





THE CHRIST CHILD SOCIETY

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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.

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CALENDAR

Mar 6,13,20 Restock/ Inventory Center 9:00 am

Mar 17 St. Patrick's Day

Mar 18 Board Meeting Center 9:30 AM

Mar 27.....In Memoriam Mass St. Patrick's 12:15 PM

Mar 27 Spring Mass/ Luncheon Basilica of Sacred Heart Morris Park Country Club

Why a National Christ Child Society?

by Victoria Riel Past NCCS President 2000-2002

Although founded in 1916 and incorporated in 1952, the National Christ Child Society (NCCS) originally operated without its own office. Files and historical materials were kept with board members until 1990 when free, limited space was provided within the Washington D.C. chapter offices. In 2002, NCCS was asked to find its own office space.

The need for a National Office as a strong component of the National Organization was determined by two separate consulting studies.

ROLE OF THE NATIONAL OFFICE AND STAFF

The role of the National Office is vast and diverse:

- □ Serve as the center for NCCS records, communications, and historical archives.
- □ Provide information and assistance to chapters and answers to questions from the public.
- □ Maintain the current membership database and updated Chapter Presidents directories.
- □ Provide current information and assistance to chapters with regards to nonprofit and diocesan requirements for operation.
- □ Work in cooperation with the NCCS in developing programs to serve children at risk, thus our newest signature program, *Challenging Poverty:*One Child at a Time
- □ Assist chapters in contacting and networking with other chapters and social service agencies.
- □ Seek areas in which new Chapters may be formed and oversees the development of these new groups.
- □ Publishes a newsletter informing membership of chapter news and current trends in nonprofits.
- ☐ Maintains a website (www.NationalChristChildSoc.org)
- □ Oversees the arrangements and program planning for the NCCS Convention, Conference, and Board Meetings.

The NCCS is currently made up of 47 chapters. Mary Virginia Merrick, our foundress, envisioned Christ Child Chapters growing in cities throughout our country since the care and need for the many precious underserved children is so great. The South Bend Chapter is here because of earlier individuals being inspired by her presence and mission and anxious to bring that commitment to South Bend. The NCCS organization is charged with upholding the mission of our foundress. Although South Bend is successful and well established it is still our responsibility to see that this directive is carried out in other communities. We can only do that by our strong financial support.

In order to provide these services the NCCS depends upon its membership for their financial support. Support is derived from three sources: membership dues, chapter share, and Annual Giving campaign. Delegates to the NCCS Biennial Convention approve membership dues and chapter share. *When the Annual Giving Campaign rolls around this fall, please be generous!*

From the President Kathy Seidl

The Bishop of the South Bend/Fort Wayne Diocese for 25 years, Bishop John M D'Arcy died at the age of 80 on Feb. 3, the 56th anniversary of his first Mass. He was an amazing leader of our Diocese and a most respected and beloved man to all. His devotion and leadership was greatly admired. He also had the courage to stand up for what was right even if he was in the minority.

Bishop D'Arcy was always concerned about the souls of his diocese. He was a strong supporter of Christ Child Society. He instituted the Annual Bishops Appeal 26 years ago, which is the most successful campaign of its kind in our country! This appeal has helped Christ Child directly with gifts that he designated specifically for our mission.

At the all-school Mass during Catholic Schools week he would teach the children a vocation prayer and encourage them to say it daily, so that God would help them determine their vocation in life.

He held a special devotion to our Blessed Mother and all mothers doing the work of Christ throughout our diocese.

May you Rest in Peace Bishop D'Arcy.

The cold winter months in South Bend soon will be turning into the beautiful spring months with all of the beautiful flowers blooming. No more shoveling snow or gloomy days.

The last day to serve clients at the Center was on January 16, 2013. Our member volunteers took a couple of weeks off to get revitalized. Then the work of doing inventory began and has now been completed. Everyone is now working on opening boxes of new clothing that we are receiving weekly, removing tags and putting the clothing in the bins in our storage rooms. Yes, it is a lot of work but our members know how to have fun while still working!

In 2012-2013 Christ Child was open 24 times; 20 Wednesdays and 4 Sundays. We clothed 4055 children from 1597 families of which 319 were new families. 263 Layettes have been distributed since July 1 2012.

