



# THE CHRIST CHILD SOCIETY

June 2016

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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

President:

Peg Riggs

President Elect:

Debbie Spillman

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Holly Hosinski

Vice President (Membership):

Anne Choinacky

Vice President (Clothing):

Linda Wray

Recording Secretary:

Joanne Van Avermaete

Corresponding Secretary:

Jane Reed

Treasurer:

## Show Your Love for Christ Child

### at Let Love Shine 2016

Friday, June 14, at The Brick

This year's Let Love Shine fundraiser is almost here! Please return your response cards and plan on a great evening to support the Christ Child Society. While our event this year will be slightly more casual and feature a buffet of assorted hors d'oeuvres, we want to assure our guests that we will have plenty of wonderful food and drink and plenty of seating as well!

We have a variety of ways to donate at this year's event:

1. Make a donation during our Bids for Kids portion of the evening or donate ahead of time as an underwriter (look at the back of your response card in the invitation for more information)
2. Purchase raffle tickets for one of our raffle packages - more information on that a little later in this article.
3. Make a donation of \$25 in the balloon pop and receive at least \$25 in gift cards.

Are you thinking of bringing some guests? Great! We'd be honored to host them and all you have to do is let us know how many you plan to bring. Your guests can simply let us know at check in that they are your guest. We'll gladly connect them with a representative from Gesture Auction to get them registered too. Since we won't have assigned seating, we don't need names until check in with Gesture.

About those raffle packages ... we have some lovely packages that include

1. Christmas Quilt (made by Diane Quinn)
2. Patty Zych Memorial Cookie Jar of Cash (over \$250 and counting!)
3. Tour of Italy (local Italian restaurants experience)
4. ND vs. Stanford game (two tickets and parking pass)
5. ND vs. Miami game (four tickets and parking pass)
6. Notre Dame 3D wall art piece of Notre Dame Stadium
7. Golf around the Bend (golf rounds at various premiere local courses)
8. Ladies Basket (including makeup lesson and gift card to Camelia's and silver necklace from JR Fox)
9. A Night on the Town (two tickets to Wicked at the Morris and gift card for dinner before the show)
10. Go Cubs Go! (four South Bend Cubs tickets and Barnaby's gift card good for one pizza per month for six months)

Tickets are only \$65 each! If you aren't able to attend the event, come to the Center any Wednesday we're open or contact Holly Hosinski at [hhosinski@gmail.com](mailto:hhosinski@gmail.com) or Mary Barrett at [mbarrett.iu@gmail.com](mailto:mbarrett.iu@gmail.com). Also, if you haven't received an invitation, please contact us and we'd be happy to get one to you!

## CALENDAR

June 8, 22 ..... Restock/Inventory  
Center 9 AM

June 22..... In Memoriam Mass  
St. Patrick's 12:15 PM

June 25..... In Memoriam Mass  
Little Flower 8:00 AM

July 18 ..... Board Meeting  
Main SJCP  
Dickinson Room 10:15 AM

July 25 ..... In Memoriam Mass  
Little Flower 8:30 AM

August 3 ..... New Member  
Orientation/Training

August 10 .. Center Open for Clients  
8:30 AM

## Data Updates

- Like us on Facebook: [facebook.com/ChristChildSB](https://facebook.com/ChristChildSB)
- Follow us on Twitter: @ChristChildSB
- Check us out online: [www.christchildsb.org](http://www.christchildsb.org)

## From the President . . . Peg Riggs

Ralph Waldo Emerson: "The purpose of life is not to be happy.

It is to be useful, to be honorable, to be compassionate,  
to have it make some difference that you have lived and lived well."

Whoever would have thought I would finish not one, but two years as president of this wonderful organization? Don't shed a tear; you've got me for one more year, but with a twist. Starting in July, I will begin a new chapter: co-president with Debbie Spillman. I am so excited to be a part of this new position and to blaze the trail to the future of Christ Child Society of South Bend. Sharing the job will be a great way to get more members involved with the Board. Co chairing positions are great for members who are employed or vacation or spend winter away from South Bend. The idea that there are two working together should lessen the burden on one individual.

To the retiring Board members:

Kristy Botich – thanks for always smiling! Your support and commitment to serve, as new member chair and publicity and your work in the shoe room is inspiring!

Anne Choinacki – thank you for saying YES! You came to the board when another board member had to step off, and then you agreed to add another year of service. You are a blessing to the Society!

Andrea Incorpora – thanks for your dedication! Your desire to help clothe the kids kept you motivated to find the best deals on new clothes. Enjoy your retirement from the big purchasing job!

Jane Kanouse – thank you for loyalty! Your keen eye on new membership merchandise is a great way to "uniform" the volunteers. Have fun helping "our" kids pick out books!

To the retiring chairs of 2015-2016:

Mary Barrett and Holly Hosinski – Let Love Shine 2015 was a great success. LLS 2016 will be an exciting change. Thanks for all of your hard work.

