



THE CHRIST CHILD SOCIETY

November 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

November

7,14, 28Center Open for
Clients 8:30 AM
8.....Let Love Shine 2018
Century Center Great Hall
12..... Board Meeting
St. Pat's Bethany Room 10:00 AM
18.....Clothing Center Open Sunday
1:00-3:00 PM
21 CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING
25.....In Memoriam Mass
Little Flower 8:30 AM

DECEMBER

2.....Clothing Center Open Sunday
1:00 - 3:00 PM
5, 12.....Center Open for Clients
8:30 AM
5.....Volunteer Potluck Luncheon
Center
27.....In Memoriam Mass
Little Flower 8:30 AM
No December Board Meeting

January

Center Closed

15.....Deadline for February
Quarterly Newsletter
22 (Tuesday) Board Meeting
TBA
25.....In Memoriam Mass
Little Flower 8:30 AM

LET LOVE SHINE

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8 • 6PM
THE CENTURY CENTER GREAT HALL

In just a few days, our *Let Love Shine Gala* will take place. The committee has been working on this event for several months in order to guarantee a wonderful evening. We anticipate this will be the most lucrative fundraiser in several years. We are grateful to our premier sponsor Weichert Realtors, Jim Dunfee & Associates as well as all of our sponsors.

Registration and check-in will be on the main floor. From there you may walk down the stairs or take the elevator to the Great Hall where all of the festivities will take place. Along with your program book you'll receive one free drink ticket. Additionally, a cash bar will be available throughout the evening. The cocktail hour will run from 6-7 PM during which time we'll listen to the sounds of Paul Decker and Craig Ridout. The silent auction will run from 6 PM until 7:45 PM. If you'd like to sneak a peek at our auction items, visit www.bidpal.net/ChristChildSB. The ever-popular Balloon Pop and Wine Pull will be available, but take advantage of them early as they sell out quickly! A superb dinner will be served after the welcome and blessing at 7 PM. Complimentary red and white wine will be served with the dinner. Following dinner, we'll present The Heart of A Child Award to our longtime friends at Indiana Trust and Wealth Management. Then it will be time to hold your bid number high as our emcee Bob Nagle leads us in Bids for Kids. The evening will conclude with some amazing live auction items. Check out/redemption will be located next to the coat check room in the Great Hall.

Looking forward to seeing you on Thursday as we celebrate 71 years of serving the underserved children of St. Joseph County! Thanks in advance for your support. Let's continue to *Let Love Shine!*

Fall Luncheon



Data Updates

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

From the Co-President . . . Susan Walsh

The National Christ Child Convention was held on September 27-29, 2018, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The Convention was outstanding. There were 37 of 46 chapters present which included two new chapters. Attendance was the highest of record with 120 members from all across the country. Susan Walsh, Co-President and Jane Reed, Shoe Department, attended the convention.

The Program, Membership, and Fundraising Seminars were excellent. Much preparation and time went into these seminars to make them very interesting and pertinent to Christ Child. The new Board and Directors at Large were presented to the members Saturday evening. Beth Barrett, South Bend Chapter, elected to continue as the National Vice President of Programs.

All of the chapters were asked to bring their layettes for a display. It was interesting to see the variety of items that were included with each chapter. Our display of items was awesome especially our hand knit sweater and cap and the soft pink pram. After Mass on Saturday, the layettes were given to the Milwaukee Chapter.

The keynote speaker was Matthew Devers, PhD. who spoke about the ABC's of Persistence: Ability, Belonging, and Control. Ability is our drive to learn, to understand our world, and to feel competent in daily life; Belonging is our intense need to bond with others and to feel a connection to our work; and Control is our demand for some degree of freedom and choice in what we need to do. These ABCs pertain to the Christ Child Society. Members have many talents and abilities. They want to bond with others and make friends, and all members desire some freedom to choose where they want to put their talents to good use. Dr. Devers entire presentation was excellent.

Jane Reed and seven other chapter members went from table to table and explained their special fundraiser. They spoke about their programs, answered any questions for about ten minutes and then rotated from table to table and talked about their fundraiser at each table. Jane, with her Derby Day decorated hat, did a great job talking about our Derby Day with all of the excitement of the event and the special hats that everyone wore. She was terrific!

The three days were very informative, energetic, and filled with bonding relationships. A convention or a conference is held every other year. The next National Christ Child Conference will be held September 27-28, 2019, in Bethesda, Maryland. Come join us at the conference next year where you will learn, make new friends, and have a great experience.



just another Wednesday at the Center . . .

Executive Board

Co Presidents:
Susan Walsh
Patricia Falvey
President Elect:

Vice President (Fundraising):
Kathy Seidl
Vice President (Membership):
Sue Seall
Vice President (Clothing):
Linda Wray
Recording Secretary:
Katy Perry
Corresponding Secretary:
Nancy Meyer
Treasurer:
Diane Lutomski

Board of Directors Seeks Members For 2019-2020

The Board of Directors has begun the process of looking for new members to join them for 2019-2020. Every year we must replace the members who end their term on the Board.

