



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

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Linda Brammer

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Norma Cherry

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Kelly Ghyselinc

Corresponding Secretary:

Madeline Gaughan

Treasurer:

Pat Hillebrand

Calendar

Dec. 1,8,15.....Clothing Center
Open 8:30 AM
Dec. 2.....Holiday Benefit Luncheon
Hilton Garden Inn 11:00 AM
Dec. 8.....Volunteer Potluck Luncheon
Center, Noon
Dec. 23.....In Memoriam Mass
St. Patrick's 12:15 PM
Jan. 5,12,19,26Clothing Center
Open 8:30 AM
Jan. 18Board Meeting
Center, 9:30 am
Jan. 26In Memoriam Mass
St. Patrick's 12:15 PM
Feb. 17.....Day of Recollection
Moreau Seminary 9:30 am

Notre Dame Sacred Heart Basilica Rector To Deliver February Reflections

The annual Day of Recollection will be held on February 17, the third Thursday in February, at Moreau Seminary on Douglas Road. Rev. Peter Rocca CSC, rector of the Basilica of Sacred Heart at Notre Dame, will celebrate Mass and give the reflections. See the reservation form on page 4 for the times of Mass and talks.

Originally from Chicago and ordained in June of 1974, Father Rocca became rector of the Sacred Heart Basilica in 1998. Father Rocca is also the general editor and compiler of the *Ordo*, the order of prayer for Liturgy and Eucharist celebrations throughout the year.

Sponsors to Assist Newest Members

Every year brings renewed interest in finding a way to make our newest members feel welcome, and needed. New members are usually ready to roll up their sleeves and get busy as soon as they have filled out the paperwork and paid their dues. The problem is, unless the new member is assertive and just "shows up" to help, she might be left out of the loop. It's a common story to hear that a new member was never invited to do anything her whole first year or longer.

We hope to change that scenario with the institution of "New Member Sponsors." Beginning this year, a new member will have a current member assigned to them as a sponsor. A sponsor would make personal contact with the new member to invite her to events and volunteer opportunities throughout the first year. A committee is forming to establish some guidelines, and we'd like to encourage all current members to volunteer to be a sponsor. The obligations of a sponsor would be minimal, but the benefits to the new member would be optimal! Please think about it, and call Ann Riley (273-9913) or email her at xxann@aol.com to volunteer to be a sponsor.

Don't Forget CCS Christmas Cards

It is that time of year again, time to buy your Christmas cards. Many of you remember taking our little red wagon out in the neighborhood selling these cards for our grade schools. This time the roll is reversed; instead of children selling cards, we the adults are selling, as a fundraiser, Christmas cards designed by Children for the Christ Child Society. The children from St. Adalbert's have worked so diligently on these cards, and now it's time for our members to say thank you to these children for all their efforts by purchasing their holiday cards.

It's a sign of the times. No, the cards are no longer a dollar a box. Instead our cards are 12 cards for \$12.00. So look for the little red wagon at the Center to purchase your cards. If you can't come to the center, please call Marcia Auger (272-4970) or e-mail her at mabauger@aol.com. Though her wagon is no longer red and motorized, it still delivers door to door.

From the President Linda Brammer

As I write this letter, Thanksgiving Day lies ahead. As you read this, the day is already past. But in the work of the Christ Child, thanksgiving is always present. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the people who are so actively engaged in the work we do, and those who have taken leadership positions within the Society. One glance at the organizational chart in our new directory and it's clear that many hands are busy. I can't begin to name names, but you all know who you are!

I learned somewhere that gratitude breeds generosity. When a person is blessed in life, there's an innate desire to "give back." It's particularly humbling to witness this at the Center. In recent weeks I've been approached by one mom, who having just received the clothing for her children, asked if she could come next week and help at the Center. Another grateful mom asked if we would accept the clothing her children had outgrown. Even though these lives demonstrated great need, these moms were thankful and moved to be generous.

By mid-November, we have served 3,300 children so far. With an average of 200 children per week, and four more Wednesdays before Christmas, we could see over 4,000 children before the New Year. We still have a healthy supply of clothing, but will need to begin restocking come January.

We could not do this without our fundraisers, two of which are in progress: The Holiday Benefit Luncheon, and CAC I. Kathy Seidl and Sue Uhran have done a fabulous job of organizing the Luncheon with the help of an army of volunteers. By the time you read this we will be remembering the fun and tallying the results! Clothe-a-Child campaign, under the direction of Pat Corcoran, is wrapping up another successful year. Too soon for a final tally, we will report on the results in upcoming months. Thank you to all of our hard working chairmen!

I wish you and your families a blessed Christmas. See you next year!

Continue Your Clothe-A-Child Tradition

As we begin our 2010-11 Clothe-A-Child Campaign, we are asking you to continue your usual generosity. As of the end of October we have clothed over 3,000 children and we are serving 250+ children each week. We are all so blessed and we have been taught to share our blessings with those less fortunate. So... again this year we are asking you to clothe one or more children. Maybe you could make a donation in honor or in memory of a loved one. No donation is too small ... or too large! On behalf of the clients we see each week, thank you for helping carry out our mission of clothing needy children in the love and spirit of the Christ Child.

The Spotlight is on ...

Dottie Wallace and Norma Wilson

You know, it's just natural that the really cute girl jackets go first. The pink ones, the lavender ones they just fly off the racks. What are left are the black ones. They're great quality jackets, but just don't put a smile on a little girl's face. Well, that's where Dottie Wallace and Norma Wilson come in.

