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# 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.

### Busy Christ Child Year Reviewed At Annual Spring Mass, Luncheon

The March 24 Spring Mass and Luncheon was host to 103 Christ Child Society members and friends. St. Patrick's Church provided a beautiful venue for the Mass. Many parishioners joined Christ Child Society members at Mass celebrated by Bishop Kevin Rhoades and Fr. Leonard Chrobot. Offertory gifts of infant clothing and layette items were donated for the layettes.

The luncheon meeting was held at the Gillespie Center at Hilton Garden Inn. President Beth Barrett reviewed many successes this past year: clothing over 4,940 children and infants, the Elkhart coat project and hospital layette programs. Other projects such as St. Adalbert's SUCCESS, My Stuff, and Layettes of Hope continue to be important to our mission.



Bishop Rhoades

Fundraising has increased and provided CCS with the opportunity to expand service to children in the community. The Executive Board, in addition to expanded Elkhart clothing projects, is considering programs focusing on educating mothers, instituting scholarship programs funded by profits from the endowment fund. Helping mothers pursue their education will help them improve the lives of their children. The first scholarships awarded will be for Home Management's "Family Life Seminar" which teaches home management and family life skills. Scholarships to Indiana Vocational Technical School are being considered for next year.

Evening hours for the Center are also being considered since Wednesday mornings are not convenient to those working full time. Members will be asked to help out evenings so that room chairmen will not have to cover all of the open hours at the Center.

The annual 50/50 Raffle winners were drawn after the close of the business meeting. Raffle Chairman Norma Cherry reported that the raffle brought in a total of \$20,075 including \$1675 in donations. Five lucky ticket holders (Sam and Linda Jones, Martha Rukavina, Theresa Vargo, Mary Bieganski and Alice Backs) shared the \$9,200 prize money, giving each lucky winner \$1,840.

### Bridge Luncheon Planned for June 10

The Bridge Luncheon will be held at Morris Park Country Club on Thursday, June 10. A social hour will begin at 11:30 AM; lunch will be served at noon with bridge to follow.

Cost of the luncheon is \$15.50. Reservations must be made by May 28. Your check is your reservation. Make your check out to Christ Child Society and send it to Sally Amico, 18495 Spring Beach Dr, South Bend 46637. Even if your partner can't attend, you are most welcome.

Anyone who would like to play in the Bridge Marathon which begins in September, please call Sally (272-4163).

## Happy Mother's Day!

## Happy Father's Day!

You can give a Christ Child layette to a needy newborn baby or clothe a child in honor of your Mother or Father. A special card announcing your gift will be sent to each Mom or Dad in time for Mother's or Father's Day. Your gift can also be in memory of a parent or loved one. Their names and the donors' names will be printed in the newsletter.

- Send a Card  
 In Memory of

Mother's or Father's Name - Please Print

Address

City/State/Zip Code

Given by:

Please send your check for your Clothe-A-Child gift to:  
Happy Mother's Father's Day!  
Christ Child Society, P.O. Box 1286, South Bend, IN 46624

### Executive Board

- President:**  
Beth Barrett  
**President Elect:**  
Linda Brammer  
**Vice President (Fundraising):**  
Kay Houser  
**Vice President (Membership):**  
Ann Riley  
**Vice President (Clothing):**  
Jan Williams  
**Recording Secretary:**  
Madeline Gaughan  
**Corresponding Secretary:**  
Mandy Skwarcan  
**Treasurer:**  
Pat Hillebrand

### Calendar

- May 1 ..... Membership Renewal  
Deadline  
May 5, 12, 19, 26 ..... Center Open  
Restock/Inventory 9 AM  
May 17 ..... Board Meeting  
Center 9:30 AM  
May 26 ..... In Memoriam Mass  
St. Patrick's 12:15 PM

## From the President. . . . . Beth Barrett

Spring has blossomed early this year – lilacs are already fading and mowers have been humming for weeks. The result is I always feel like I am running late! The end of my term will be wrapping up before I know it and there are many loose ends to tie up before I can “retire.”