Serving on the Board is an honor and it is extremely fulfilling to learn the details related to our decisions. This is an opportunity for any member to step up and help the Christ Child Society to truly make a difference.

You can nominate yourself or nominate someone you think has the heart to serve our organization in a new way. We will be accepting names of nominees until January 31. Please contact Debbie Spillman with any questions about serving on the Board and send your nominations to debips1@aol.com.

Deadline

for February newsletter:

January 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

Patricia Ann Ahonen (Carol Jacquay, Linda Becker, Rita Tatum)
 Tom Balukiewicz (Peggy Bauer)
 Kate Bamber (Barbara Dillon)
 Mike Basney (Ann/Dave Jones, Peg/Dean Riggs)
 Robert Bauters (Carol/Jim Holt)
 Martha Berton (Kae Sobczyk)
 Robin Borr (Marlene Martinec, Marijo Martinec)
 Jeff Bradley (Norma/Ralph Villanucci, Kent/Katy Perry)
 Richard Bubick (Marijo Martinec, Marlene Martinec)
 Don Carnevale (Carol Holt)
 Charles Cherry (Joan Biltz, Janice/Kent Beutel)
 Robert Crepp (Peg/Dean Riggs)
 Madison McDonald Daily, Sr. (Jean Fuehrmeyer, Elizabeth Barrett)
 Jeanne Desmond (Sarah Moriarity)
 Mary Jane Drudge (Loretta Chillag)
 Rose Duggan (Susan Blila, Rebecca Bauer)
 James Duke Dulcet (Joan Biltz)
 Joseph Elias (Margaret Hosinski)
 Mary Kathleen Falvey (Patricia Falvey)
 Mary Voll Fisher (Ann Korb, Barbara Dillon)
 Charles William Fitzpatrick (Kimberly Keultjes)
 Nancy Gillis (Ann Jones)
 Joseph A. Greci (Phyllis Kubale)
 Mary Griesinger (Margaret Hosinski)
 Delphine "Dolly" Halloran (Marijo Martinec)
 Valeria Harlozinski (Barbara Skubiszewski, Eileen Wroblewski, Stacey Skubiszewski)
 Rob Hennion (Ruth Huyvaert, Marcia Blum)
 Lee Holland (Ann/Dave Jones)
 Mary Jarze (Patricia Short)
 Werner Jean (Ann/David Jones)
 Carol Johnson (Carol Nash)
 Paul E. Johnson (Peg Riggs)
 George Kauchak (Marilyn Toepp)
 Fran Koers (Norma Villanucci)
 Elsie Leitner (Suzanne Halloran)
 Joseph Leyes (Pat Corcoran)
 Mary Hunt (Emily Nelson)
 Josephine May (Peg Riggs)

IN MEMORIAM

Member Margaret Ann O'Neil
 Husbands Patrick O'Malley
 James Monserez

Paul Mullen (Louise Anella, Mary Wisniewski, Jean Dennen)
 Jeanne Vanderbosch Neely (Carolyn Chrzan)
 Margaret O'Neil (Tom Gruber, SB Press Club)
 Angelo Oliva (Margaret Hosinski, Catherine Sergio)
 Patrick O'Malley (Ellen Neumann, Penny Fuelling, Toni Pikuza, Kathryn Screes, Jane Horning, Jerry/Judy Kearns, Doojie/Jack Trant, Ed/Joan Hardig, Louise/Steve Anella, Robert/Mary Ann Konopa, Peggy Bauer, Marie/Paul Brady, Peg Claeys, Joan Biltz, Jane Darnell, Carol Swetish, Pat/Ed Healy, Jan Williams, Sharon/Bernie Henely, Roland/Norma Wardlow, Julie Considine, Mary Anne Retseck, Kathy/John Seidl, Helen Diltz, Rosie/Ed Wray, Bruce/Marcia Auger, Bob/Joyce Knapp, Carolyn Chrzan, Greta Roemer Lewis, Mary Lou/Peter Mullen, Jack/Nancy Pycik, Greg/Jean Mee, Judy/Hugh Kuzmich, Pat/Joe Corcoran, Bill/Jan Killilea, Sandy Redden, Ann/Dave Jones, John/Sue Uhran, Margaret Hosinski, Katy Gregg, Susan/David Walsh, Sheila Emge, Diane/Gerry Quinn, Denise/Chuck Roemer Family, Jim/Carol Holt)

