





February 2018

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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.

Calendar

February

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20Board Meeting
21 Day of Reflection
Moreau Seminary, 9am - 2pm
26 In Memoriam Mass
Little Flower 8:30 AM

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Restock/	Inventory	9am - Noon
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21 Spring M	ass, Meeti	ng Luncheon
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24	In Mer	moriam Mass
	Little F	lower 8:00 AM

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Re	stock/Inventory	9am - Noon
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	Quarter	ly Newsletter
16	Bo	oard Meeting
25	In Men	noriam Mass
	Little Fl	ower 8:30 AM

Clothing Center will be closed in February.

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

Advance Planning for Let Love Shine 2018 Will Make It 'A Special Evening'

Plans are underway for Let Love Shine 2018! Mark your calendars for Thursday, November 8. The event will be held at the newly opened Aloft Hotel, 111 N. Main Street, South Bend. This beautiful new facility promises to be the perfect backdrop for our special evening. The ballroom features floor to ceiling windows with a beautiful view of the courthouse.

We will begin with a cocktail hour during which time our silent auction under the direction of Kathy Seidel will take place. As we sit down to dinner we will listen to the beautiful sounds of Morrow Strings. Our emcee and auctioneer will be radio and television personality Bob Nagle. Beth Barrett has already lined up some really fabulous live auction items. We anticipate a lovely and exciting evening.

The planning committee will start having regular meetings in March and would appreciate having your participation and support. Areas in which we'd like help are:

Floral designers to make centerpieces
Program book
Sponsorships
Volunteer coordination
Underwriting
Unique auction items
Filling in as needed

If you have a desire to make this fundraiser extra special, please contact Pat Falvey, co-chair, at (702) 686-3800.







A New Maintenance Man

Data Updates

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- Follow us on Twitter: @ChristChildSB
- Check us out online: www.christchildsb.org

From the Co-President . . . Debbie Spillman

Brrr! We have been enduring subzero or near zero temperatures lately. When I must venture outside, I grab my heaviest coat and my wool mittens. It's moments like this when I think about the thousands of children we have helped in recent months. This is when I know our Christ Child volunteers have done great works. But then I drive by a bus stop and I see a child whose coat looks like it's two sizes too small. Later, I see another child with only a hooded sweatshirt and no winter coat. That is when I know we have more work to do.

In order to serve these children, we need to remain a strong organization. We are always looking for volunteers to serve in a variety of ways. This past October, members brought in candy, pens and pencils and assembled Halloween treat bags which also included information about The Christ Child Society. These bags were distributed at Better World Books "Book or Boo" event. Members and some of their family weathered the rain to distribute 300 treat bags.

Another opportunity to volunteer occurs in December. This year through the generosity of Follett Higher Education and the Notre Dame Book Store, 60 volunteers raised \$2,355.37 by wrapping gifts this Christmas season. Our volunteers provided the labor while the Book Store provided the supplies, in exchange for donations to the Christ Child Society. Please consider helping during the graduation gift wrap schedule in May.

Another important way to volunteer is to offer to serve on our Board of Directors. We are presently looking for interested members to help with our business decisions. Please contact us immediately and let us know if you might be interested in serving as a Board member or in any other way.

From the Co-President Sue Walsh

Please welcome vour next President-Elect!

With the vast amount of experience that Pat Falvey possesses, she will be an excellent President-Elect, and then will share the Co-Presidency with Susan Walsh. Pat is a relatively new member of Christ Child, and she wanted to be more involved in the organization. After the Fall Meeting/Luncheon in October, she called and said that she was interested in the President-Elect position. After discussing the position and answering her questions, Pat was the perfect person to be our next President-Elect. The Board officially approved Pat Falvey to become a member of our Executive Board on November 13, 2017. She was then appointed to be the next President-Elect of the Christ Child Society.

Pat retired as an Air Force Lt. Colonel after 24 years. She served seven years in active duty and 17 years in the Reserves. She held various positions in her career with a high degree of responsibility and received several awards during her tenure.

Since retiring from the Air Force, Pat was Vice President for Advancement at Holy Cross College, Notre Dame, IN; Director of Advancement at Franklin College, Lugano, Switzerland; Vice President for Development for Catholic Charities of Southern Nevada, Las Vegas, NV; and Director 1 Development for Vegas PBS, Las Vegas, NV. Her experience with the non-profit organizations will certainly be advantageous for the Christ Child Society.

