Students Attend Symphony Concert

Christ Child Society members were invited to join the classes and staff of St. Adalbert School for the Young People’s Discovery Concert given by the South Bend Symphony at the Morris Performing Arts Center on November 14.

The audience was entertained with music by American composers with songs most of us know and love. The children were taught about the history of the music they were hearing, rhythm and timing. It was a unique innovative cross-curricular concert/classroom experience. Maestro Alastair Willis and the South Bend Symphony Orchestra performed with great gusto.

Three members who attended the concert and are responsible for making the SUCCESS program at St. Adalbert school so SUCCESSful are (right) Mary Lou Derwent, Charlie Quinn and his wife Judy. Mary Lou established the program in 2002 with Christ Child members who mentor the students of St. Adalbert. Charlie volunteers his time two to three mornings per week working with the upper grade students and Judy spends one day a week with the first and second graders helping them improve reading and math skills. They love the students at St. A’s and the students love having them and appreciate the time they personally give at the school.

Last year 6,000 students from 75 school groups participated in the concerts that were funded by local sponsors to lower the cost of each child attending. Christ Child can be proud of the support given to the SUCCESS Program.

A Glorious Evening -- November 8, 2018

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

How blessed we were to have Suzanne Wiwi say “yes” to the call to serve as our President-Elect! Most everyone in town is familiar with her name and her dedicated service to the South Bend Community. Most notably, Suzanne served as a teacher for 18 years, assistant principal for one year and principal of St. Joseph Grade School for 27 years. Throughout her career Suzanne has received many awards, among them the Mayor’s Key to the City, the Spirit of Holy Cross Award, and the Light of Learning Principal Award (twice). She chaired numerous committees primarily in the education field. She spearheaded getting St. Joseph Grade School eighth (now seventh) graders involved in volunteer work at the Christ Child Center, a project that still runs strong.

After taking a very short break from retirement, Suzanne was eager to become very involved in something again. And Christ Child became her new passion. In addition to volunteering at the Center on Wednesdays, Suzanne volunteered to take on the position of Scholarship Chair. Then when a vacancy for Community Volunteer Liaison came open, it was logical that Suzanne take that over as well. And so, on any given Wednesday when St. Joseph Grade School 7th graders come to the Center to volunteer, you can hear gleeful greetings of “Mrs. Wiwi, it’s so good to see you again.”

Yes, ‘Mrs. Wiwi’ we are delighted you stepped forward to continue to be a significant member of The Christ Child Society. Thank you for answering the call.

Let Love Shine Gala 2018

The beautiful Great Hall of The Century Center!

Exquisite centerpieces designed by Poppies!

Amazing meal! Open bar!

Heart of a Child Recipient

Indiana Trust Wealth Management!

Premier Sponsor: Weichert Realtors/Jim Dunfee and Assoc.

Silent Auction  Balloon Pop  Wine Pull

Bids for Kids

Live Auction

Fun cocktail hour!

Calendonia Kilty Bagpipers!

$120,000 net profit!!!

Thank you sponsors and participants for your support!

Executive Board

Co Presidents:
Susan Walsh
Patricia Falvey

President Elect:
Suzanne Wiwi

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Diane Lutomski

REMINDER

Mary Virginia Merrick award ballots are due February 15! If you haven’t sent yours in yet … hurry up! There is a copy of the ballot in the November newsletter which can be obtained online. We want and need your participation. This is your organization … be a part of it. You may even vote online. Just send your vote to president@christchildsb.org.

