



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.

Executive Board

President:

Linda Brammer

President Elect:

Norma Villanucci

Vice President (Fundraising):

Kay Houser

Vice President (Membership):

Ann Riley

Vice President (Clothing):

Norma Cherry

Recording Secretary:

Kelly Ghyselinc

Corresponding Secretary:

Madeline Gaughan

Treasurer:

Pat Hillebrand

Calendar

Feb. 2,9,23 Clothing Center
Restock/Inventory 9 AM
Feb. 17 Day of Recollection
Moreau Seminary 9:30 AM
Feb. 22 Board Meeting
Center, 9:30 AM
Feb. 25 In Memoriam Mass
St. Patrick's 12:15 PM
March 16 Annual Mass
St. Patrick's, 10 AM
March 16 Luncheon Meeting
Gillespie Center, following Mass

CCS Given Annual Bishop's Appeal Grant

The Christ Child Society of South Bend was the recipient of a \$2,500 grant from the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. This generous grant was presented from the Annual Bishop's Appeal by mail from the Most Reverend Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades. Christ Child is most grateful to receive this support from the diocese to continue its mission of clothing needy children and infants in the love and spirit of the Christ Child.

Gurley Leep Presents Home Team Hero Award

The Christ Child Society has been given the "Home Team Hero Award" from Gurley Leep Automotive Group. They give this grant weekly, and it comes with a \$500.00 award. WSBT-TV tapes the presentation of the check and highlights the recipient periodically during a week. The week Christ Child Society will be featured is January 31-February 4 with a special interview/ceremony broadcast between 6:00-6:30 AM on Friday, the 4th.

Linda Brammer went to the showroom on Grape Road for the taping and received the check from James Leep. What a magnanimous organization to recognize groups or individuals trying to do something good in our community! The Christ Child Society is honored by this award, and very grateful for the gift. Thank you Gurley Leep!

The Spotlight is on ...

Emily

Early in the fall as the temperatures began to dip, a call came into the Center from "Emily." The caller left a message on the CCS machine explaining that she just wanted to make sure it was OK with us if she would come on Wednesday mornings to hand out blankets and hot chocolate to the people waiting in line. She had been there the previous Wednesday, accompanying a client, and had experienced how cold it could get standing out in those early morning temperatures.

The following Wednesday we did notice some people come in with blankets wrapped around their shoulders, but in the rush of 75-80 clients entering the Center all at once, there wasn't any time to go outside and say "hello" to Emily. By the time the clients were settled and greeted, Emily was gone, after cleaning up any cups or blankets left behind.

Emily came 4 or 5 weeks in a row, and, finally, we got a chance to meet her. She wouldn't give her last name, not wanting any personal recognition, and said she worked for a social service agency. The blankets were purchased with private donations which she raised, and she provided the hot chocolate. It was just her way of doing an act of kindness. We thanked her for her generosity. Just thought you would enjoy hearing about the good things which happened inside our Center, as well as OUTSIDE the Center. The spotlight is on ... Emily whoever you are!

From the President Linda Brammer

What a beautiful January this has been! I happen to love snow. Even though the ice has ripped off a portion of gutter on my house for the third consecutive year, I still think the snow makes everything beautiful. The icicles have been spectacular!

I'm also happy to know that nearly 4,500 children in St. Joe County are warm and cozy in their new jackets, hats and mittens. As we complete our clothing distribution cycle, we will have clothed a record number of children at the Center this year. Bigger numbers are not good news, per se, but it is a testament to the dedication and generosity of so many people that we were able to serve the need.

The Holiday Benefit surpassed our wildest expectations! It was a beautiful event, a packed house, with delicious food and fun entertainment. But best of all, it made a record profit! Congratulations to Kathy Seidl and Sue Uhran, and their talented committee for their dedication and hard work. Kudos to Diane Coiro, and her committee, for rounding up an amazing array of auction items. Not surprisingly, these ladies think they have an idea which could make this important fund raiser even better next year! Stay tuned!