They decided that a pretty scarf, bright hat and gloves would dress up a plain black jacket. The two of them bought colorful fleece and cut it into the cutest scarves, fringe and all! They tie a scarf around the neck of the black jacket, pin a hat and gloves, for a WOW presentation. You should see the little girls eyes light up when they see their new jackets! They have made over 300 of these scarves and inspired others to join them in the project. What a sweet thing to do! Way to go, ladies!

Committee Seeks Board Nominees

The Nomination Committee is seeking recommendations from our members for upcoming board positions. We are looking for women who are willing to take a leadership role and bring their skills to the organization.

A board member serves three years and attends all board meetings held the 3rd Monday morning of the month except for December. Since ours is a working board, she will be expected to take on a leadership role on a project or clothing center activity; the organizational chart in the front of the directory indicates the available roles. Ideal candidates have organizational skills, fund raising or business acumen, computer skills and /or the willingness to learn. They are generous, enthusiastic and supportive of the CCS mission.

Serving on the board is a great opportunity to help continue the success of our chapter, to get to know other dedicated women, to learn more about Christ Child and to take care of the chapter's business.

Consider serving on the board yourself or give us a suggestion of someone else you would recommend. If you have a suggestion, please forward it to chairman Beth Barrett (256 5633) or ehbarrett@comcast.net by January 17th or Nsueu@sbcglobal.net.

Book Club Selections

Eve

by Elissa Elliott

December 15

Mary Ann Derda (232-2561)

The River of Doubt

by Candice Millard

January 19

Marge Hosinski (255-9728)

Deadline for next newsletter
January 17

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

Donna Besinger (Mary Lou/John Derwent)
 Jack Blue (Toni Pikuza)
 Carl Borsch (Marilyn Andrzejewski)
 Ernest Butts (Mary Lou/John Derwent, Gratia Eades, Kathryn Screes, John/Sue Uhran, Sheila Emge, Charlie Hutti, Edward/Joan Hardig, Deb/Mike Low, John/Suzy Halloran, Esther Cyr, David/Margaret Hosinski, Marjorie/John Bycraft, Jane Horning, Christ Child Society, Rose Acklin)
 Dr. Roland Chamblee (David/Margaret Hosinski, Bill/Jeanne Klem, Jack/Nancy Pycik)
 Cornelius Desmond (Roy/Laurie Miller, James/Carolyn Chrzan)
 Martha DeBeck (Theresa Van Nevel, Jerry/Betty Vascil, David/Margaret Hosinski, Elizabeth Slater)
 Anne Graf (Christ Child Society)
 Mona Greene (Marilyn Andrzejewski, Carolyn Wilson)
 Bonnie Gorman (Winifred Farquhar)
 Esther Harrell (Christ Child Society, Bill/Marian Bickel)
 Dr. George Haley (Don/Peg Claeys)
 LuAnne Hawkins (Christ Child Society)
 Mary Jo Herendeen (Bill/Marian Bickel)

In Memoriam

Deceased Members
 Anne Graf
 Esther Harrell
 LuAnne Hawkins
 Deceased Husband
 Jack N. Morrical

David Allen Himes (Ed/Mary Lou Grunawalt)
 Frank R Hyde (Kathryn Screes)
 Tom Klem (Jeanne/Bill Klem)
 Victoria Lovisa (Jack/Mary Earl, Kay Houser)
 Frances Lubbers (Mrs Patrick Leyes)
 John Redmond McKensie (Marjorie/John Bycraft)
 Katy McShane (Elizabeth/Randy Styles)
 Gale Merrick (Jeanne/Jim Ward)
 Tom Mittler (Tom/Maureen Cahir)
 Jack Morrical (The Holland Family, Laura/Larry Williams, Dorella Lee, Indiana Trust & Investment Management Co., M/M Rex Roberts, M/M Jack Trant & Family, Catherine Koscielski, Joe/Marie Burt, Carol Bauer, Edward/Joan Hardig, Christ Child Society)
 Brian Perry (Loretta Chillag)
 John Randall (Carol Holt)
 Charles Edward Reid (Marjorie/John Bycraft)
 William A Reinke, III (Merri/Janet Crull)
 Leo E Roberts (Elizabeth R Slater)

Walling Rose (Dr John/Marilyn Toepp)
 Stephen W Rupchock, Jr (Rosemary Herzog, Kathryn Screes)
 Delores Schlarb (Virginia Hahn)
 Mary Agnes Shay (Linda Rakow)
 James Staton (Elizabeth Slater)
 Jean Szewczyk (Suzanne Sheehan)
 Julia Violi (Kay/Frank Catanzarite)
 Betty Marie Whittaker (Kay/Frank Catanzarite)
Special Occasion
 Robin Aranowski - 50th Birthday (Loretta Chillag)

M/M James C Byrne - 50th Wedding Anniversary (Kay/George Mahalick)
 The Chamblee families (Carol/Bob Loeffler)
 Pat Harrison - Get Well (Used Clothing Ladies)
 Jeff Jeffers - Speedy Recovery (Bill Killilea)
 Valerie/Dan Kelder - 40th Anniversary (Edward/Joan Hardig)
 Mary Anne Retseck - Speedy Recovery (M/M James Cierzniak)
 Father Derrick Sneyd - 40th Anniversary of Ordination (Jim/Pat Short)
 Father Robert Yast (Jim/Pat Short)



Among the volunteers in the coat room are Maureen Cahir, Jane Dregits and Sandy Krizmanich.

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its members, its benefactors and its clients
the happiest and holiest Christmas season.***

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**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)

Please send reservations to Mary Beth McGrath, 54439 Christie Ct., Osceola, IN 46561

Name(s) _____ Phone _____

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

RESERVATION DEADLINE — — — February 9, 2011