In addition to her President-Elect position, Pat has volunteered to cochair with Hetty Cohen for the major fundraiser Let Love Shine in November, 2018. Please introduce yourself to her and be open to volunteer your services where they are needed. We are very fortunate to have Pat as a member of the Christ Child Society.

Welcome Pat Falvey!

Executive Board

Co Presidents:

Debbie Spillman

Susan Walsh President Elect:

Patricia Falvev

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

GUARDIAN ANGELS

A special membership category was established in 1998. A one time \$1000 enrollment fee for deceased members or spouses,



benefiting the Christ Child Society Endowment Fund, will insure the Society's ability to continue the future good works.

The Guardian
Angels are remem-

bered 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 Norma Villanucci (243-0621)

> Newest Angel James R. Gibbons

Deadline for the May quarterly newsletter:
April 15
Ann Korb (277-6443) ack339@aol.com

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

Peg Andrews (Jim/Carol Holt) Dr. Alton Backs (Jim/Agnes Houk) Marcia Bishop (Margaret Hosinski) Brian Blazek (Don/Donna Kyle, M/M William Lentz)

Janet Broderick (Darlene Heck) Tom Busch (Karen/Darrell Barrett, Peg Claeys)

Sharon Cobb (Greg/Jean Mee) Charlie Daly (Jim/Carol Holt) Mercedes Davy (The Spirit Sistas, Frances/Barry Lutz)

Jeanne Desmond (Teresa/Greg Kosse) George Florentine (Diane/Gerry Quinn)

Jim Gabouri (Mary Lou Houle) Jim Gibbons (Lee/Sparky Tavis, M/M Yastrzemski, Kathryn Screes, Thomas Yameen, Susan Valdiserri, Jackie Stephens/Phil Krause, Dixon, Wright & Assoc., P.C., Dr. Marty/Patty Szakaly, Marovich Family, Barbara Dillon, John/Mary Lou Derwent, Marcia/ Tom Blum, Carol Bauer, Judy/Hugh Kuzmich, M/M John Bycraft, Laura/ Larry Gallo, Roger Christensen, Melanie Chapleau, Mary Jane Stanley, Norma/Ralph Villanucci, Monarch Family, Pam/Marty Ogren, Brian/Cynthia O'Connor, Janet/ John Jenkins)

John Gioscio (Marijo/Madely Martinec) Jake Goske (Carol Bauer) Nancy Gruber (Margaret Hosinski) Allen Gutfrancki (Deb/Mike Low) Beatrice Hardman (IN Trust Co.) Peg Hein (M/M John Hintz) Margaret Hiler (Julie Considine, Brian/ Ginger Lake)

Arlene Huff (Don/Carol Nash) Paul Joseph (Jean/Dick Dennen) Miriam Kolinski (Jim/Carol Holt) Cleo Kowalski (Jenny Micinski) Phillip Kowalski (Marlene/Otto Martinec, Peg/Dean Riggs) Walter Lehmann (Margaret Hosinski) Lorraine Leszcz (Renee Hochstetter, Alice Backs, The Remley Family) Allison Liddell (Neal/Linda Cason) Mr. Lowisz (Marcia/Tom Blum)

IN MEMORIAM

Members

Lorraine Loszcz Anne Monserez Husbands Orlen Biltz George R. Murray

Kathryn McDivitt (Janice Goossens) Henrietta Masters (Tom/Mary Liddell) Joe Meyo (Marcia/Tom Blum) Karen Mick's father (Marcia/Tom Blum) Dr. Dennis Miller (Nancy/Jack Pycik, Judy Kuzmich, Jean/Dick Dennen, Marti/Frank Moriconi) Diane Milos (Marty/Tricia Collins)

Michael Moll (James/Nancy Yohe) Anne B. Monserez (Denise Roemer, Loretta Chillag, William/Jeanne Klem)

Charles Moore (James/Kimberly Keulties)