We are now in the final weeks of clothing distribution, and inventory has already begun. Following inventory we will be purchasing, receiving deliveries, unpacking, and restocking. There is always work to be done by anyone who wants to come to the Center and roll up her sleeves. This is also the time of year we schedule our annual Day of Recollection.

Please consider attending this wonderful day of rest and prayer and renewal. After the busy clothing season we all need to take a breath, pause and reflect. Moreau Seminary is such a peaceful location, and don't forget that it includes lunch! There is still time to get your reservation in before the February 9 deadline. The details are on page 5.

From the January Board Meeting . . .

The Board had a lot of info to cover this month as it did not meet last month. First on the agenda was the treasurer's report and Pat Hillebrand gave us a look at what we are expecting for the coming year and where we have been.

Peg Riggs presented a great wrap up of the Christmas present program. We received 19 requests and served 34 children. Nice Job. Peg, that is a lot of work.

The Board was also presented a wrap up of the Christmas Luncheon. We had a great turnout this year and exceeded all expectations.

The agenda also included talk of new clothing budget and ways that Christ Child can serve the children better with our resources. The Board decided that some changes need to be made and we are looking forward to the New Clothing committee coming up with those.

Grants are in the works for some proposed building maintenance including some tuck pointing, plumbing and door work.

Looking ahead, the board discussed the upcoming Day of Recollection Feb 17 at 9:30 AM and the Spring Luncheon.

Book Club Selection

A Tree Grows in Brooklyn
by Betty Smith
February 16
Maureen Jones (272-3911)

Deadline for next newsletter
February 21

Ann Korb (277-6443)
ack339@aol.com



Ben Soukup, Linda Brammer's grandson, was a model at the holiday luncheon. His sister Olivia and Murphy Farrell also modelled.

Christ Child 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."

Holiday Benefit Luncheon Sets Record for Most Successful

The 2010 Holiday Luncheon cleared \$67,579.63, the most profitable event ever. Four hundred and eighty people attended the event held December 2 at the Gillespie Center at the Hilton Garden Inn.

A successful Silent Auction listed about 280 items. The style show featured outfits from Inspire Me, Hugs from Heaven, and Wearabouts. Models were Christ Child members Karen Clifford, Jean Fuermeyer, Mary Beth McGrath, Deb Spillman Rilla Campbell and Norma Villanucci. They were joined by Murphy Farrell and Linda Brammer's grandchildren Olivia and Ben Soukup.

Luncheon chairmen Kathy Seidl and Sue Uhran want to thank all the hard working chairmen: Rose Acklin, Marcia Auger, Beth Barrett, Kathy Beeler, Diane Coiro, Judy Droppo, Madeleine Gaughan, Pat Hillebrand, Andrea Incropera, Sharon James, Mary Liddell, Mary Beth McGrath, Lola Pataluch, Diane Quinn, Linda Rakow, Ann Riley, Kathy Schoenle, Erin Shifflet, Catherine Thurin, Anne Watson and Jan Williams for their long hours of dedication to make this event successful.

Other Christ Child volunteers were outstanding in their help with everything from soliciting items to stuffing and mailing invitations. Thank you to the advertisers, underwriters, and donors and to all who attended this event for their participation.



CAC II Ends Successful Drive

The Clothe A Child II fundraiser recently concluded and at last count the final dollar amount after expenses is over \$34,000. Major sponsors Martin's, Notre Dame Credit Union and Mutual Bank came through again this year with a new addition Texas Roadhouse and their offer of a 10% sales donation event in November.

Students at the two local Catholic high schools St. Joseph and Marian made a terrific addition with dress down day contributions made in honor of Christ Child

Despite economic hardships, the local community recognized the need and truly supported the Christ Child organization during the 2010 campaign. Together everyone who worked on Clothe A Child II as well as donated made this a successful year.

