



## 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.

### Executive Board

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### Clothing Buyers Wanted!

Want to make a difference? The Clothing Buyer position will now be divided into specific clothing needs. There will be a buyer (or co-buyers) for toddler clothes, for socks, for underwear, for sweatshirts, for uniform pants, for jeans, for uniform shirts, etc. We need your help! Debbie Spillman is heading up the search for enthusiastic members interested in behind the scenes work. Please email her and let her know you are interested! Email: [debispl@aol.com](mailto:debispl@aol.com) or call/text: 292-2002.

### Let Love Shine

Here's some important information about the 2016 Let Love Shine fundraising event:

**What, When, and Where:** Let Love Shine will happen Friday, June 17, 2016, 6-8:30 PM at The Brick on Northside Boulevard in South Bend, near the YMCA and Farmer's Market. Tickets are \$65 per person which includes heavy hors d'oeuvres, dessert, and cocktails.

**Balloon Pop:** We have been hard at work collecting gift cards for our balloon pop, resulting in cards ranging from the practical to the unique and special: Amazon, Target, Barnes and Noble, Starbucks, Rocky River, Uptown Kitchen, Evil Czech, and Indiana Rug Company just to name a few! A \$25 donation buys a balloon with gift cards totally \$25 or more!

**Raffle packages:** Raffle packages will include the ever-popular golf and Italian packages! We also have a beautiful silver necklace from JR Fox jewelers, a custom made Christmas quilt by Diane Quinn, and a 3D framed art piece of Notre Dame Stadium. We'll have a complete list of the packages coming soon - be sure to look for an email blast with more details!

**Individual underwriting:** Have you been an individual underwriter of the Let Love Shine event in the past? Well, first of all, THANK YOU! This year we are including information on individual underwriting on the invitation. Anyone can donate in this way! Please be sure to check the response card in your invitation for opportunities to make a donation!

**Bids for Kids:** This is our appeal the night of the event and is the heart of our fundraising efforts. Even if you have a conflict and cannot make it to the Let Love Shine event, we will have an opportunity through our Gesture Auction Services to make a pledge!

Please prayerfully consider supporting Christ Child through Bids for Kids or individual underwriting!

Do you have questions about the event? Would you like more information? Contact Holly Hosinski (277-4464, [hhosinski@gmail.com](mailto:hhosinski@gmail.com)) or Mary Barrett (261-4393, [mbarrett.iu@gmail.com](mailto:mbarrett.iu@gmail.com)).

### CALENDAR

May 4, 11, 18, 25... Restock/Inventory  
Center 9 AM

May 6..... Derby Day  
Blue Heron 11:00 AM

May 11 ..... New Member Coffee  
Center, 9:30 AM

May 16..... Membership Renewal  
Deadline

May 16..... Board Meeting  
10:15 Dickinson Room,  
main SJCP

May 25..... In Memoriam Mass  
St. Patrick's 12:15 PM

May 26..... In Memoriam Mass  
Little Flower 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

*"The most important thing is to enjoy your life  
– to be happy – it's all that matters." Audrey Hepburn*

Looks like the warmer weather is here to stay, and not a moment too soon. I was getting a little tired of the cold dreariness that is the norm for northern Indiana. A little sunshine can improve the disposition of people, plants and pets. My husband is constantly outside improving the yard, the flowers and hostas that surround my house are growing every day, and my yellow lab, Major, is constantly bugging me to go outside. I should take the hint and get out of the house before the oppressive humidity falls on Michiana in the summer.

This happy attitude is all over the Clothing Center. It's so nice to see all the volunteers, new and old, student and member, coming together with laughter and a purpose. The members have been so kind to the "newbies," joyfully showing them how to assemble Layettes of Hope or how to fold the sweatshirts so when the New Clothing room needs to restock in a hurry, the sweatshirts are ready to go. The smiles and laughter is infectious. I love to go from room to room to check in on all the ladies - and their projects. I feel so welcome, and the ladies are receptive to me when I get out my phone to take pictures. I was asked where the photos go, so I'll share with everyone: on FACEBOOK! Like <https://www.facebook.com/ChristChildSB> and you will see all the photos taken at the Center and during events. There are too many to put in the newsletter, the Christ Child page on Facebook is a great way to see the happenings around the Center as well as get updates to events.

The Clothing Center will be open EVERY Wednesday through June. If you know of students in need of service hours, the Wednesdays in June are for them. We will need lots of members to come out to help, too!

Thanks to all our members and supporters. Christ Child wouldn't be here without each and every one of you! Be happy, it is all that matters.



## Layette of Hope



A client at Women's Care Center had just gotten the news that she is pregnant. She was very appreciative of the services offered at Women's Care Center, including the Layette of Hope she received. A little bit about her...she just moved here from Florida and she and husband are expecting their 7th child!

## Book Club

*The Nightingale*  
by Kristin Hannah  
May 18

Maureen Jones (272-3911)



Big thank you to the Greater South Bend Mishawaka Association of Realtors! What a generous donation from the Holiday Party. Pictured are Sue Walsh, Peg Riggs, Myron Larimer, Debbie Spillman, Carla Myers and Julie Kavas.