The Day of Recollection was a very inspiring day. Thank you to all that attended and a special thank you to Mary Beth McGrath and Jean Fuehrmeyer for planning this wonderful day for our members. Fr. Kenneth Grabner CSC, chaplain at Holy Cross Village, was the celebrant this year and was magnificent.

We have many activities planned for the upcoming months:

<u>Spring Mass and Luncheon Wednesday, March 27</u>-10:00 AM Mass at Basilica of the Sacred Heart and 11:30 AM Luncheon at Morris Park Country Club

Thank you to Norma Villanucci and Sandy Krizmanich for organizing this event. <u>Derby Day Luncheon and Style Show-</u>Wednesday, May 1, at Windsor Park. Don't forget your prettiest hat!

Thank you to Pat Corcoran and Barb Fedder for organizing this event.

Thank you to all for all that you do for Christ Child. God Bless you and your families.

The Spotlight is on . . . Jane Horning

Jane has been a member of Christ Child Society since 1973 and served as president in 1981. Jane's dedication has shown in her work as the Used Clothing Department chairperson for many years; she was the first one to the Center to open and set up each week. She has also been in charge of managing the In Memoriam contributions to Christ Child for many years, sending out acknowledgement notes, updating the In Memoriam book at the Center and more.

Jane is always there to help everyone in any way....and always with a smile. We are truly blessed to have Jane as a member and more importantly, call her our friend. Thank you, Jane!

February Board Meeting

- The recipient of The Mary Virginia Merrick award will be chosen on March 5. The winner will be announced at the March 27 luncheon.
- Volunteers are still needed for the Let Love Shine dinner auction.
 Please contact Linda Brammer if you can help.
- Invitations for Derby Day, May 1, 2013, will be sent out in March. Volunteers are needed to help with the mailing. If you can help, please contact Judy Kuzmich.
- If anyone has a comment or suggestion for the Board, please stop in the office to talk to either Kathy Seidl or Judy Kuzmich or any member of the Board. A list of Board members will be posted in each room.
- Nominations for the 2013/2014
 Board have been presented. They will be announced at the March 27 luncheon.



MARCH

- 2 Richard Riel
- 8 Patricia Jane Waldron
- 9 Millie Gurthet
- 10 Mary Lou Smith
- 11 Barbara Wilson
- 13 Mary Kloska
- 14 JeanineWideman
- 15 Rosemary Anderson
- 21 Patricia Skudlarek
- 23 Mary Ann Mostaert
- 24 Norma Wilson
- 24 Mary Clare Dunbar
- 26 Michelle Kuehn

Birthday omission: Mary Tice was 96 years young on February 17! Our apologies.

Deadline for next newsletter
March 18

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

Helen Bigos (Joe/Cindy Nash)

Mr. Bradley (Marcia/Tom Blum)

Meghan Beeler (Jim/ Carolyn Chrzan)

Harold Berger (Christ Child Society, Florence Duesterberg, Gratia Eades, M/M Kenneth Fedder, Margaret Hosinski)

John Berres (Karen/Jim Frick)

Terry Blila (Mike/Judy King, Carol Bauer)

Elmer Danch (M/M Jim Holt)

Beth Davis (Dan/Suzanne McMillion)

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Charles Finger (Loretta Chillag)

Virginia Jean Godfrey (Deb/Mike Low)

Robert Green (M/M Kenneth Fedder)

Jean S Hall (Anne/Tom Klimek)

Catherine Healy (Joe/ Marie Burt, Elizabeth E Goeller))

William Hobgood (Bill Killilea)

Janet Jezlorski (Bill/Marian Bickel)

John Joliat (Tom/Maureen Cahir) Rita Jun (Christ Child

In Memoriam

Members
Catherine Joan Roncz
Rita Jun
Husband
Harold Berger

Society, Helen Heintzelman, Jane Horning, Louise Lauer, Tom/ Marlene Nowak, Katie Screes)

Mary Ellen Kettelkamp (Pat Corcoran, Jane Horning, F. Kenneth Dempsey, Jr., Edward/ Joan Hardig, Kathleen Lawton)

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Rita Lopinski (Bill/Marian Bickel)

Achille (Chick) Maggioli (Joe/Janice Goossens)