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 its 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 Guardian Angels

Jerome Bauer Ernest J. Butts

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

Anne Coles Father (Nedra J Kennelly)
 Elsie Barna (Dr. John/Marilyn Toepp)
 Dorothy Berscheit (Katie Screes)
 Donna Biesinger (Anne/Tom Klimek)
 Ernest Butts (Bernie/Mary Ann Randall)
 Dr. Roland Chamblee (Bernie/Mary Ann Randall)
 Mary Clemens (Doojie/Jack Trant)
 Sister Jeanett Cyr (Carol Bauer, Lorraine J Szymanski)
 Joseph Decker (Gratia Eades)
 Cornelius Desmond (Renee Hardt, Kathy/John Seidl)
 Phyllis Donovan (Marie/Paul Brady)
 John Earl (Mary Mahank Barnes, Barbara Dotsch, Deb/Mike Low, William Zimmer, Katie Screes, Barbara Lenczoedki, Greg/Diana Sobocki & Family, M/M William Johnson, John/Sue Uhran, Robert/Sylvia Von Bergen, The Layette Department of Christ Child Society, Donald/Margaret Schulz, Charlie Hutti, Linda Brammer, Dave/Jeanine Wideman, M/M Craig A Beutel, Gloria Heminger, Sylvia Finch, Dennis/Judy Brayton, Thelma Baker, Christ Child Society)
 Lawrence Elenter (Kari/Greg Wuszke)

Dolores Fairley (Dr. John/Marilyn Toepp, Esther Cyr, Christ Child Society, Katie Screes, John/Sue Uhran, John/Mary Lou Derwent, Trudy Heller, Mary Ann McTigue)
 Alex Fogliano (Winnie VandenBossche and Family)
 Jack LaMar Foster (M/M Jacob Mady)
 James Fredlake (Jacqueline Badics/Frank Johnson)
 Donald Gallagher, MD (George/Teddi Murray, Ann L Molenda)
 Monica Gerbasich (St. Joseph Academy Classmates, Theresa Van Nevel, Virginia Grzeskowiak, Marilyn Andrzejewski, Christ Child Society)
 Theresa Goralski (Mary/John Hintz)
 Jerome Grzeskowiak (Wally/Margaret Moore, Theresa Van Nevel, Cecilia Schwob, Marilyn Andrzejewski)
 Dr. George Haley (Gratia Eades, Barbara Dillon, Suzanne Sheehan, Diane/Gerry Quinn, Jim/Karen Frick, Merrill/Janet Crull, Kathleen Ward)
 Robert Harridge (Marcia/Tom Blum)
 LuAnne (Lucille) Hawkins (The Women of WIC/Carol/Kathleen/Suzanne, John Gorham, Elizabeth Goeller, Marilyn Andrzejewski and Family, Catherine Malec, Trudy Strantz, Patricia McLaughlin, James/Judith Rubleski, Theresa

In Memoriam

Members:

Dolores Fairley
 Margarita Humphrey
 Margaret O'Hara
 Georgina Voll

Husbands:

John Earl
 Donald Mennucci

Daughters:

Monica Gerbasich
 Jane Hayden

Van Nevel)
 Mary Jo Carmody Herendeen (Bernie/Mary Ann Randall)
 Dave Houk (Mary Tice)
 Margarita Humphrey (Christ Child Society, Bottorff Chiropractic Clinic, Inc, Jocelyn Butler, City Wide Liquors, Thomas/Lanette Bauters, Carol Arnett/Darrell Yarian, Fred/Kathleen Bauters, Naomi Landgraf, Roger/Margaret Schmeltz, Denis Humphrey, Linda/Warren Verteramo and Sons, Alberto/Jean Verteramo, Thomas/Audrey Frank, Norman/Patricia Humphrey, Mary Ann McTigue, Ron/Sharon Riem, George/Candy Riem, Andy/Selena Riem, Larry/Nancy Humphrey, Michael Humphrey, The Glassburn Family, Charles/Dixie Humphrey, Julia Amapuri)
 Jane Hayden (Christ Child Society, Karen Nagy, Used Clothing Room Ladies, Elaine/Jim Thomp-