We had a lovely Spring Mass and Luncheon at the end of March. Bishop Rhoades presided over Mass at Saint Patrick’s after which members and friends gathered for a delicious lunch at the Gillespie Center. It was a beautiful spring day (no snow this year!) made even more beautiful by the many donations of darling baby items that were brought for the Offertory.

Officers for 2010-2011 have been approved by the board. They are: President Linda Brammer; President Elect Norma Villanucci; Vice President of Fundraising, Kay Houser; Vice President of Clothing, Norma Cherry; Vice President of Membership, Ann Riley; Corresponding Secretary, Madeline Gaughan; Recording Secretary, Kelly Ghyselinck; Treasurer Pat Hillebrand. Other Board members are Mary Kay Bean, Mary Beth McGrath, Kathy Seidl and Rosie Wray. Thanks to these wonderful women who are willing to take on leadership roles in the organization.

Membership forms are due! If you have not yet mailed your form to Mary Liddell, please do so ASAP. Also, it’s time to recommend prospective members. Please send names to Ann Riley.

Please make note of the announcements about Clothing Center hours listed below. We are adding two evenings to our schedule. Please contact me if you are interested in working during the evening – no more excuses that you can’t find a sitter or you play bridge on Wednesday morning, or you work during the day! Seriously, I hope we see new faces next fall.

## Evening Clothing Center Hours Added

The Clothing Center has traditionally been open on Wednesday mornings at 8:30. Not long ago, we added one Sunday a month in an effort to serve clients who are unable to come during the week and attract volunteers who were otherwise occupied on Wednesdays.

Once again we are making an addition to the schedule. Evening hours will be held on Wednesday, September 22nd and October 13th. The doors will open at 5:30 (volunteers arrive at 5:00) and close at 7:30. If you are interested in working one or both evenings, please contact Beth Barrett.

For future planning, next year the Center will be open on the following Sundays: August 29, September 26 and October 17. Volunteers arrive at 12:30 and the doors are open from 1:00 to 3:00. The earlier dates will help get coats and uniforms to kids in a more timely manner.

## Book Club Meeting

*The Invisible Wall*  
by Harry Bernstein  
May 19

Judy Kearns (273-9850)

Deadline for next newsletter  
May 17

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



Following Mass at St. Patrick’s Church, members and guests enjoyed a delicious luncheon at the Gillespie Center at the Hilton Garden Inn before the spring business meeting.

## Opportunities

### & Openings

• Bring a friend or relative into the Christ Child family. Send the names of prospective members to Ann Riley this month.

• The Clothing Center is still open Wednesday mornings at 9:00 for folding and restocking. Come spend a couple hours helping out.

• Step up to co-chair a committee. Chairmen are pretty much in place, but they will need co-chairmen who can learn the ropes and eventually move into leadership roles. If there is an activity that interests you, call the chairman and offer your help. Don’t be shy!

• Send in your *membership form and dues*,

## Any Gardeners?

If you have driven down Western Avenue recently and tried to find the Christ Child sign, you may have driven right past it. The area around the sign is overgrown and unattractive.

If you – and a friend or two - are willing to tackle the shrubs and maybe plant some drought-friendly flowers (no sprinklers out there!), email Beth Barrett at ehbarrett@comcast.net.

## Gifts and Memorials

The beautiful Gold Christ Child Society 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

Michael Ahern (Ann Korb)  
Harvey Barnhart (Marilyn Andrzejewski)

Allen Beebe (Marilyn Andrzejewski)

Marty Bergeson (Anita B Golba)

Richard Bray (Vicki Riel)  
Carolla Buzolich (Margaret J Wegner)

Patricia Carlin (Peggy Bauer, Carol Bauer)

John Coble (Shirley Wittenbrink)

Charlotte Curran (Marie/Paul Brady, Christ Child Society)

Mary Ferrucci (Catherine Thurin)

Donald Frey (Marcia/Tom Blum)

