



# Christ Child Society Newsletter

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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.

## Membership Renewal Deadline: May 15

By now you have received your membership renewals. These must be returned by May 15 for the directory to be distributed no later than September 1. Time is needed for the committee to input all the information sent by members, to lay out the directory and to have the new directory printed. If a member does not respond by May 15, her information will **not** be in the directory. No phone calls will be made to remind you that your renewal form and check have not be received.

## Executive Board

- President:  
Norma Villanucci
- President Elect:  
Kathy Seidl
- Vice President (Fundraising):  
Pat Corcoran
- Vice President (Membership):  
Carol Holt
- Vice President (Clothing):  
Norma Cherry
- Recording Secretary:  
Kelly Ghyselink
- Corresponding Secretary:  
Rose Wray
- Treasurer:  
Pat Hillebrand

## 'Let Love Shine' Dinner Auction News!

Planning has begun for the September 13 event. We need your help with the Live Auction portion of the evening. We are looking for unique items or packages with a local or regional flair that will really get the bidding going. Our committee is tossing around ideas ranging from Special Behind the Scenes Tours to Large Dinner Parties. We need your input, too. Please contact Jan Williams (258-4301 or janetleeanne@att.net) with your great ideas!

Local businesses will receive underwriting letters soon. If you know of a local business that you think would be interested in supporting our mission, please contact Mary (mhdiddell@gmail.com or 243-0259) or Beth (ehbarrett@comcast.net or 286-9047).

## Are You Planning on The Mother's Day Tea?

The Mother's Day Tea (named because it's close to Mother's Day) will take place on May 9 at the Hilton Garden Inn from noon to 2 pm. If you haven't made a reservation yet, call Janet Paul (287-5338). Late reservations will be taken based on availability.

Tricia Sloma of WNDU will emcee the event and Stephenson's of Elkhart will present a style show with Christ Child members as models. A raffle will be held with three fun themed gift baskets and an exquisite quilt handmade by our own Linda Rakow.

Tickets are \$30.00 each and the menu will consist of complimentary champagne, soup de jour, tea sandwiches, assorted sweets, and, of course, tea!

## Detroit to Host National Convention

This fall the National Christ Child Convention will be in Detroit, Michigan, September 21-23 at the Westin Book-Cadillac. This would be a great opportunity for members to attend the convention since Detroit is just three to four hours away by car. Since it is close, you wouldn't have to commit to the entire weekend.

If you do attend, you will meet women in other chapters and hear what their chapters are doing and gain valuable information from your trip. Further information regarding the convention will be forthcoming in the next couple of months. Please keep this in mind.

## Calendar

- May 2,16,23..... Restock/Inventory  
Center 9:00 AM
- May 9 .....Mother's Day Tea  
Hilton Garden Inn  
Noon - 2 PM
- May 15 .....Membership Renewal  
Deadline
- May 16 ..... New Members' Coffee  
Center 9:30 AM
- MAY 21 ..... Board Meeing  
Center 9:30 AM
- MAY 23 ..... In Memoriam Mass  
St. Patrick's Chapel 12:15 PM

## From the President . . . Norma Villanucci

May is the month of Our Lady and also the month that we celebrate Mother's Day. As a young girl, I remember vividly the yearly May processions honoring the Blessed Mother. This event was always so beautiful and touching as we were dressed all in white carrying bouquets and singing songs to honor Mary. These were such wonderful memories that will last forever. Enjoy the month of May!

Our spring Mass and luncheon was a great hit this year. Our Mass was at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart and our luncheon at the Morris Inn. We had a very nice crowd and the menu was delicious. Many thanks to all those who donated lovely baby items that were brought for the Offertory. Also, thanks to Linda Brammer and Sandy Krizmanich for organizing this event and all their hard work. Great job ladies!

Membership forms have gone out and if you have not mailed your form in please do so ASAP. Our deadline is May 15.

Our new member coffee is Wednesday, May 16, at 9:30 AM at the Clothing Center. Please try to make this coffee and meet our new members. We will be welcoming the new members and giving them a tour of our Center. It would be nice to have a good group of members to be on hand.