“From The Presidents” will return in the May issue.
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 friends 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:
Margaret Bell (Fran Austin)
Marge Bode (Fran Austin)
Pat Brucker (Jill Ross, Ed/Joan Hardig)
Alice Cleppe (Ann Korb, Peggy Bauer)
Amy Krok Cordaro (Ed/Joan Hardig, Nancy/Jack Pycik)
Ron Coville (Art/Mary Lou Houle)
Patrick Crowe (Fred/Ann Schmeideler)
Louis Demeter (Helen Diltz)
Maggie Dersel (Doojie Trant)
Bette Dippo (Kristyn Beaver, Joyce Jilek, Dawn Lamon, Peg Hartman)
Richard Dixon (Tom/Maureen Cahir)
Adali V. Goodhand (Winifred Vanden Bossche)
Mary Griesinger (Janice Goossens)
Deborah Hamann (Melanie Chapleau)
Paul Jacobs (Carolyn Chrzan)
Monica Jeffers (Ralph/Norma Villanucci)
Dorothy Haney Jennings (Marlene/Otto Martinice, Marijo Martinice)
Fred Kagel (Peg/Dean Riggs, Carol Bauer, Kathryn Screes, Frank/Marti Moriconi, Roy/Kay Ellgass)
Cleo Kowalski (Jenny/Bruce Micinski)
Kenneth Kyle (Ginger O'Hara)
Patricia Ann Lawler (JoAnne Tezich)
Robert E. Letherman (Ed/Julianne Hardig, Peg/Dean Riggs)
Alison Liddell (Neal/Linda Cason)
Gavin Lux (Janice Goossens)
Mike Mondovics (Joe/Marie Burt)
John Meuleman (Margaret Hosinski, Joan Bilzt)
Joyce Marie Meyer (Roy/Kay Ellgass, James/Kimberly Keultjes, Jim/Nancy Yohe)
Venita Miller (Joe/Marie Burt)
Jim Monserez (Jim/Carol Holt)
John S. Moss (Margaret Hosinski)
Evagene M. Murdock (Winifred Vanden Bossche, JoAnn Axelberg)
Nancy Seymour (Carol O'Malley)
Patrick O'Malley (Kathleen Beeler, Tuesley Hall Konopa, LLP, Peg/Dean Riggs, Helga Jean, Marjorie/John Bycraft, Peggy/Bob Krok, Christ Child Society Coat Room, Darel/Jeannie Dolan, Sharon James, Krugger Lawton & Company, LLP, Mary Ann Bachman, Ron/Jane)

IN MEMORIAM
Members
Alice Cleppe
Bette Dippo
Martha Hosinski
Maxine Wagner (Joan Fahey)
Bobby Walsh (Marcia/Tom Blum)
Bill Wheeler (Marcia/Tom Blum)
Irene Wiskotoni (Kathleen Jaroszowski)
Rocco Zappia (Jim/Carol Holt)

SPECIAL OCCASION:
Pat Chodzinski – Happy Birthday (M/M Andrew Sharp, M/M John Ponzo, Mary Tipps)
Fr. Donald Guertin – 90th Birthday (Patricia A. McCollough Flowers)
Mary/Jim Hesburgh – Happy New Year (Barbara Dillon)
Margaret Hosinski/Kathy Seidl (Indiana Trust)
Martha Hosinski – 99th Birthday – (Marie Weiss)
Kieran/Clara – Dad serving in Kuwait (Katy Gregg)
Fran Koepele – 80th Birthday (Carol Jacquay)
Patricia Paschke – Healing (Esther Cyr, Helen Diltz, Carol Bauer)
Katie Screes (Roy/Kay Ellgass)
Kathleen/Joseph Simeri – 50th Anniversary (Sam/Teresa Jermano)
Jackie Stevens – Get Well (Jim/Carol Holt)
Fr. Robert VanKemper – 25th Anniversary/Ordination (Carol Bauer)
James Yannes – Improved health (Florence Duersterberg)
Margie/Tom Yarger (Jim/Pat Short)
Peggy Bolstetter, June Brandner, Carolyn D’Andrea, Eileen Dial, Tracey Plenzler, Wendy Summers -- Thank You (Mary Jane Danner)

GUARDIAN ANGELS
A special membership category was established in 1998. A one time $1000 enrollment fee for deceased members or spouses, including 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 (243-0621)

Living Angel . . . . Sue Uhran
Christ Child Society of South Bend  
Fiscal YTD Report  
7/1/2017 to 6/30/2018

Beginning Cash Balance at 7/1/2017 ........$1,744,447  
Receipts:  
Membership and Dues .............................................$39,313  
Fundraising Income .............................................$150,371  
Donations, Grants, & Other Income ......................$108,346  
Endowment Income .............................................$9,188  
Total Receipts ..................................................$307,217

