



# THE CHRIST CHILD SOCIETY

February 2013

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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.

### Executive Board

- President:  
Kathy Seidl
- President Elect:  
Judy Kuzmich
- Vice President (Fundraising):  
Peg Riggs
- Vice President (Membership):  
Anne Watson
- Vice President (Clothing):  
Sue Walsh
- Recording Secretary:  
Mary Kay Bean
- Corresponding Secretary:  
Rose Wray
- Treasurer:  
Pat Hillebrand

### CALENDAR

- Feb 6,13,20,27 ..... Restock/  
Inventory Center 9:00 am
- Feb 19 . . . . . Board Meeting  
Center 9:30 AM
- Feb 21 . . . . . Day of Prayer/  
Reflection Moreau Seminary
- Feb 27.....In Memoriam Mass  
St. Patrick's 12:15 PM
- Mar 27 .....Spring Mass/  
Luncheon  
Basilica of Sacred Heart  
Morris Park Country Club

## Take a Day Off Just For You

### Christ Child Day of Prayer and Reflection at Moreau Seminary on Douglas Road

*Take Time to Reflect on Your Faith  
and  
How to Strengthen It  
in This Graced "Year of Faith"*

given by Rev. Peter D. Rocca CSC Basilica of Sacred Heart, Notre Dame

**Thursday, February 21, 2013  
8:30 - 3:00**

Donut holes, fruit, coffee, tea	8:30 - 9:15 AM
Morning Reflection	9:30 AM
Mass	11:15 AM
Lunch	12:00
Reflection and Benediction	1:00 - 3:00 PM

Please send reservation and your check for \$15 payable to Christ Child Society to Jean Fuehrmeyer, 19461 Cottage Court, South Bend 46637 Questions? Call Jean (855-3028) or Mary Beth McGrath (621-2699)

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ phone \_\_\_\_\_

**Deadline February 14, please**

### Member Honored for Community Work

One of the Drum Majors honored at the Martin Luther King Jr. Community Recognition Breakfast on January 21 was Christ Child member Alice Crowley. Named by South Bend Mayor Pete Buttigieg, Alice was recognized for her 25 years of service as a volunteer at Saint Joseph Medical Center where she has devoted more than 28,855 hours. She has also worked as an aide with students with disabilities in the South Bend Community School Corporation for more than 12 years. A Christ Child member since 1970, Alice also visits residents of Dujarie House at Holy Cross Village.

## From the President . . . . . Kathy Seidl

Happy New Year to everyone! I wish you and your families good health and happiness in 2013, hoping also that you all had a wonderful Christmas holiday with your family and friends. There is so much planning that goes into the holidays and then it is over in a flash. You just get out all the decorations, take care of the meal preparations and parties and then it is time to put everything away.

Our Annual Pot Luck Luncheon was held on December 5 at the Center. We had a full house, lots of laughing, telling jokes and friends doing what we do best...enjoying each other's company. It was almost standing room only. I am here to tell you that Christ Child has some TERRIFIC cooks! Everything was delicious and no one went away hungry. Thank you to all who contributed food and attended. It was also suggested that we might want to do a pot luck periodically throughout the year. Might not be a bad idea.

Thanks to all who participated in the Clothe-A-Child fund drive. We have raised over \$50,000 as of January 20. Thank you to everyone for your generosity.

Thank You too to the following businesses that remembered Christ Child in December:

- Kruggel Lawton Accounting Firm employees had a drive to bring in new clothing for the Center. We received a huge box of clothing from them.
- The Realtors Association held their annual holiday luncheon and auction. Christ Child Society and the Food Bank of Indiana shared in the money earned from the auction. It was a very generous donation.
- The South Bend Roller Derby Girls collected money for Christ Child at one of their roller derby events.

The last day for clients was January 16. Now the fun of inventory and restocking begins. We will take a couple of weeks off to relax and recuperate and then be back to the stock rooms.

Deadline for the Day of Recollection reservations is February 14. This day of retreat is a wonderful opportunity to prepare ourselves for Lent, take some time to reflect on your life and connect with other Christ Child members.

Don't forget that we have Bruce Langton prints available for sale, a new style travel coffee mugs and sweatshirts. If you are interested in purchasing one of the Langton prints, contact Kathy Seidl or Judy Kuzmich. If you would like either the mugs and/or sweatshirts, call Jane Kanouse.

We miss you snowbirds!