Donna Kyle and Sue Seall – Derby Day 2016 was a wonderful event in a new venue. Thanks for chairing this fun event.

Judy Kuzmich and Kathy Seidl – Clothe A Child 2015 campaign was a labor of love - and a lot of mailing. Thank you for continuing the tradition of this fundraiser.

Carol Holt – Thank you for making the Spring Masses so beautiful for so many years! May God bless you for all this work.

Jane Reed – Spring Luncheon 2016 was such a "lucky" event! Thanks for organizing such a welcoming event.

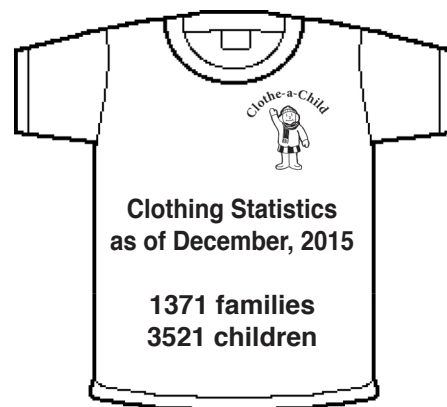
Katy Gregg – Dues chairperson for so many years, you always fulfilled this job with enthusiasm and grace. Thank you for your service. You are an unsung hero!

Judy Burmeister – Motor corps chair extraordinaire! Thanks for organizing all those clothing drives and pickups.

Welcome to the new board members who will start their service in July 2016: Sue Walsh, Susy Porter and Maureen Korros. I am looking forward to working with each and every one of you. And, I am happy to announce: we have a treasurer! Diane Lutomski is a new member and CPA. She heard about our situation and has graciously offered to step in. Now we need to get her a treasurer's assistant! If you are interested, please email me.

While it has been a roller coaster year, I can't imagine my life without Christ Child. The kind words from thoughtful members are such a help when the dips of the coaster come. This Society is truly a family - we laugh, cry, argue, make-up, mourn, celebrate, all the characteristics that make up a relationship. Thank you all for making this ride a memorable one.

**Note: The Center will be open every  
Wednesday through June.**



## Center Open for Clients August 10

The month of August will be a busy one at the Clothing Center. August 3 is New Member Orientation/ Training. This is a "trial run" day and will give every room in the Center a chance to practice before we open for clients. It's a good opportunity to see how all the rooms in the Center work.

August 10 at 8:30 AM the doors will open for another distribution year. The Clothing Center will be open 19 Wednesdays and 4 Sundays. Our last day for client clothing distribution will be December 21.

## Graduation Gift Wrap Gets Great Response

Many thanks to all our faithful volunteers and to Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore for supplying us with beautiful materials to wrap gifts for graduates. In two and a half days during commencement weekend, we raised \$1,112.77 for the children we serve! Co-chairs Cathy Mathews, Kay Houser and Deb Low are very grateful to all who donated their time to make this fundraising effort a success.

## Book Club

*When Books Went to War*  
by Mollie Guptill Manning  
June 15  
Carol Holt (259-0461)

Deadline for August newsletter  
July 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 Joan Hardig (277-7787)

### In Memoriam

Marian Bickel (Sparky/Lee Tavis)

Elaine Brenneman (Bob/Toni Kowalski)

Madeline Deyerling (The Gordy Family, Ellen Cashman, Joan Cashman, Jim/Anne Monserez, Friends & Family of Scott/Christine Deyerling, Amy Henderson, St. Ann's, St. Joseph's & St. Mary's Church of Jennings County)

Terry Fedder (Ken/Barb Fedder)

Ray Henely (Bette/Pat O'Malley)

Mary Hickey (Patrick/Mary Cahill, Patsy/Larry Hall, Joseph/Ann Iams, Ara/Katie Parseghian, Steve/Kathy Bussmann, Carter/Kathleen, William Voll Family, M/M Timothy Dennig, M/M John Holmes, Sr., Steve/Connie McTigue, Kathy/John Seidl, Barb/John Phair, Peggy Hite, Mary/Dick Reineke, Claudia Brown, Harrison Primary Center, John/Gail Jaskowiak, Lynne/Dave Fischgrund, Gratia Eades, Janet/Tom Turnock, Joyce Kevorkian, Ed Jordanich, Robert Bracken, Chip/Pam Newman, Jr.)