Ann Morman (Mary Tice) Eldene Orders (Catherine Vroman)

Carol Parks (Mary Ann/ Tom Mason)

Isabelle Pernicano (Don/ Carol Nash)

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Catherine Joan Roncz (Tee/Cal Miller, Christ Child Society)

Red Rollings (Mary Ann/ Tom Mason) Donald Routt (Bill/Marian Bickel)

Lois Shelly (Toni Pikuza) Tyler Shafer (Alton/Alice Backs)

Marilyn Solomon (Theresa Van Nevel)

Iva Louise Sweeney (Deb/Mike Low)

Margaret Van Paris
(Sheila Emge, Carol
Loeffler, Betty/Jerry
Vascil)

Tony Walsh (Bill Killilea)

Special Occasion

John Bycraft - Renewed strength and wellness (Deb/Mike Low)

Joe Francoeur - Get well (Bill Killilea) Pat /Fred Hillebrand

- Merry Christmas

(Laura Bobbitt)

Liz Keller - Happy Birthday (Beth Reising)

Fr. Daniel Scheidt - Successful surgery/ Speedy recovery (Kay/ Frank Catanzarite)

Maurice/Dorothy Schulze
- Good Health (Joe/
Marie Burt)

Sharon Stiglick - Thank you (Janet Crull)

John Uhran - Wishes for a speedy recovery (Hersh/Ann Riley)

Pam Walden, - Thank you for kindness (Janet Crull)

Terry Zawisza - Complete recovery (Dr John/ Marilyn Toepp)



The 2013 Layette of Hope project is off and running! Two groups of members have been working hard getting the 3,000 mini layettes, which consist of a onesie, socks and a prayer card, to the Women's Care Center for distribution. Above, left to right are Kathy Roberts, Bev Bruneel, Linda Becker, Esther Cyr, Kathy Lanphere and Helga Jean.

A Layette of Hope is given to every woman who has a positive pregnancy test in the hope that it will help her visualize her unborn child.

Clothe-A-Child Donors As of January 31, donations total \$70,611.10. Drive continues until June 30

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Christ the King School Community Service Benefits Christ Child

During Catholic School Week (Jan 27-Feb 2) Christ the King School took the Community Service of the week to a whole new level. "In Our Community – School-wide collection for Christ Child Society throughout the week." There was no incentive, no special reward, no treat for bringing in clothes. It was just the kindness of the CKS community.

The request was for the Primary Unit (grades K-2) to bring in NEW onesies and outfits size newborn - 12 Months; Intermediate Unit (grades 3-5) to bring in Toddlers 2 piece outfits and sleepers size 12 months - 4 T; Middle School Unit (grades 5-8) to bring in girls and boys T-shirts and sweatshirts size 5-XL..

Members brought six large trash bags filled with clothes to the Center on Feb 19. When the Used clothing room went through the bags, Dick Riel said they would pass the new items on to the new clothing room. This is just another example of how the community is willing to help each other.

IN HONOR OF

Marilyn Bartkowiak In Honor Of the Carney sisters
Wendy Bognar In Honor Of Eleana Johnston Bognar
Thomas Capannari In Honor Of Joe, Anna and Emma
Louise Corpora In Honor Of Kathy Seidl
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IN MEMORY OF

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and Martin Hutti

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Briefs

New Member Coffee will be May 15. It is time for our members to start asking friends and relatives if they would like to join our organization. Notify Carol Holt jcholt7@sbcglobal.net with any new names. Invitations will be sent to the coffee.

"A Book For A Child" Program is ALWAYS in need of new or gently used children books. We also accept adult books. Better World Books will accept these and exchange them for children's books for us to distribute. Please bring the books to the Center or call the Center (288-6028) to arrange for them to be picked up.

Book Club

Heaven and Back by Mary C. Neff March 20 Vicki Riel (289-0768)

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

Lur	nch choices:	Grilled Chicken Wrap	Vegetarian Cobb Salad
Offertory Gifts: Members are asked to bring layette items to be donated to the layette department.			
Name			
		eservations at \$25.00 ake checks payable to Chris	total enclosed st Child Society)
Please send reservations to Norma Villanucci, 15600 Cold Spring Ct., Granger 46530			
Reservation Deadline - March 22, 2013			

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