## The Little Blue Sweater

by Norma Cherry

There are many things in our lives that conger up symbolic meanings - the Statue of Liberty , the Virgin Mary, Ellis Island and sometimes something as small as a little blue sweater.

Three years after our local chapter was founded, "Rosie" Shafer became a member. Most Wednesdays you would find her sitting in used clothing sorting clothes and sharing stories with the girls. I liked to think of her as a pot stirrer; when the soup settles you stir the pot to get things going. There was always laughter coming out of that room with all the jokes.

One Wednesday she did not show up and we found out that "our little fire-cracker " had had a massive stroke. The family at Christ Child sent letters, and cards and visited her, but most importantly we prayed. It was a long haul before she became better.

One of her friends wanted to do something special for us, since Rosie talked about Christ Child and her family of friends at the Center. Her friend who had never knitted before made a gift for us as a thank you.

When I looked at the little blue sweater it was more than a piece of clothing. It became a symbol of prayer and hope and God's love ,and Rosie's pure desire to be with all of us again.

Well, she is back, and she is still telling her jokes. The room is filled with laughter and the sound is just pure joy!

## Derby Day

A Kentucky Derby luncheon and fashion show will be held Wednesday, May 1 at the Windsor Park Conference Center in Mishawaka. Danny from Stevenson's in Elkhart will provide the latest spring and summer apparel for our Christ Child models. A gourmet southern lunch is planned and in keeping with the theme a win, place and show raffle will be held.

Mark the date for Derby Day on your calendar and do be looking for that perfect hat to compliment your outfit. Watch for your invitation in early April and be sure to include your friends in your reservation.



February

- 1 Diane Boehnlein
- 1 Anne Crossen
- 1 Mary Lou Derwent
- 1 Donna Kyle
- 1 Marilyn Stafford
- 4 Mary Ann O'Connell
- 6 Marian Bickel
- 12 Marilyn Bartkowiak
- 12 Lois Leliaert
- 12 Kerry Wallace
- 14 Barbara Lutomski
- 14 Jean Watts
- 15 Patricia Corcoran
- 17 Joan Hardig
- 19 Darlene Heck
- 19 Kay Schultz
- 20 Sandra Gorski
- 21 Martha Moriconi
- 23 Mercedes Davy
- 26 Rosalia Acklin
- 27 Denise Brenner
- 27 Judith Thomas
- 28 Mary Tipps

Deadline for next newsletter  
February 19

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

Desmond Corey Adams  
(Carol/Don Nash)  
Rhonda Anthofer (Dale/Amy  
Patterson)  
John Frank Alteio (Pat/Frank  
McLaughlin)  
Betty Beatty (JoAnn Axel-  
berg)  
Helen Bigos (M/M Walter  
Lahti, Bill/Madelyn Nash,  
Carol Sullivan)  
Terry Blila (Peggy Bauer)  
Jean Ellen Brown (Bill  
Killilea, Marlene/Otto  
Martinec, Marijo Martinec,  
Kari Wuszke)  
Bob Cervelli (Helen Diltz,  
Fred/Katherine Kagel,  
Rosemary Shafer, Mary  
Tice)  
Sue Cholis (Tony/Julianne  
Mroczkiewicz, Loretta  
Chillag, Darlene Heck,  
Martha Hosinski, Ann  
Korb, Tee/Cal Miller)  
John E Doran (Joe Wack,  
Katie Croshier)  
Ginny Dukes (Ann Korb,  
Tee/Cal Miller)  
Jack Earl (Kay Houser)  
Margurite Felten (Mary Tice)  
Barbara Glossinger (Mary  
Tice)  
Robert A "Bobby" Gnoth  
(Winnie VandenBossche)  
Jeannie Hayes (Christ Child  
Society)  
Marian L Hollister (Winnie  
VandenBossche)  
David A Hosinski (M/M Tim  
Conroy)  
Andrew Keber (Bill/Jan  
Killilea)  
Donald J Kempa (Marlene/  
Otto Martinec)  
Jim Kollada (Bill/Jan Killilea)  
Dr. Donald E Kotoske  
(Christ Child Society,  
Barnes & Thornburg, LLP,  
Roger/Dianne Benko,  
Bill/Marian Bickel, Clark/

### In Memoriam

Member  
Audrey Vagner  
Husband  
Dr. Donald E Kotoske  
Daughter  
Jeannie Hayes  
Son  
James A Sevryn

