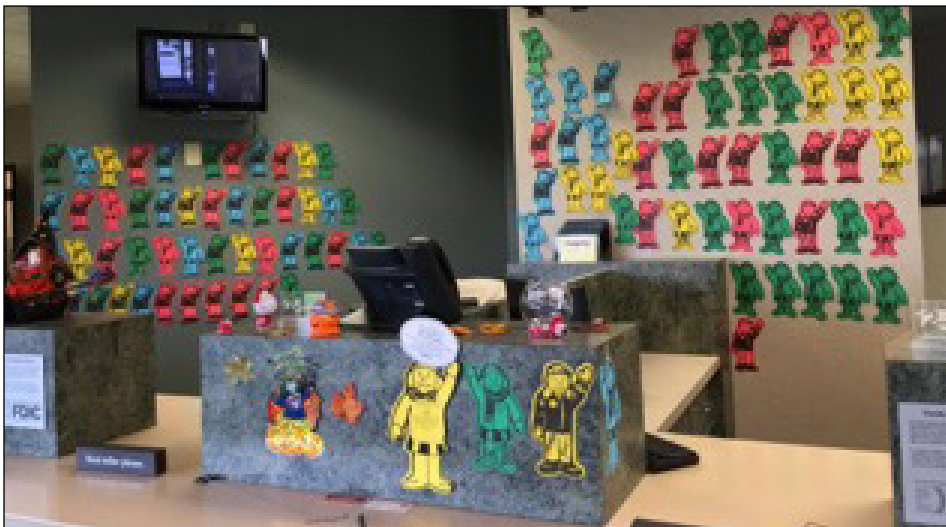
**“One of the things that binds us as a family is a shared sense of humor.” - Ralph Fiennes**

**“You don’t choose your family. They are God’s gift to you, as you are to them.” - Desmond Tutu**

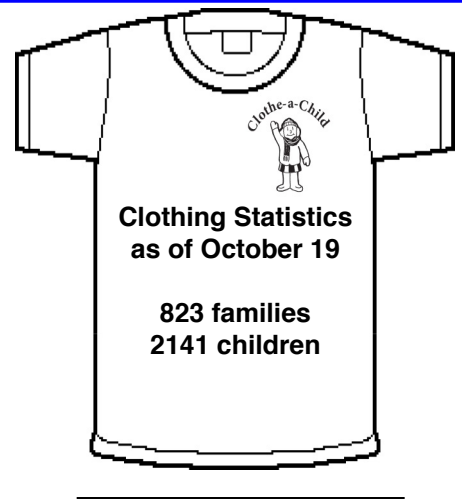
When I sit down to write my letter, I spend the first few minutes looking for a quote that summarizes my thoughts. This is no different. November is the kick-off to the holidays. It’s a season where we spend more time with our families. I thank God every day for mine.

- Thank you to my parents, Ed and Joan. You have taught me how to be my true self. You grounded me with roots and nurtured my wings to encourage my growth. You showed me that with a positive outlook and a sense of humor, life is a journey to be enjoyed.
- Thank you to my siblings, Anne, Ed Jr. and Mary. You were my first playmates and friends. You taught me that it is better laugh at yourself and move on than to hang on to trivial things. All of you bring life and laughter to every family gathering.
- Thank you to my boys: husband Dean and sons Drew and Ben. You show me every day that we are a team. We come together with our joys and sorrows, share the day-to-day living and still love each other. You have made me a wife and a mom and for that I will be forever grateful.
- Thank you to the Christ Child Board of Directors, past and present. I am humbled with each meeting that we are continuing the Mission of a Society that started almost 70 years ago. We are always able to keep the past in mind while moving towards the future.
- Thank you to my Christ Child family - each and every one of you. You have taught me that together we can get so much accomplished for our community. We are a family brought together by our belief in the same mission: to clothe children.

Enjoy your time with your families over the holidays - and please take a minute to say “thank you” to everyone who influenced your life!



Another Clothe-A-Child II campaign has been successfully completed. Mutual Bank raised \$3,948.77 and Notre Dame Federal Credit Union raised \$7,372.24. A sincere thank you goes to both financial institutions for their help in clothing needy children in our area. Special thanks go to Lesley Woodruff at NDFCU and Julie Romero at Mutual Bank for their hard work in making this fund-raising effort successful each year.



Co-chairman of October 20 fall luncheon: Mary Lou Mullen and Marti Moriconi

## Let Love Shine News

2007 is Christ Child Society of South Bend's 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Mary Barnett is hard at work planning Let Love Shine which will be held June 15, 1917, at the History Museum. She and we need your help!

Please contact Mary at mbarrettii@gmail.com or 261-4393 and let her know you will help with this event.

## Gift Wrappers for ND

Needed: volunteers to Christmas gift wrap at the Notre Dame Book Store for the Christ Child Society. The schedule extends from Thursday, December 15th through Christmas Eve.,

Sign-up sheets will be available at the Center. If you have any questions or cannot make it to the Center, please contact Cathy Mathews at cathmath@sbcglobal.net or 847-278-0049 or Marie Burt at joe.burt11@gmail.com or 574-271-5987.