George Murray (Bette/Pat O'Malley, Mary/Dick Reineke, William/Elizabeth Reinke, Margaret Hosinski, Ed/Joan Hardig, Kathy/ John Seidl, M/M James Cierzniak, Janice/Larry Harding, Kathryn Screes, Betsy Cooke, Julie Considine, Esther Cyr, Nancy Gallagher, Faith & Robert Tennyson)

Donny Offele (Suzy/John Halloran) Elsie Orban (Bill/Jan Killilea) Ken Quimby (Jan/John Christianson) Marilyn Peters (Carol Bauer) Sam Polotto (Carolyn Chrzan) Mr. Porterfield (Marcia/Tom Blum) Mildred Powell (Donna/Don Kyle) Pat Ryan (Carol Bauer, Ed/Joan Hardig)

Pamela Scheibelhut (Don/Donna Kyle) Paul/Margaret Sergio (Catherine Sergio)

Josephine Sierolawski (Ralph/Norma Villanucci)

Donald Smith (Joe/Marie Burt, Marcia/ Tom Blum)

Wanda Smith (James/Nancy Yohe) Harriet Steinbrunner (Margaret Hosinski)

Marilyn M. Thies (Ed/Joan Hardig)

Catherine Thurin (Angela Ashe, Tom/ Marlene Nowak, Peter F. Thurin, Dave/Jeanine Wiedman, Barbara/ Don Zimlich, Frank/Marti Moriconi, Marie Mengel, John McNamare and Family, Edward/Teresa Maginn, Roger/Mildred Gurthet, Karen Lesher, Walter Lehmann Family, Deb Low, James/Suzanne Cierzniak, Julie Considine, E. M. Davidson, Barbara Dillon and Family, Haley/Jeff Deitchley, Roseann Eddy, Fullenkahp, Carolyn Skinner, Martha Gring Family, Moses Anderson, Megan Fellman, Ruth DeFreeuw)

Dr. James Wack (Peg/Dean Riggs, James/Nancy Yohe, Ed/Joan Hardig, Carol Bauer)

Patricia J. Waldron (Tom/Mary Wisniewski)

Jack/Kay Wetzel (Carolyn Chrzan) Irene Wiskotoni (K. Jaroszewski) Charles Zapf (Jane Dietrich) Jack C. Zollinger (Jane Horning)

Special Occasion

Kathleen Agostino (Joe/ Marie Burt) JoAnn Axelberg - 90th Birthday (Greg/ Jean Mee)

Margie & John Bycraft (John T. Bycraft)

Christ Child Society - Good works (Paula Giver)

Esther Cyr (Joan Hardig)

Joan Fahey – Complete Recovery (Marilyn Toepp)

Barb Fedder (Pat Corcoran)

Pat Fewell (Joe/Pat Corcoran, Ed/ Joan Hardig, Marilyn Toepp)

John Gruber (Marilyn Toepp)

Mary/Jim Hesburgh (Barbara Dillon) Liz Keller - Birthday (Beth Reising)

Bill Leonard - Complete Recovery

(Marilyn Toepp)

Maria Muhlherr - Speedy Recovery (James/Nancy Yohe)

Gini Razzano - 75th Birthday (Ed/Joan Hardig)

Mary Romak -100th Birthday (Carolyn Chrzan)

Jackie S. - Get Well (Jim/Carol Holt)

What Is the National Christ Child Society?

(At the fall luncheon Beth Barrett spoke to this frequently asked question. It is an interesting, informative answer and one we think all members should know.)

As we become enmeshed in the everyday work of our local CCS chapter, it is easy to forget that we are associated with 6,000 members nationwide. The South Bend Chapter of the Christ Child Society is one of 44 chapters across the country that share the vision of founder Mary Virginia Merrick: find a need and fill it. In 1887 in Washington, DC, Miss Merrick established CCS to serve babies born to impoverished mothers, as well as to nurture the physical and spiritual needs of the children as they grew. Her dedication was contagious; chapters quickly arose from Ohio to Florida and California to New Jersey.

NCCS Leadership

The National Christ Child Society is the umbrella under which we all operate. The DC-based Executive Director, Carolyn Pumphrey, and the National Board help chapters across the country with organizational issues and make sure that chapters stay true to the mission of the organization. They also provide support by offering educational materials and guidelines, serving as a resource for questions as local chapter officers turn over, and hosting national conventions and conferences. Conferences are held near DC in September of every odd year, and the larger, longer conventions are held in September of even years. The locations vary, moving to cities that are home to a CCS chapter; in 2018, the convention will be held in Milwaukee. These meetings serve to educate and unify the organization. National Board members lead seminars and workshops at conferences and conventions, depending on their area of expertise. In addition, they hold educational teleconferences and webinars on topics ranging from chapter treasurer tips to cultural awareness.