Cathy Carmichael, Kay/  
Frank Catanzarite, Adele  
A Danny, Palmena/  
Sherman Deal, Nancy  
Germano, Catherine  
Hiler, Anne Kotoske, M/M  
James E Houk, Terry/  
Susan Iwasko, Catherine  
Koscielski, M/M Brian  
Lake, Laura Leblang,  
Elizabeth (Betty) Mit-  
tiga, Edward Nieser, Dr.  
Edwin/Martha Swigart,  
Tuesley Hall & Konopa,  
University of Notre Dame,  
Office of Human Re-  
sources)  
Frank Kudlaty (Kay Houser)  
Arthur Largent (Marlene/  
Otto Martinec)  
Richard Lauer (The Jun &  
Remley Families)  
Alison Liddell (Neal/Linda  
Cason)  
Hugh Locker (Dale/Amy Pat-  
terson)  
Sophie Maciag (Carol/Don  
Nash)  
Doris Maloney (Dan Ryan)  
Martha Melander (Mary  
Tice)  
Sister Shelia Ann Madden,  
SCN (Florence Duester-  
berg)  
Dorothy McCracken (Mar-  
lene/Otto Martinec)  
Patricia Ann McLaughlin  
(Carol Holt)  
Ann Marie Monhaut (Kay/  
Frank Catanzarite)  
John Paul (Marlene/Otto  
Martinec)

Ed Pfaeffle (Marge Hosinski)  
Rocco Rodino (Bill/Marian  
Bickel)  
James A Sevryn (Christ  
Child Society, Mary Ellen  
Brennan, Gratia Eades,  
Barbara Dillon, Florence  
Duesterberg)  
John Schmiedeler (Fred/Ann  
Schmiedeler)  
Alex Kalil Schuster (Suzette/  
Bill Lentz)  
Tyler Shafer (Edward/Joan  
Hardig)  
Paul Sweeney (Edward/  
Joan Hardig)  
Irmgard Tervooren (Darlene  
Heck)  
Connie Troeger (Mary Lou  
Grunawalt)  
Audrey Vagner (Christ Child  
Society, Margaret O'Neil)  
Mary/Terry Vernon (M/M  
Brian Lake)  
Rick Waldron (Bill/Marian  
Bickel)  
Marian Wendowski (Esther  
Cyr, Helen Diltz)  
Bob Williams (Mary Tice)  
Gladys Wojtasik (Patricia M  
Huston)  
Joan York (Marlene/Otto  
Martinec)  
Michael J Yugas (Carol Bau-  
er, Pat/Frank McLaughlin)  
**Special Occasion**  
Dee Andrysiak - Complete  
Recovery (Dr. John/Mari-  
lyn Toepp)  
Jack Balint - Complete Re-  
covery (Dr. John/Marilyn  
Toepp)  
Noreen Busch - Praying  
for Complete Recovery  
(Karen/Darrell Barnett)  
John Bycraft - Get Well  
(Carol/Jim Holt)  
Barb Fedder - Thank You  
(Norma Cherry, Mary  
Beth McGrath, Dee Tepe,  
Dottie Wallace, Rose  
Wray)  
Pat Fewell - Get Well (Jim/  
Nancy Yohe)  
Tom Foley - Recovery (Ann/  
Dave Jones)  
Timarie Freeman - Prayer  
for Good Health (Merrill/  
Janet Crull)  
Jim Gibbons (Carol Bauer)  
Elizabeth Goeller (Joe/Marie  
Burt)  
Dolores Hawkins - Merry  
Christmas (Edward/Joan  
Hardig)  
Heartfelt Thanks (Tee/Cal  
Miller)  
Illness (Elizabeth Goeller)  
Bob/Patty Kaniewski - 50<sup>th</sup>  
Wedding Anniversary  
(Jeanine/Dave Wideman)  
Tom/Mary Liddell - In Honor  
(Greg Ketcham)  
Lisa - Full Recovery (Roy/  
Kay Ellgass)  
Phyllis Miller (Joe/Marie  
Burt)  
Ken Miller - Good Health  
(Joe/Marie Burt)  
Marcie/Harry Niemier - 60<sup>th</sup>  
Wedding Anniversary  
(Fred/Katherine Kagel)  
Bob Nolan - 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday  
(MaryLou Mullen)  
Mrs. Ralph Przeworski -  
90<sup>th</sup> Birthday (Elizabeth  
Goeller)  
Nancy Sabbe - Get Well  
(Carol/Jim Holt)  
Maurice/Dorothy Schultze -  
Good Health (Joe/Marie  
Burt)  
Tom/Gerry Sterna - 50<sup>th</sup>  
Wedding Anniversary  
(Marge Hosinski, Jim/  
Carol Holt)  
Mari Tellson - Get Well (M/M  
James Yohe)  
Damon H Tice - Anniversary  
(Mary Tice)  
Earl/Nancy Vandygriff - Mer-  
ry Christmas (Edward/  
Joan Hardig)