Catherine Goeller (Dottie/Dan Staley, Macaira/Wally Koch Family, Marguerite Koch, Ed/Deb Koch Family, Candy/Bob Tressler Family, Rick/Kay Brink Family, Marilyn Andrzejewski, Beth Reising, Mary Frances Burt, Joe/Marie Burt, Allie’s Cafe & Catering, Proctor and Sulok Families, Richard/D. Snyder, Pat Van Rie, Tom/Carolyn A Teeter, Helen Diltz, Christ Child Society)

Daniel Hickey (Polly/Mike DeCicco, Kathleen Ward, Patsy Leyes)

Tim Hudnall (Carol Bauer)

Marcella K Keating (Turley, Monger, Cox Families, Luctor International LLC dba Van Gogh Imports, Kathleen Ward, The Kaseweter Family, Lila

Merrick, Jerry/Karen Lindley, Christ Child Society)

Marcella (Clements) Krzykowski (Carolyn Chrzan)

Lucille Kyjowski (Anita B Golba)

Sylvia Lamar (Jack/Janice Morrical, David/Sandra Morrical, Brett/Kiki Morrical, Jean Morrical, Kathleen Welsh)

Pat Livermore (Art/Mary Lou Houle)

Barney Maynard (Rosemary Herzog)

Stella Santelli (Carol Jacquay)

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Henry J Scroope V (Jim/Rose Lyphout)

Jackie Serge (Rosemary Crowell)

Evelyn Shepherd (Jack/Janice Morrical)

Dennis Sheppard (Kenneth/Barbara Fedder)

Alfred Smith (Mary Martin, Marilyn Andrzejewski, Paul Rice, Bill/Barb Woods, Ann Korb, Mary Thompson, Georgina Voll, Katie Krepel, Christ Child Society)

Eleanor Stoeckinger (Maureen Damer, Matching Funds Wachovia Wells Fargo Foundation)

Barbara Toal (Patsy Leyes, Barbara Dillon)

Adelberto Viggino (Winnie VandenBossche)

Nathan White (Great Grandma Jane)

Lee Wilbur (Marlene/Otto Martinec)

Mary Wood Guinther Wilcox (Carol Baranko)

In Memoriam  
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### Special Occasion

Joanne Bauer (Carol Bauer)

Mary Hickey - Get Well (Kate Smith, Barbara Dillon)

Jane Hyden - Renewed Health (Ladies from Used Clothing)

Amy Knab - Healthy, Happy Pregnancy and

Baby (Don/LuAnne Hawkins)

Kathleen Lawton - Successful Surgery and Recovery (Merrill/Janet Crull)

Patrick McLaughlin - Complete Recovery (Dr. John/Marilyn Toepp)

Judy Sienko - Illness (Catherine Thurin)

Sr. Pat Gavin - Speedy Recovery (Kari/Greg Wuszke)

Ginny VanDeVeire - Complete Recovery (Dr. John/Marilyn Toepp, Catherine Thurin)

Jane Williamson - Complete Recovery (Dr. John/Marilyn Toepp)

## The Spotlight is on ... Pat Hillebrand

Pat Hillebrand took a huge leap of faith when she called Sue Uhran last year and offered to be the assistant treasurer. Before she knew what hit her, she stepped into the treasurer’s shoes and has truly risen to the challenge. A member since 2004, Pat has quickly learned the intricacies of our books and budget and has willingly handled everything from invoices to income. Thanks, Pat, you are a life saver!

## Fall National Convention

Next fall, the National Christ Child Convention will be in Cleveland September 17 - 19. Since it is only a four hour car ride away, let’s try to gather a big South Bend contingent. Day registration will be available so you do not need to commit to the entire weekend. (You can take time for the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame or a tour of Beth Barrett’s childhood home!)

The speaker will be Carol Weisman, and she is worth the trip. This is the third presentation she has made to Christ Child and each time she has presented excellent ideas and given great advice, all the while keeping her audience in stitches. Aside from the valuable information, the trip will be a great chance to have fun, make new friends and rekindle old friendships.