Dorothy Parker (Carolyn Chrzan)
 Dolores Peck (Greg/Jean Mee, Ed/Joan Hardig, Peg/Dean Riggs)
 Nancy Retin (Janice Goossens)
 Reuscher (Marcia Blum)
 Charles Sauer (Susy Porter)
 David Sauer (Ron/Dottie Wallace)
 John Schuhler (Helen Diltz)
 Mike Sheetz (Jane Horning)
 Dale Stratton, Jr. (Winifred Vanden)

Special Occasion

Joyce Boenne – Get Well (Carol Holt)
 Marjorie Bycraft – Recovery (Joe/Marie Burt, Judy/Jerry Kearns, Julie Considine, Mary Anne Retseck, Barbara Dillon)
 Tom/Lea Ebels – 50th Anniversary (Toni/Bob Kowalski)
 Elizabeth Goeller – 96th Birthday (Joe/Marie Burt)
 Ginny Hart – Get Well (Carol Holt)
 Margaret Hosinski – Birthday (Jerry/Betty Vascil, Carol Holt, Indiana Trust)
 Agnes/Jim Houk - 67th Wedding Anniversary (Helen/Tim McNeill)
 Linda Lux - Get Well (Carol Holt)
 Bobbi McMahan - (Julie Considine, Mary Ann Retseck)
 Jim Mackin - Complete Recovery (Marilyn Toepp)
 Nancy Meyer- In gratitude (Peggy Gerstbauer)
 Sam/Teresa Jermano - 50th Wedding Anniversary (Kathleen/Joseph Simeri)
 Georgia Speide – Quick recovery (Carol Bauer)



GUARDIAN ANGELS

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

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.

Guardian Angels: Patrick O'Malley Ann B. Ganser James Monserez
 Angel in Waiting: Lois Berry

Mary Virginia Merrick Award

The Board would like to again present the Mary Virginia Merrick Award to one of our dedicated members. We have many outstanding members who deserve this award. This award was given previously to Mary Liddell in 2008, Marjorie Bycraft in 2013, Marge Hosinski in 2015, and Joan Hardig in 2017. It will be presented at the Spring Mass and Luncheon on March 27, 2019 and given bi-annually.

We would like to have **all** Christ Child Members participate in choosing the member who will receive this award so we are asking for **your nominations**. Please complete the ballot and either mail it to the Christ Child Society office, email to president@christchildsb.org or drop it in the ballot box at the Center.

All ballots must be signed. One ballot per member please.

Nominees for the Award shall have demonstrated in whole or in part the following:

1. Inspiration and example for others to participate in or support the work and mission of Christ Child Society.
2. Visibility at Christ Child Society events in the form of attendance, advocacy and promotion.
3. General support of the Society by virtue of giving the gifts of time, work or financial resources.
4. Outstanding service to the work of the Society as a volunteer or officer of the Board of Directors.

NOMINATION FORM

FOR THE MARY VIRGINIA MERRICK AWARD TO BE GIVEN ON March 27, 2019

I would like to nominate for the Mary Virginia Merrick Award

In a few words tell us why you have chosen her/him for this award.

Signed: _____ Date _____

Deadline for nominations to be received is February 15, 2019

Mail completed nomination forms to: Christ Child Society, Attention: Susan Walsh, P.O. Box 1286, South Bend, IN 46624; attach form to an email and send it to president@christchildsb.org; or drop it in the ballot box in the office at the Center.

Children Ages Up to Five Years Old Eligible to Receive Free Book Monthly

The Dolly Parton Imagination Library has come to St. Joseph County! This amazing early childhood literacy program sends a free new book each month to any child enrolled in St. Joseph County from birth until their fifth birthday.

Christ Child Society is helping parents sign their children up for this wonderful program. When parents come into the Center, we ask all those with children under the age of five if they would like to fill out a form to enroll their child. If they agree, we go online to enroll that child that day. Parents have been enthusiastic about signing their children up for this program!

As of October 3 Christ Child has enrolled 178 children and hopes to sign up many more this year. If you would like to find out more about the program or sign up a child, go to the St. Joseph County Community Foundation website at cfsjc.org or call them at 574-232-0041.



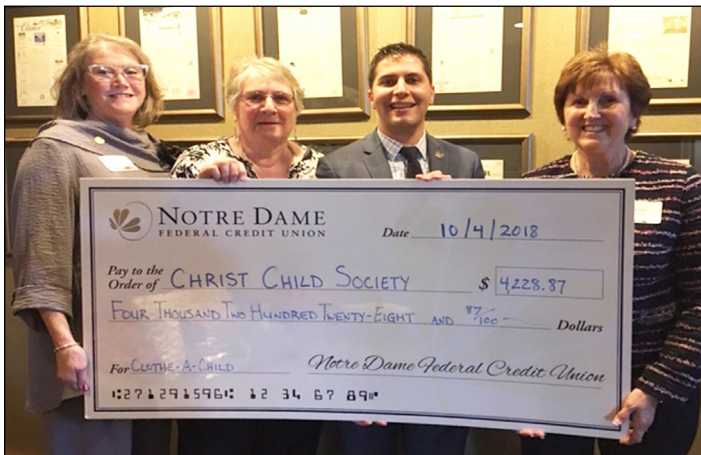
Jean Fuehrmeyer and Pat Falvey “make a difference” as they read with Our Lady of Hungary students.