## Junior League Honors Christ Child President

Anyone who has worked with Kathy Seidl can testify to her energy, passion, determination and talent that bring a sense of order and success to all she does. Those of us in Christ Child have seen her in action-organizing a fundraiser, rallying the troops, or bringing consensus to a difficult issue.

On December 8<sup>th</sup>, The Junior League of South Bend formally honored Kathy and her more than 20 years of service to nonprofit agencies at their Holiday Ball. "Kathy Seidl's leadership and fundraising efforts in many organizations in the South Bend community have had a lasting impact," said Laura Schaefer Hyde, president of The Junior League of South Bend. "She gives selflessly of her time and talents, inspiring others. She is what every volunteer should aspire to."

The Mary Lou Schwartz Award is presented each year to a woman from the community who embodies the spirit of the late Mary Lou Schwartz in her volunteer work of fundraising. Ms. Schwartz was a longtime member of The Junior League of South Bend, Inc. and a respected volunteer in our community.

Christ Child is blessed to benefit from Kathy's varied experience in leadership and fundraising, both in school settings and in more broad based community organizations such as the American Heart Association and the St. Vincent DePaul Society. It's often easier to bestow an honor or compliment than to receive one, but this one is well earned.

Congratulations and thank you, Kathy, for your efforts on behalf of so many!

## Cooking Class Fun



At a cooking class mini fundraiser in December are (l to r) Rose Wray, Dee Tepe, Dottie Wallace, chef Barb Fedder and Mary Beth McGrath. Barb hosted a mini fundraiser for Christ Child at her home, teaching her "students" how to make kiffles and the Lebanese cookie maamoul.. She has even made a cookbook for her children with the heirloom recipes from her family.

Her students had so much fun that they told her she needed to make this an annual affair.

## January Board Highlights

- Nominations for the 2013/2014 Board are currently being taken by Norma Villanucci. Suggestions by members are welcomed and encouraged.
- Day of Recollection will be held on Thursday, February 21, at the Moreau Seminary. For more information please see Mary Beth McGrath.
- The Mary Virginia Merrick Award will be presented at the spring luncheon, March 27. Please send nominations to Judy Kuzmich by February 28.
- Invitations for our first Derby Day will be mailed out in late March. This spring fling will have a horse theme along with a fashion show and will take place May 1 at Windsor Park. Tickets will be \$10.00 per person. Everyone is asked to wear their "Derby Hat".
- Linda Brammer is this year's Let Love Shine chairperson on October 10 at the new Morris Inn. Many, many volunteers are needed; contact Linda Brammer.
- The Christ Child Society is always looking for new members. If you know anyone who might be interested in joining us, please bring her to tour the Center.
- This client year Christ Child clothed 4,055 children, serving 1,597 families.

## 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).

**Newest Member: Joseph F. Dillon**

## Correction

Please change your Christ Child directory to show the correct phone number for Sharon Harlozinski: 289-3286

## Book Club

*Thunderstruck*

by Eric Larson

February 20

Mary Ann Derda (232-2561)

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**NOMINATION FORM FOR THE MARY VIRGINIA MERRICK AWARD  
TO BE GIVEN ON MARCH 27, 2013**

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 28, 2013**

**Mail completed nomination forms to Christ Child Society, Attn. Judy Kuzmich  
P.O. Box 1286, South Bend, IN 46624  
or drop it in the ballot box in the office at the Center.**

**Pot Luck Get-Together at the Center**



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## Annual Mass and Spring Luncheon

### Wednesday, March 27, 2013

Mass will begin at 10:00 AM at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Notre Dame  
Luncheon Meeting following Mass at the Morris Park Country Club

Lunch choices: \_\_\_\_\_ Grilled Chicken Wrap      \_\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian Cobb Salad

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

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ number of reservations at \$25.00      \_\_\_\_\_ total enclosed  
(Make checks payable to Christ Child Society)

Please send reservations to Linda Brammer, 3002 Miami Street, South Bend 46614

**Reservation Deadline - March 22, 2013**