son, Martha Hosinski, Barbara Fedder, Bette/Pat O'Malley, Mary Ellen Brennan, Rita Jun, John/Patricia Killeen, Katie Screes, Sonny/Dee Tepe, Edward/Joan Hardig, Mary Haugseth, Pat Corcoran)
 Marcella Kathryn Connors Keating (Joseph/Kathleen Simeri)
 Virginia Krol (Toni Pikuza)
 Edward F. Kurowski (Elaine/Jim Thompson)
 Ronald LaMontagne (Sonny/Dee Tepe)
 Irene Latimer (Jerry/Betty Vascil)
 Eugene Lemorie (Rose/Jim Lyphout)
 Alison Liddell (Neal/Linda Cason)
 Lillian Lipetska (James Lipetska)
 John Logan (Helen Manley)
 Rita Ann Lovisa (Jerry/Betty Vascil, Cleo Kowalski)
 Anne Marie Luethi (Ron/Jane Emanoil, Doojie/Jack Trant)
 Ruth Luethi (Ron/Jane Emanoil, Doojie/Jack Trant)
 Mary Ellen Maich (Robert/Toni Kowalski)
 Charlie Manning (Mary Beth McGrath)
 Wayne Manning (Mary Beth McGrath)
 John McKenzie (Mary Beth McGrath)
 Jack McKnight (Tom/Maureen Cahir)
 Donald Mennucci (Art/Mary Lou Houle, Christ Child Society, The Bridge Club - Betty, Betty Ann, Doris,

Gifts and Memorials

Helen, Joanne, Pat and Polly)
 Cheryl Miers (Suzanne Sheehan)
 Al Miller (Elizabeth Goeller, Joe/Marie Burt)
 Herman Miller (Joe/Marie Burt)
 Jack Morrical (Ed/Mary Kubiak, Jim/Shirley Ann Blue, Joyce Biesbrouck, Pat Corcoran, Suzanne Sheehan, Bill/Lee Lawson, Kathleen Welsh)
 Lou Natale (Barbara Dillon)
 Margaret Noble (Gratia Eades)
 Jerry Ollman (Sheila Emge)
 Fran Otto (Mary Tice)
 Lena Puka (Gratia Eades)
 Dorothy Quayle (Brian/Ginger Lake)
 Alice (Lolly) Raab (Bill/Marian Bickel)
 Benedict Sobecki (Orlen/Joan Biltz, Esther Cyr)
 Walter Steffen (Deb/Mike Low, Pat Hillebrand, Dan/Beth Barrett)
 Raylene Stuglik (Loretta Chillag)
 Shirley Ann Thomas (Loretta Chillag)
 Scott Tobler (Rosemary Shafer)
 David Tricker (Robert/Toni Kowalski)
 Elizabeth Trimboli (Kay/Frank Catanzarite)
 William Turner (Vicki/Dick Riel)
 Raymond Tuttle (Jim/Pat Short)
 Georgina Voll (Christ Child Society, Ann Korb, Katie Screes, Dr. John/Marilyn Toepp, Bill/Jeanne Klem, Bill/Lois Berry, Betsy Cooke, Madeline/Kevin Gallagher, Mary/John Hintz, Bette/Pat O' Malley, John/Mary Lou Derwent, Kathleen Ward, Marilyn Andrzejewski, Barbara Dillon, Mrs.