Deadline for June newsletter  
May 18

Ann Korb (277-6443) [ack339@aol.com](mailto: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:

Edward R. Bauer (Karen/Darrell Barrett, Esther A. Cyr, Carol Bauer, Tom Bauer Family)  
 Marian Bickel (Mr/Mrs Michael Crawford)  
 John Cusack (Kay/Roy Ellgass)  
 Nicholas DeLeonardis (Esther A. Cyr)  
 Maddie Deyerling (William Klem Jr)  
 Diane's Son (Mary Ann Mason)  
 Mary Henry Fry (Bette/Pat O'Malley)  
 Cora James Lacy (James Holt)  
 Mrs. Lanciotti (Theresa Miller)  
 Louis LaPierre, III (Mary Ellen Brennan & Family)  
 Al Liepold (Joe/Marie Burt)  
 Garry D. McLemore (Patti/Lowell Paschke)  
 Dr. James E. McMeel, Jr (Santa Maria Co. K of C)  
 Roger Merkel (Dr./Mrs John B. Toepp)  
 Agnes Monhout (Toni Pikuza)  
 Marilyn O'Daniel (Jerry/Betty Vascil)  
 Sean Pearman (Rita North)  
 Robert/Virginia Peczkowski (Marti/Frank Moriconi)  
 Mary Portolese (Dorothy H. Mady)  
 Darris Richie (Kari/Greg Wuszke)  
 Robert Screes- Peg Riggs, Ed/Joan Hardig, Sheila Emge, Esther Cyr, Sharon James, erry Slamkowski, Ron/Betty DeWinter, Jean DeWinter, Bill/Jan Yore, Laura/David Hyde, Mary Bodnar/Judy Wade, Earl/Phyllis Kubale, Kathy/John Seidl, Dee/Sonny Tepe, Mr/Mrs John Hintz, Cathie/Frank Taelman, Mr/Mrs Thomas Blum, Judy/Hugh Kuzmich, Rita North, Marti/Frank Moriconi, Mary Ann Randall, Mary Earl, Carol/James Holt, Deb/Mike Low, Betsy Cooke, Rolande Parent, John/Sue Uhran, Carol Bauer, Mary Jane Chase, Tee

### In Memoriam

Son  
 Robert Screes  
 Former Member:  
 Maddie Deyerling

Miller, Margaret Hosinski, Marjorie/John Bycraft, Patti/Lowell Paschke, Kay/Roy Ellgass, Jane Horning, Jerry/Judy Kearns, Joan Sullivan, Shirley Roemer, Mary Cashman, John Bolstetter, Sue Ushela, Kathy Majewski, Charle Ames, Adele/Gary Kush, Jean S. Scott, Lorraine M. Yocum, Ed/Kay Anderson, Marlene/Tom Nowak, Dr./Mrs A. J. Backs, Terry Somaschini, Bob/Pat Parks and Family, Maureen Butler O'Malley, Bette/Pat O'Malley, Joan Biltz, Diane/Gerry Quinn, Ann Korb, Marie/Paul Brady, Lois Leliaert, Pat/Joe Corcoran, Al/Elizabeth Veldman)  
 Overine Smith (Kathy Roberts)

### Special Occasion:

John Bycraft - Happy 80th Birthday (Merrill/Janet Crull, Janette Burkhart/Miller)  
 Suzanne Cierzniak - 80th Birthday (Dave/Janine Wideman & Family)  
 Mary Kay D'Isa - 90th Birthday (Suzanne/Jim Cierzniak, Rose Marie Grontkowski, Dave/Janine Wideman)  
 Scott Gring - Recovery (Dr. John/Marilyn Toepp)  
 Patrick J. Tellson - Improved Health (James/Nancy Yohe)  
 Mari Tellson - Improved Health (James/Nancy Yohe)

## We're Counting on You

We're counting on each of You to help us grow our organization. The success of our mission depends on continually adding new members to the Christ Child family.

Each new member brings a host of experiences, talents and passion to our work. Each prospective member who walks through our doors leaves as an ambassador for our cause of challenging poverty one child at a time. We have always dared to dream; let's dare to dream big!

Please take a few moments to identify those family members, friends and neighbors who would enjoy being part of our Christ Child family and invite them to hear our story, tour the Center, enjoy our camaraderie and consider joining Christ Child.

Our New Member Coffee will be held in the intake room of the Center on Wednesday, May 11 beginning at 9:30. Names of prospective members should be sent to Kristy Botich ([wbotich@sbcglobal.net](mailto:wbotich@sbcglobal.net) or 291-7523) to ensure an invitation is sent, though last minute guests are always welcome!

We're counting on you to help us bring an even brighter future to the families in need of our community!



Fr. Kevin Bauman and Principal Kevin Goralczyk from Our Lady of Hungary presented Christ Child with clothes from a drive at school and a check from the students. The students had a series of dress down days and chose to donate the proceeds to Christ Child.

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

## Have You Ever Seen So Many Volunteers?

On April 6, we asked members and student-volunteers to come to the Center. Although our members had been assembling the Layettes of Hope since early March and since this week was spring break for students, we invited them to come and help us with all our projects.

What a surprising response we had that morning. There were 58 student-volunteers and 55 Christ Child members hustling in every inch of our building! We nearly finished the 4,000 Layettes of Hope. In addition, dozens of boxes of sweatshirts were folded, boxed and stored. A mailing was completed, Used Clothing was sorted and other inventory work was finished.

Christ Child Society of South Bend has been truly blessed with numerous energetic student volunteers who actively seek dates when they can return to assist with our mission and we couldn't exist without our dedicated, selfless members who return week after week and give freely of their time and talent.



## Student Volunteer Opportunities

During the month of June, we will be open every Wednesday from 9 AM until noon. This is a great opportunity for students to earn community service hours toward the requirements of their school or organization. If you have relatives or friends who want to get an early start on their service hours, please let them know of these five Wednesday opportunities.

The work is expected to include organizing shoes purchased from the Payless Shoe Store annual BOGO-Clearance sale. In addition, we will be organizing stock in preparation for our opening day on August 10.







## Members Work on Layettes of Hope





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