## 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

Carla Beres (Nathan Burchfield, Connie Burchfield, Catherine Dhoore, Marie Fischer, Carol Foldesi, Nancy Reiter, Katherine Wright, Catherine S. Day)  
 Ray Chamberlin (Bill Killilea, B.J./Bob O'Brien)  
 Frieda Clark (Joe/Marie Burt)  
 Edward Colbert (Florence M. Duesterberg)  
 Barbara Fleece (Ed/Joan Hardig)  
 Ted Gryp (Rosemary Shafer)  
 William Guilfoile (Barbara Dillon)  
 Patty Sue Hammer (Carol Holt)  
 Jim Hupp (Janice Goossens)  
 Terry Jackson (Bill Killilea)  
 Tom Keilman (Joe/Marie Burt)  
 Fr. Jeffrey Largent (Ed/Joan Hardig)  
 Louise Lauer (Emery Family, Creekswood Villas Association, June Sayers, Beth Sampson)  
 Mary Jane Bolyard McMahon (Ann L. Molenda)  
 Jean Morrical (Marie Brady)

### In Memoriam

Member  
 Cara Beres  
 Friend of Christ Child  
 Dr. Thomas R. Pilot, Sr.  
 Husband of former member  
 William Voll

Helen Oleksiak (Don/Carol Nash)  
 Georgia Sweeney (Rush Oak Park Endoscopy Staff)  
 Eulalia Marie Vanden Bossche (Winnie Vanden Bossche)  
 Juliana Whitfield (Janice Goossens)  
**Special Occasion**  
 Freida Clark (Joe/Marie Burt)  
 Clara Garcia (Janet Crull)  
 Pat Hillebrand - 1<sup>st</sup> Anniv. of death (Fredric Hillebrand)  
 Anthony Marchetti - Complete Recovery (Dr. John/Marilyn Toepp)  
 Ignatius Menezes - Improved Health (James/Nancy Yohe)  
 Angela Ryan - Happy 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday (Tom/Maureen Cahir)  
 Fr. Tom Shoemaker (Greg/Jean Mee)



Enjoying a visit before the October fall luncheon are Rolande Parent, Jean Mee, Jane Horing, Marie Brady and Diane Boehlein

## Save the Date

### Day of Prayer/Reflection

Please mark your calendars for Wednesday, February 22, for the Christ Child Day of Prayer and Reflection at Moreau Seminary. Fr. David Scheidler, CSC, associate rector of the Basilica and staff member in Campus Ministry will lead our day. Fr. David has vast experience in parish and retreat work and comes to us highly recommended.

Look for the registration form in the December newsletter (no newsletter in January) or on our website [christchildsb.org](http://christchildsb.org). It promises to be a wonderful day to learn, pray and socialize together.

For more information, contact Jean Fuehrmeyer (mail to: [jfuehrmeyer@gmail.com](mailto:jfuehrmeyer@gmail.com)) - 855-3028 or Joanne VanAvermaete (mail to: [jvanavermaete@gmail.com](mailto:jvanavermaete@gmail.com)) - 291-3089.

## Derby Day:

### Jockeys Needed

Our annual Derby Day Luncheon and Fashion Show is scheduled for Thursday May 4, 2017. To make this a success, we need your help if you are interested in working on one of Christ Child's strictly fun events: Please call or email Marcia Auger @ 272-4970, cell 298-4165 for texting or [mabauger@att.net](mailto:mabauger@att.net) for email. It is a fun project, and help is needed with decorations, publicity, mailings, invitations, modeling etc.

## Book Club

November 18  
*A Man Called Ove*  
 by Fredrik Blackman  
 Pat Short (232-1204)

January 18  
*The Scarlet Feather*  
 by Maeve Binchy  
 Terri Slamkowski (256-2650)

Deadline for December newsletter  
 November 14  
 Ann Korb (277-6443) [ack339@aol.com](mailto:ack339@aol.com)

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## National Convention Designed to Educate, Guide Chapters

“Empowering Our Leaders – Sharing Our Impact” was the title/theme of the National Christ Child Society Convention which Co-Presidents Peg Riggs and Debbie Spillman attended in Atlanta from September 22-24. The multiple presentations and workshops were designed to educate and guide all chapters of the Christ Child Society.

### Yarn and Looms Can Produce Hats

One of the highlights of the convention was a workshop designed to increase volunteerism from the community. Each attendee was given a knitting loom and a ball of yarn and we learned how easy it is to knit hats for infants and children. This is a project that our chapter could perform with high school volunteers. Because of this idea, we are now seeking members who would be willing to help student-volunteers use the looms. Please contact Debbie Spillman to offer your assistance.

Another productive event was a workshop where delegates were seated in a group where everyone was from a similar size chapter. Ideas were exchanged that were related to membership. For example, some chapters require new members to spend some time working in every department. There was also talk about the importance of communicating with the members. All the chapters agreed that email blasts were the most popular and efficient way to keep everyone informed.

### Celebrity Bartenders Raise Money

The presentation on fundraising ideas was extremely interesting and informative. We were shown a PowerPoint presentation that highlighted a variety of ideas that are used by other chapters. Some of the exciting fundraisers included Reverse Raffles, a Luncheon or Dinner with an author as a guest speaker, a Golf Outing, a Couples Night Out that was held at a brewery and a Casual Event similar to our 2016's Let Love Shine. It included Celebrity Bartenders who were in competition to raise the most money.

Throughout the convention, delegates mingled and shared common goals and concerns and friendships were formed with presidents and officers of other chapters. Although the convention provided a variety of important data that will be used by our local chapter, the ultimate gift was the inspiration to move our mission into the future, making it stronger and more efficient - all for the sake of the children we serve.