Charlotte K Ford, William/Frances Haidler, Jeanne B King, Jane Dunkle, Dave/Myra Anthony, Donation, Jean Thomas, Ruth M Foster, Rosemary Rehak, Valoris J Longacre, Donation, Jack/Pat Randall, Marilyn Stafford, John/Patricia Killeen, M/M Robert Sell, Marie/Paul Brady, Anne/Tom Klimek, M/M Callix Miller, Cathy/John Korb, Sonny/Dee Tepe, Alice/Bob Cleppe, Joanne Coquillard, Joan Zimmerer, Donald/Kathleen Nuner, James Ashley, Frank/Marti Moriconi, Gisella Probst, Donald/Norma Boyette, Mrs John Burns, Bernie/Mary Ann Randall, Elizabeth DeWinter. Richard/Judith Sullivan)
 Joseph Volpe (Jane Dietrich)
 Robert Weishaar (Marcia/Tom Blum)
 Marie Wozniak (Jayne/John Dregits)
 Gene Yandt (Sonny/Dee Tepe)

Special Occasion
 Marilyn Andrzejewski (Trudy Strantz, Patricia McLaughlin)
 Tracy Killilea Athan - Birthday (Bill Killilea)
 Eleanor Baker - Speedy Recovery (Judi Lohr)
 Mike/Carol Barcza - 50th Wedding Anniversary (Ed/Mary Kubiak)
 Anne M Brelowski (Mary Tice)
 Christmas Greetings (Carol Bauer)
 The Collier Family (Carol/Bob Loeffler)
 Mary Corbett - Get Well (Barbara Dillon)
 Noevella Frabaugh - Return to Health (Merrill/Janet Crull)
 Sister Pat Gavin - Get Well (Trudy Strantz)
 Sandy Gorski - Special Intention (Carol/Bob Loeffler)
 Fr. Tom Jones (Joe/Marie Burt)
 Rita Jun - Get Well (Used Clothing Room Ladies)
 Sharon Kapsa - A Good Recovery (Joe/Marie Burt)
 Bruce Krawczyk - Complete

Recovery (Dr John/Marilyn Toepp)
 Esther Mae Logsdon - 90th Birthday (Kathryn/Paul Schoenle)
 Dottie Makely (Barbara Dillon)
 Marian/Bernie Marnen (Pat/Frank McLaughlin)
 Marlene/Tony Maxey (Kassie/Jim Knopick, Arlene/Carl Palka, Maureen/Don Bobay)
 Al Miller (Joe/Marie Burt)
 Fr. Tim O'Conner (Joe/Marie Burt)
 Mary Anne Retseck - Complete Recovery (Julie/Jim Considine, Dr John/Marilyn Toepp)
 Donna Schoenle - Birthday (Paul/Kathy Schoenle)
 Fr. Bill Schooler (Joe/Marie Burt)
 Katie Shanley - Complete Recovery (Dr John/Marilyn Toepp)
 Dr. John Toepp (Mary/Jack Balint)
 Stanley Walters (Elizabeth Goeller)
 Kari Wuszke - Happy Birthday (Bill Killilea)
 Nancy/Peter Baraney - Christmas 2010 (Don/Bonnie McGowan)
 Carol Baranko's Christmas Gift (Mr. Denis Dunne)

Come and join other Christ Child members for our annual day of prayer and reflection February 17, 2011

given by Rev. Peter D. Rocca CSC of Basilica of Sacred Heart, Notre Dame
at Moreau Seminary, Douglas Road

Gathering and Coffee	9:30 AM
Reflection	10:00 AM
Mass	11:00 AM
Lunch	noon
Reflection and Benediction	1:00 PM

Questions or concerns, call Mary Beth McGrath (674-0181)

Send reservations to Mary Beth McGrath, 54439 Christie Ct., Osceola 46561

Name(s) _____ Phone _____

Number of reservations at \$17.00 each _____ (Make checks payable to Christ Child Society.)

RESERVATION DEADLINE — — February 9, 2011

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Spring Mass and Luncheon Meeting Wednesday, March 16, 2011

Mass will begin at 10:00 o'clock AM at Saint Patrick's Church

Luncheon Meeting following Mass at
The Gillespie Center, Hilton Garden Inn
53995 IN St. Rd. 933 South Bend, IN 46637

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
(Make checks payable to Christ Child Society)

Please send reservations to Rose Wray, 17892 Ashmont Place, South Bend 46635 (273-0387)

Reservation Deadline - March 9, 2011