During the last month, the ladies at the Center have been extremely busy unloading boxes of clothing along with sorting and counting as we prepare for a new season in August. There has been a pouring of assistance from so many ladies and a huge thanks to them for all their hard work and support.

Words of Wisdom for May from Mother Teresa: "Kind words can be short and easy to speak, but their echoes are truly endless."

## We Have Come a Long Way Baby

by Norma Cherry.

Jane Horning is retiring from her position as Used Clothing Chair at the Center. I wanted to know what her feelings were after working there for over 30 years. "I have loved every single minute of Christ Child," Jane said, "and you know what really impresses me is how these ladies (and men) work here year after year. I think of them a lot and the ones who have passed away. If you have a problem at home or have lost someone, the Center's a place to come for comfort and to forget your worries and have fun."

She and I started singing that old 80's song "Don't Worry, Be Happy." That pretty much is Jane's philosophy on life too. Whether she was working on fundraisers or luncheons or In Memoriams or her stint as president, she always had a smile and a positive attitude.

There were other ladies who made that department great, too, such as Anne Mc Minn, Dee Tepe and Katy Cressy. Anne helped run the Used Clothing room for many years. Dee first solicited the 14 Catholic Grade Schools in our area and did the pick up and deliveries herself. Then she added day care centers and started asking other women to help. Dee said they used to put the clothing in banana boxes; now we have nice plastic bins. Instead of a dark dungeon of a room in the basement like at the old church ours is bright and sunny. Back then we had about 30 churches etc. that we collected from. Katy Cressy became in charge of the Motor Corp. and now we have over 45 sites in Michiana, and 35 or so volunteers who pick up from the sites.

Like they say in the commercials, "We have come a long way baby" thanks to the dedication of our volunteers.

## April Board Meeting

Plans are moving along for the dinner auction. Mary Liddell and Beth Barrett are working on securing underwriters and moving forward with BidPal or Auctions by Cellular.

Pat Corcoran briefed the board on the new scholarship recipients.

The new member coffee will be on the 16th of May. Carol Holt has a few people signed up. Judy Kuzmich suggested "advertising" the event by putting a letter in parish bulletins inviting potential new members.

Norma Villanucci thought it would be a good idea to get new signage for the Center. The signs would clearly spell out hours for the Center and would be in both Spanish and English.

### Christ Child Society Bequests

A gift in your will (a bequest) is the most traditional way to provide significant help to carry out the mission of The Christ Child Society of South Bend, Indiana. It will provide layettes and clothing each year for thousands of needy children in our community.

Your gift in your will can be a specific dollar amount, a percentage or a part of your residuary estate. A gift can be made to the Endowment Fund or to the General Fund. For example:

#### Specific Bequest

"I give to The Christ Child Society, Inc. of South Bend, Indiana, Endowment Fund the sum of \_\_\_\_\_ dollars."

"I give to The Christ Child Society, Inc. of South Bend, Indiana, General Fund the sum of \_\_\_\_\_ dollars."

#### Percentage Bequest

"I give to The Christ Child Society, Inc. of South Bend, Indiana, Endowment Fund \_\_\_\_\_% of my estate."

"I give to The Christ Child Society, Inc. of South Bend, Indiana, General Fund \_\_\_\_\_% of my estate."

#### Residuary Bequest

"I give all the rest, residue and remainder of my estate to The Christ Child Society, Inc. of South Bend, Indiana, Endowment Fund."

"I give all the rest, residue and remainder of my estate to The Christ Child Society, Inc. of South Bend, IN, General Fund."