Judith Niespodziany (Beth/Dan Barrett)

Linda Lies (Toni Pikuza)

Marilyn O'Daniel (Jim/Pat Short)

Steve Oesterling (Marti/Frank Moriconi)

Henry Orhand (Florence Duesterberg)

Frank Polack-(Dr. John/Marilyn Toepp)

Donna Przybysz (Jane Horning)

Phil Ross (Santa Maria Co. 553 K of C, Dr. John/Marilyn Toepp)

Robert Screes (Susan Kelly, Sparky/Lee Tavis, Kathryn Schoenle, Beth Barrett, Joan Hofman, St. Joseph Academy 1947 Lunch Girls, K.J. Egan, J. Debruyne, Layette Dept., Jim/Sue Cierzniak, Sandy/Keith Kaniewski, Roseland Rotary, M/M Frank Whitaker, Betty Strantz, Nimbi Cushing)

### In Memoriam

Member

Donna Przybysz

Laurana B. "Rana" Stiener (Winnie VandenBossche)

Richard Wroblewski (Carol Bauer)

### Special Occasion

Phyllis Miller – 93d Birthday (Joe/Marie Burt)

## New Member Coffee: Standing Room Only

The Christ Child Society had standing room only for the New Member Coffee held May 11 at the Center.

Twenty-seven prospective members attended - 18 who came with Christ Child sponsors and nine who saw the invitation in their parish bulletin or in *Today's Catholic*. Beverages, pastries and fruit provided by Jean Fuehrmeyer and Susy Porter were served.

After President Peg Riggs welcomed the group, Marge Hosinski related the history of the Christ Child Society as only she can. Opportunities for social events, outreach programs and fundraising were presented by Anne Choinacky, Judy Kuzmich and Holly Hosinski. Beth Barrett discussed a New Member Project to help new members get acquainted at the Center. Current members then took small groups to tour the Center. All prospective members were given folders with Christ Child brochures and membership applications.

No need to wait for next year's Coffee to sponsor a new member. Anytime you have someone interested, send the name to Kristy Botich, New Member Coordinator, (574-291-7523 or [wbotich@sbcglobal.net](mailto:wbotich@sbcglobal.net)). She is always happy to send out packets of information with an invitation to join. We can grow this wonderful organization all year long.

## National CCS Updates Manual: 'Challenging Poverty'

The National Christ Child Society is focused on challenging poverty through all of its chapter programs. The *Challenging Poverty Manual* was revised recently and it provides excellent background information for all members, especially those who serve clients at the Clothing Center. Go to: [www.nationalchristchild.org](http://www.nationalchristchild.org) and click on the *Challenging Poverty* link in the shaded area on the right side of the home page.

Check out the sections on the National Approach to Challenging Poverty, Cultural Competency, and the interesting articles included in the Appendix. Although much of the manual pertains to establishing, maintaining and evaluating hands-on outreach programs, those sections will give insights into the complexities of the work that Christ Child does across the country.

Flip to the Best Practices Section at the end to see summaries of 25 programs that are successfully making an impact in their communities. South Bend's SUCCESS program is included. Maybe someone will be inspired to start a new program in South Bend that will improve the lives of the children in St Joseph County! "Nothing is ever too much to do for a child."

## 1947-2017

### Calling Creative Minds!

Do those dates ring a bell? The Christ Child Society of South Bend will be celebrating 70 years clothing needy children next year. The members of CCS South Bend enjoy a good celebration, so plan on partying all year long!

But, we need your help. We need a "tag-line," a motto, a quick line of explanation to go hand and hand with our 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Do you have a good idea for a tag line? Please email [peggriggs7@gmail.com](mailto:peggriggs7@gmail.com) with your ideas. The plan is to use this line on all event invitations, newsletters, emails and other communications during 2017.

**Send your ideas today!**



# *Kentucky Derby Day Luncheon*

*Friday, May 6, 2016*

*Post Time 11:00 AM*

*Blue Heron at Blackthorn Golf Course*





*Photos by Trish Shafer Bradley*



**Thank you to all who participated. Over \$1200 was raised to continue our mission.  
Raffle winners: Win - \$600 Millie Gurthet; Place - \$300 Gretchen Cook; Show - \$200 Martha Dunn**

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## Christ Child Ambassadors Sought to Spread Word of Mission

Over the past few months, a representative from Christ Child has been asked to speak to other service organizations. We are always honored to spread the word about our mission; we need your help getting the word out.

Kathy Seidl had the opportunity to speak with the Polonaise Club at Forever Learning. This class meets to learn from our community through different venues. Jane Kanouse recommended a representative from Christ Child come to speak. Kathy found the group very friendly and interested in all we do. One gentleman asked if we charge the clients for the clothes they are given. When she answered "No," he responded, "Thank you. I am glad to hear that." What a wonderful opportunity to share our joy of the Christ Child!

Beth Barrett and Peg Riggs were invited to speak to the Kiwanis Club of Granger by Amy Jordan from Indiana Trust. Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to improving the world, one child and one community at a time. They were a very lively bunch, even at 7 AM! The club was very interested in our service to the children in St. Joseph County. We hope to work together soon.

If you are involved in groups that welcome community service organizations to speak to them, offer a Christ Child representative. Please help our chapter lose the "best kept secret" title for St. Joseph County. Let's share the work we do and get our friends involved in our mission. Contact Debbie Spillman 292-2002 or [debispl@aol.com](mailto:debispl@aol.com)



**Twenty-seven guests attended the New Member Coffee on May 11.**