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.

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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)________________________________       ________________
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 Duja-rie House at Holy Cross Village.
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 firecracker” 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!

Happy Birthday

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 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 Axelberg)
Helen Bigos (M/M Walter Lahti, Bill/Madelyn Nash, Carol Sullivan)
Terry Billia (Peggy Bauer)
Jean Ellen Brown (Bill Killiea, Marlene/Otto Martinec, Marjorie Martinec, Kari Wuszcze)
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/Caill Miller)
John E Doran (Joe Wack, Katie Croshier)
Ginny Dukes (Ann Korb, Tee/Caill Miller)
Jack Earl (Kay Houser)
Margurite Fellen (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 Killiea)
Donald J Kempa (Marlene/Otto Martinec)
Jim Kollada (Bill/Jan Killiea)
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
Jeanie Hayes
Son
James A Severyn

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 Koscieski, M/M Brian Lake, Laura Leblang, Elizabeth (Betty) Mjtigma, Edward Nieser, Dr. Edwin/Martha Swigart, Tuesley Hall & Konopa, University of Notre Dame, Office of Human Resources

Frank Kudlaty (Kay Houser)
Arthur Largent (Marlene/ Otto Martinec)
Richard Lauer (The Jun & Remley Families)
Alison Liddell (Neal/Linda Cason)
Hugh Locker (Dale/Amy Patterson)
Sophie Maciag (Carol/Don Nash)
Doris Maloney (Dan Ryan)
Martha Melander (Mary Tice)
Sister Shelia Ann Madden, SCN (Florence Duesterberg)

Ed Pfaeffle (Marge Hosinski)
Rocco Rodino (Bill/Marian Bickel)
James A Severyn (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 Grunaway)
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 Yoak (Marlene/Otto Martinec)
Michael J Yuhas (Carol Bauer, Pat/Frank McLaughlin)

Special Occasion
Dee Andrysiak - Complete Recovery (Dr. John/Marilyn Toepp)
Jack Balint - Complete Recovery (Dr. John/Marilyn Toepp)
Noreen Busch - Praying for Complete Recovery (Karen/Darrell Barnett)
John Bycroft - 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 - 50th Wedding Anniversary (Jeanine/Dave Wideman)
Tom/Mary Liddell - In Honor (Greg Ketcham)
Lisa - Full Recovery (Roy/ Kay Eilgass)
Phyllis Miller (Joe/Marie Burt)
Ken Miller - Good Health (Joe/Marie Burt)
Marcie/Harry Niemier - 60th Wedding Anniversary (Fred/Katherine Kagel)
Bob Nolan - 80th Birthday (MaryLou Mullen)
Mrs. Ralph Przestwor - 90th Birthday (Elizabeth Goeller)
Nancy Sabbe - Get Well (Carol/Jim Holt)
Maurice/Dorothy Shultze - Good Health (Joe/Marie Burt)
Tom/Gerry Sternia - 50th Wedding Anniversary (Marcia/Hosinski, Jim/ Carol Holt)
Mari Tellson - Get Well (M/M James Yohe)
Damon H Tice - Anniversary (Mary Tice)
Earl/Nancy Vandygriff - Merry 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 8th, 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.

Corrections

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

Book Club

Thunderstruck
by Eric Larson
February 20
Mary Ann Derda (232-2561)
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.

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_____________________________________________________________________________
_____________________________________________________________________________

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
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.

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