Any CCS member is eligible to become a National Board member. Nominations are submitted for the two-year terms by chapters, or by the member herself, 6 months before conventions. New board members are sworn in at convention. South Bend has sent two National presidents, Dorothy Chamblee in 1988-90 and Vicki Riel in 2000-02.

There have been quite a few board members from South Bend over the years, including South Bend chapter founder Puddy Crowley, Mildred Flanigan, Marilyn Toepp, Rose Acklin, Deb Low, Linda Brammer and Beth Barrett.

The Work of the NCCS Board

National Board members work on committees: membership, programs, communications, conference/ convention planning, development and finance. The Program Committee recently focused on ensuring that all layettes (the signature program of each chapter) are answering the needs of their community and providing safe, good quality items. National added layette informational materials including a card on "How to Calm Your Baby" and a revised blanket warning tag. Two years ago, this committee developed a new program manual, *Challenging Poverty: One Child at a Time* to help guide chapters in program development and enhancement, especially in areas of literacy, mentoring, tutoring and education.

National Goal: Reading/Literacy

The National goal is for at least 80% of chapters to have a reading or literacy program by the end of this year. Research shows that early exposure to reading significantly improves a child's success in school and life. Each layette across the nation – that is 25,000 layettes! – now includes the "Read to Me" card which has suggestions for parents and caregivers on how to read, talk and sing with their baby.

Last year, the Communication Committee developed new branding guidelines for all chapters to reflect the fact that we are part of one organization. Each chapter was given letterhead and printing templates. Just a few weeks ago, the revised National website was launched. It was designed to be visually appealing, easy to access and full of useful information for all members. Finally, this committee organized chapter participation in the annual national-wide volunteer day, Make a Difference Day. In October 2017, South Bend participated by collecting and donating books to the St. Adalbert's library.

To learn more about the national impact of NCCS and to see all of the materials mentioned here, visit <u>www.nationalchristchild.org</u>





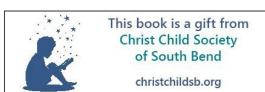
National Christ Child Society: 'Make a Difference - Read to Me'

"I've got dibs on that one", was the excited reaction of one eager 3rd grader to a new book about his favorite soccer star. On Monday, October 23, our chapter marked its participation in "Make a Difference Day" with a visit to St. Adalbert Catholic School, site of our SUCCESS tutoring program. Six chapter members presented over 180 new books to the children for their school library and read to students in primary classrooms. Another 20 books were placed directly in classrooms.

"It was amazing to watch the children become so excited about reading," remarked one member. "It was rewarding to watch them point to a book & to themselves, as if letting everyone know that that new book was 'their' book!" Students continue to request 'those books you showed us that day' and many reluctant readers are grabbing high interest titles that were donated. Growth in reading comprehension and vocabulary, both results of reading and being read to, are predictors of success in life.

"Every one of those children gave their full attention to the book being read," commented another volunteer reader. "Christ Child members can truly know that the books they gave are delighting children who might not have the opportunity to enjoy the stories this book drive offered them."

Thank you to all who donated and participated.





Reading with Toddlers

Toddlers like to point to pictures in a book.

Ask Where's the doggie? or Who says meow? or Where is his nose?

Use different voices when reading the story and imitate the animal sounds.

Name and point to things around the house or neighborhood.

Read a book as part of your child's bedtime routine.

You are your child's best teacher.





READ to me



Reading with Babies

Talk, read or sing. Babies learn to talk by hearing your voice.

Babies enjoy sharing books with you, the most important person in their world.

Talk to your baby as you do your chores.

Point at pictures. Name animals, shapes and colors. Make animal sounds. *Moo! Meow!*

Make reading part of your bedtime routine.







