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

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: Beth Barrett
President Elect: Linda Brammer
Vice President (Fundraising): Kay House
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

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 Christof. 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.

Funding 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-ed 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 and Thursday evenings 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 $1,675 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 (277-4163).
From the President .................... Beth Barrett

Spring has blossomed early this year – ilacs 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 at Mass at St. Patrick’s after which members and guests 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 Offerly. Officers for 2010-2011 have been approved by the board. They are: President Linda Brammer; President Elect Norma Villanucci; Vice President of Fundraising, Kay House; Vice President of Clothing, Norma Cherry; Vice President of Membership, Ann Riley; Corresponding Secretary, Madeline Gaugham; Recording Secretary, Kelly Ghyzelink; 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.

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.
- 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.

Special Occasion

Joaanne Bauer (Carol Bauer)

Marilyn Hickey - Get Well

Katie Smith, Barbara Dilon

Helen Dengler, Joe Smith (Mary Martin, Algiers)

Helen Diltz (Judy Kearns, 273-9850)

Mary Lou Houle

Barney Maynard (Rosemary Herzig)

Sandra Santelli (Carol Jac-quay)

Oscar Schelstraete (Joe/ Marie Tur)

Fuss Schoeller (Maureen Damer, Matching Funds Wachovia Wells Fargo Foundation)

Henry J Scroope V (Jim/ Rose Lyphout)

Jackie Serge (Rosemary Cowell)

Evelyn Shepherd (Jack/Janice Morrical)

Dennis Sheppard (Kenneth/ Barbara Fedder)

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

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

Barbara Toal (Paty Leyes, Barbara Dillon)

Adalberto Viggino (Winnie Van Rie, Tom/Carolyn A LLC d/ba Van Gogh Imports, Luctor International LLC)

John/Marilyn Toep

Pat Livermore (Art/Mary Louis Hoe)