Disbursements:  
Mission Expense .............................................$233,275  
Fundraising Expense ...........................................$15,923  
General and Administrative ................................ $58,685  
Occupancy .......................................................$50,677  
Endowment Expense – Scholarships ....................$3,000  
Total Disbursements: .................................................$361,560

Net Cash Receipts/Disbursement related to Operations .................. ($54,342)

Indiana Trust Operating Fund Net Change....$34,481  
Indiana Trust Endowment Fund Net Change$63,156

Net Cash change for 2017-2018 YTD ............$43,295

Cash Balance at 6/30/2018 .......................$1,787,741

Cash Balance Detail at 6/30/2018

Unrestricted Funds:  
1st Source Bank Operating .........................$443,347  
Indiana Trust Operating Fund .......................$511,089  
Total Unrestricted Funds: ..............................$954,436

Restricted Funds:  
Indiana Trust Endowment Fund ......................$833,306

Total Cash at 6/30/2018 $1,787,741

“Let Love Shine” was a spectacular, glittery evening according to these four ladies - Jeanne Blad, Sue Seall, Suzy Porter and Diane Boehnlein.

BOOK CLUB

February 20  
The Rooster Bar  
by John Grishman  
Mary Jane Chase (233-7977)

March 20  
Crazy Rich Asians  
by Kevin Kwan  
Pat Falvey (703-3658)

April 17  
The Sun Does Shine  
by Anthony Ray Hinton  
Judy Kearns (273-9850)

Teddy Bear Toss at Notre Dame
Annual Mass, Meeting and Spring Luncheon
Wednesday, March 27, 2019

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

Offertry 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 mail checks to Christ Child Society, P.O. Box 1286, South Bend, IN 46624

Reservation Deadline - March 13

Briefs

Christmas Gift Wrapping
Once again the Notre Dame Bookstore invited Christ Child to offer complimentary gift wrapping to their customers. This year $3,446.03 was received in donations. A most sincere thank you to the ladies who giftwrapped during a busy holiday season. Don’t forget the “next place of business” will be graduation weekend May 17-19.

Informational Coffee
The informational coffee for prospective and new members will begin with a tour of the Clothing Center on Wednesday, May 8 at 9:30 AM in the Bethany Room at the Christ Child Center. Share the Christ Child story with your acquaintances by accompanying them to the coffee and providing Kristy Botich (574-291-7523) or wbotich@sbcglobal.net with their names and addresses so she may send them an invitation.

Annual Appeal 2018-19 Update
In December, the Annual Appeal mailing was sent to members and friends of the Christ Child Society. The campaign has brought in $45,500 from 211 donors to-date. Thanks to everyone who has contributed. We hope to reach our goal of $70,000+ by the end of the fiscal year in June. 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.christ-childsb.org/clothe-a-child.

Save the Date
Derby Day will be held on May 2 at the Blue Heron at Blackthorn. Tickets will be $30.00.

Spring Mass
Our Annual Spring Mass is on March 27 at 11 AM at St. Joseph’s Chapel at Holy Cross College. If you are currently a Lector or Minister of Holy Communion at your parish and are interested in serving at this Mass, or if you would like to be part of a Music Ministry (no experience necessary!), please contact Betsie Pendarvis at bpendarvis@gmail or 217-7251.

Members are asked to bring items to Mass for layettes. Suggested items are onesies, receiving blankets, sleepers or any clothing item - sizes newborn to 12 months.

Clothe-A-Child
Clothe A Child for 2018 was a huge success. Lots of ladies stepped up to the plate to get the work done. Much cutting, counting, transporting dolls to proper people was well worth it. We made about 18,000 dollars. Thanks to great supporters Martin’s, Mutual Bank and Notre Dame Federal Credit Union and to all the ladies for all their help.

Giving Tuesday
Many thanks for all who donated to help keep children warm and dry during the cold Indiana winter. Giving Tuesday brought in $4011.45 from 25 donors.

Christ Child is looking for a volunteer to head up Giving Tuesday 2019. The job involves registering Christ Child on the Giving Tuesday website, coming up with a good marketing plan that includes sending out emails and Facebook posts. It is a very simple project. Contact the Christ Child office if you are interested in helping.
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 1:30

Please send reservations with your check for $18.00 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.com) or Ruth Schmitz (gs4gd3@aol.com).

Registration Deadline February 18