Derby Day 2018



Fast forward to Spring and think sunshine and warm temperatures and Derby Day. It will take place on Thursday, May 3 at the Blue Heron At Blackthorn. Decorate your hat and plan for some fun. Sorella Boutique and Glance eyewear will team up to provide the fashions for our show. Models will be some of our former presidents.

The cost of the luncheon will be \$30. A raffle of six theme baskets will replace our usual cash raffle. Tickets for the raffle will be, one for \$3, six for \$10, and fifteen for \$20. You may place tickets next to the baskets you would like to win. Themes for the baskets are as follows: Wine, Gardening, tickets and gift cards to local events and restaurants, kitchen items, Spa and Trader Joe's. If anyone would like to donate an item or items for the baskets, these gifts would be most appreciated. **Please note:** Chances for the raffle will be sold **only** at the luncheon. Also, a limited number of swag bags will be available at the door for a donation of \$10 or more. The bags will be filled with very nice merchandise from the businesses participating in the fashion show. You won't be disappointed!

Since this is a fundraiser for Christ Child, your generosity at the event is important to its success. Thank you in advance!



Volunteer Pot Luck Luncheon

Seventy New Members?

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.



Julie Romero from Mutual Bank came to the Center in November to hand deliver the check for Clothe a Child dolls they sold during the campaign. Mutual Bank has been very supportive of the Christ Child Society.

BOOK CLUB

February 21

Commonwealth
by Ann Patchett

Marge Hosinski (255-9728)

March 21
The Underground Railroad
by Colson Whiteheaad
Mary Jane Chase (233--7977)

April 18
Vesper Time
by Frank Cunningham
Mary Lou Mullen (234-2626)

Annual Mass, Meeting and Spring Luncheon Wednesday, March 21

Mass will begin at 11 AM at St. Joseph Chapel, Holy Cross Village at Notre Dame Bishop Kevin Rhoades, celebrant

Luncheon Meeting at Andre Place following the Mass

Andre Place is located just north of St. Joseph Chapel on Holy Cross Parkway

Parking is available on campus and at Andre Place.

Offertory Gifts: Members are asked to bring layette items to be donated to the layette department.

Name		Phone
	number of reservations at \$25.00	total enclosed

Questions? Call Ann Finn (277-8880) or Sherri Jones (299-1716)

Please send checks to Christ Child Society, P.O. Box 1286, South Bend, IN 46624

Reservation Deadline - March 12



Redeemer Radio Fall Sharathon

Redeemer Radio 95.7 FM, Michiana's only Catholic volunteer operated radio station, held its annual Sharathon last October. Redeemer Radio has the blessing of the diocese but is not owned or operated by the diocese. The Sharathon is a biannual, on-air fundraiser for Redeemer Radio which relies on listener support to be able to continue to provide quality Catholic programming. (Donations may be made to RedeemerRadio.com/donate or by calling 574-855-1587.)

Christ Child members Joan Hardig, Beth Barrett, Mary Lou Mullen, Kathy Seidl and Sheila Emge spent an hour helping in the fundraising efforts and promoting Christ Child Society and its work. Over \$1,700 was pledged during the hour! Thanks to our representatives and to all the Christ Child members who called in with a pledge that hour!

#GivingTuesday a great success!

Many thanks for all who donated to help keep children warm and dry during the cold Indiana winter. The generous donations (\$4470) we received will help the Christ Child Society purchase 57 pairs of shoes & socks and 50 minilayettes (winter "pram" suit, blanket and booties). We raised twice the amount as the previous year's #GivingTuesday

Annual Appeal 2017-18 Update

In late November our Annual Appeal mailing was sent to members and friends of the Christ Child Society. Co-chairs Mary Desmond Liddell and Kathleen Desmond Mikula are pleased to announce that the campaign has brought in \$59,161 from 283 donors to-date. Many thanks to everyone who has contributed. We are on track with where we were at this time last year but hope to reach our goal of \$79,000+. There is still time to donate to the Annual Appeal at The Christ Child Society Annual Appeal at P.O. Box 1286, South Bend, IN 46624 or made online at www.christchildsb.org/ clothe-a-child.

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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

Doughnuts, fruit, coffee, tea	9:00-9:30
Morning Reflection	9:45
Mass	11:00
Lunch	12:00
Reflection and Benediction	1:00-2:30

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	
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Deadline: Monday, February 12, 2018, please.