Deadline for next newsletter

May 21

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 Jane Horning (272-4160)

### In Memoriam

Frances Ann Campbell  
(Marcia/Tom Blum)  
Doris Clark (Mary Martin)  
Dorothy DiGann (Margaret  
Hosinski, The B Girls)  
John Doran (Thomas G  
Wack)  
Father Paul Doyle's Brother  
(Marcia/Tom Blum)  
Father Tom Doyle's Mother  
(Marcia/Tom Blum)  
Richard Emge (Nancy Don-  
nelly, Edward/Joan Har-  
dig, Margaret Hosinski,  
David Rodebaugh, Jim/  
Pat Short)  
Robert Glenn (Trudy  
Strantz)  
Mary Harper (Wendy Bog-  
nar)  
Pat Harrison (American  
Inks & Technology Ltd.,  
Marie Brady, Scott/Lisa  
Dejong, 1<sup>st</sup> Source Bank  
Personal Asset Manage-  
ment Group, Debbie  
Harrison, Kim Lis, Pat/  
Frank McLaughlin, Tom/  
Pat Murray, Barbara/  
James Niesman, Deb-  
bie/Bob Rosenfeld,  
Dave/Sharon Slade,  
Doojie/Jack Trant,  
Heather/Bruce/Brian  
Trant, University of Notre  
Dame)  
Marie Housand (Nancy/Jack  
Pycik)  
Loren Richard Howe (Win-  
nie VandenBossche)  
Helene Janowski (Trudy  
Strantz)  
Ruth Leonard (Frank/Cathie  
Taelman)

### In Memoriam

Member  
Patricia Ann McLaughlin  
  
Husband  
John Shanley

Donald Magee (Pat/Frank  
McLaughlin)  
John Patrick Riordan (Dr.  
John/Marilyn Toepp)  
Theresa Sferrino (Toni  
Kowalski)  
Aidan Sheeran (Pat/Frank  
McLaughlin)  
Lewis Whitehead (Mary  
Ann/Bernie Randall)  
Virginia Welsh (Mercedes  
Davy)  
Rita Wilson (Deb/Mike Low)  
Joseph Wroblewski (Joan  
M Biltz)

### Special Occasion

Joanne Bauer - Happy  
Birthday (Randy/Eliza-  
beth Styles)  
Fred/Katherine Kagel - 50<sup>th</sup>  
Wedding Anniversary  
(Mary/Ed Kubiak)  
Marguerite Koch - 90<sup>th</sup>  
Birthday (Marie/Joe Burt,  
Elizabeth Goeller)  
In Honor of Libby and Marie  
Ann/Hersh Riley (Carol  
Bauer)  
Slamis Family (Bob/Carol  
Loeffler)  
The Rileys (Mike/Deb Low)  
Kathleen Welsh (Carol  
Bauer)

March 24, 2012

Dear Members of the Christ Child Society,

I am the new social worker for the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at Memorial Hospital and I would like to thank you for the beautiful layettes you provide for our families in need.

Many of our parents are low income or single parents and they deeply appreciate the layettes. I was just with a couple and they were so excited with the beautiful clothes and hand crocheted sweater and hat.

Please know that your time and generosity are greatly appreciated. Thank you for all that you do to make other people's lives happy!

Sincerely,  
Kathleen McKernan MSU  
Clinical Social Worker

### Book Club

*My Name is Mary Sutter*

by Robin Oliveiva

May 18

Mary Jane Chase (233-7977)

## Christ Child Society 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 honored with their names appearing on a plaque in the Christ Child Society office. The family of the deceased will receive an enrollment certificate. Each angel will be 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 pre-enroll in the program. These "angels in waiting" will be kept on a special list and officially enrolled upon their deaths.

Please refer any questions to  
Vicki Riel (289-0768).

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## Happy Mother's Day!

*Mother's Day is May 13 and we suggest you consider honoring that special woman in your life with a donation to the Clothe-A-Child Campaign. Sixty dollars (\$60) will provide a layette to a newborn and seventy-five dollars (\$75) will clothe a child. A note acknowledging your gift will be sent to the recipient at your request.*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ In Memory of

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ In Honor of

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_

Please send your check for \$60 or \$75 to:

*Happy Mother's Day! Christ Child Society, P.O. Box 1286, South Bend, IN 46624*

\*Check here if you want the individual notified of your gift. \_\_\_\_\_