“We LOVE Pete the Cat” was our welcome from a group of kindergarten students when they saw the cover of the book that was about to be read to them.

On Thursday, October 18, our chapter marked its participation in NCCS “Make a Difference Day” with a visit to Our Lady of Hungary Catholic School, located a just short drive from our Clothing Center. Five Christ Child members read, sang and followed the instructions from popular book character “Pete the Cat” to *just rock out* with the young learners.

Over 285 brand new books, ranging from bilingual picture books for the Pre-K students up to challenging non-fiction and fiction titles for the middle schoolers, were presented to school librarian Marlene Woodworth and appreciative students. The smiles, excitement and attentive listening showed that these students are on their way to a successful reading career.

Thank you to all who donated and participated in this rewarding event. It takes so little to make a difference in the life of a child!



At the October Fall Meeting/Luncheon Susan Walsh and Patricia Falvey, co-presidents, received a check from the Notre Dame Federal Credit Union for the Mitten Kids Clothe-a-Child II.

Symphony Orchestra Entertains St. Adalbert Students



Students and staff of St. Adalbert School were entertained with a mini symphony concert on October 4 in St. Adalbert Church in South Bend. Five members of the South Bend Symphony Orchestra, called “Symphony To Go,” visited and gave a short concert. Their goal is to teach their audience about the instrument they each play and demonstrate the sound each instrument contributes to the orchestra.

South Bend’s Christ Child has been a partner with St. Adalbert school working in various learning projects through the SUCCESS program. New opportunities are always being sought to give the students a new learning experience. This year the Board voted to financially support the students to attend the Youth Symphony Concert offered to all grade schools in the area. On November 12 the students from second grade through eighth grade of St. Adalbert school will board buses and head for the Morris Performing Arts Center for a concert by the South Bend Symphony. They are in for a real treat and Christ Child Society of South Bend can be proud for lending their support to this program.



Members Turn Into Announcers

On September 17 Susy Porter and Joan Hardig represented Christ Child for an hour live on Redeemer Radio - 95.7 promoting Redeemer's Sharathon as well as the Christ Child organization. - a win-win for both of us. Listeners called in their donations.

Thanks to all the Christ Child members who are generous supporters of Redeemer Radio. It is the only listener-supported Catholic station in the area and is not supported by the diocese.

Flowers for Sale!

Floral designer and owner of Poppies, Polly McCarthy is creating lovely floral centerpieces for our Let Love Shine Gala. Consider taking home a beautiful fresh flower arrangement from the gala while helping us recover some of the money from the decorating budget. Large arrangements available for \$40 and the slightly size for \$30.



Stay tuned as these will be available for pre-sale through the Let Love Shine website, www.bidpal.net.

Christmas Is Coming . . .

Once again the Christ Child Society has the privilege of wrapping gifts at the Notre Dame bookstore from December 13-24. Signup sheets are available at the Center on Wednesdays. You may also contact Marie Burt at joe.burt11@gmail.com or 271-5987 to schedule a time.

Past Presidents Meet for Review of Year's Activities



Seated for the annual Past Presidents' brunch and photo are Marcia Auger, Sue Walsh, Norma Villanucci and Kathy Seidl. Standing are Marge Hosinski, Sheila Emge, Sue Uhran, Judy Kuzmich and Debbie Spillman.

Among the items Sue Walsh, co-president, and the group discussed: the number of children served last year compared to the number so far this year; the new referral agencies and procedures; upgrading of Center computers; and the pros and cons of moving to a new location.



Fall Luncheon, October 4



Happy Faces, Happy Friends



Happy Times



Morris Park Country Club

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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. Brian Ching CSC

Father is currently in residence at Old College Undergraduate Seminary at Notre Dame.

After his ordination on April 6, 2013, he formerly was stationed at St. Joseph Parish in South Bend.

Wednesday, February 27, 2019

9:00 - 2:30

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

Please send reservations with your check for **\$17.00** payable to The Christ Child Society
to PO Box 1286 South Bend, IN

Price includes all food, drinks and the retreat. **Please include any special dietary needs**

Names(s) _____ Phone _____

Please park in the "East Lot" off Moreau Drive (old Douglas Rd.) We urge you to carpool because of the shortage of parking spaces. Enter through the lower level and someone will be at the door to greet and direct you.

An elevator is available to take you to the main level.

Questions contact: Sue Uhran (nsuhran@gmail) or Ruth Schmitz (gs4gd3@aol.com).

Registration Deadline February 18