



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.

Clothe-A-Child I Scores Big Time!

Thanks to members and friends of The Christ Child Society, our Clothe-A-Child I campaign has raised \$78,924.15 as of mid January, 2016. All of this money will be used directly to clothe the children that visit our Center every year. It will also help purchase layettes sent to our local hospitals that are given to new moms of babies born in need of new clothing. Not only are mothers grateful for what Christ Child Society provides, but children leave our Center with a smile knowing that others care enough to give them their own new clothing, a book and a stuffed toy.

These donations not only top last year's campaign by approximately \$20,000 but show how very generous our Christ Child members together with others in our community care about the less fortunate of those living around us. All should be applauded for their gifts given to this campaign. Tori Williams, our former administrative assistant, worked very diligently along with others to make this campaign a success. A sincere thanks to all who contributed to this campaign in any way that you offered your help, whether financial or otherwise.

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Let Love Shine: How You Can Contribute!

We have had several inquiries from members about how to donate to the Let Love Shine event since we are not having a silent auction this year. Right now, we have three primary ways for members to participate in the preparation for the June 17 event:

1. Contribute your change (and dollars!) to the Patti Zych memorial cookie jar that will again be a raffle item. You can drop your money into the cookie jar any time the center is open on Wednesdays, starting March 2. You can also mail in a donation and mark it for the Patti Zych cookie jar. Send to P.O. Box 1286, South Bend, IN 46624.

2. Donate gift cards to local stores or restaurants with a value of \$10-\$50. The gift cards will be placed in balloons and sold throughout the Let Love Shine evening. Balloons will sell for \$25 and will have at least \$25 in gift cards, but could have more!

3. Be an underwriter of the event. This year's invitation will include information for individual underwriting, or you can contact Holly Hosinski (277-4464) or Mary Barrett (261-4393).

We also will have information coming soon on some great raffle packages at the event and, of course, we will conduct our Bids for Kids donation request that evening as well. As always, we have plenty of ways for the wonderful Christ Child membership to show their generosity to this important fundraiser!

CALENDAR

Mar 2,9,23,30 ... Restock/Inventory
Center 9 AM

Mar 16 Center closed
for Mass/Luncheon

Mar 16 Spring Mass/Luncheon
Alumni Hall/Morris Inn,Notre Dame

Mar 21Board Meeting
10:15 Dickinson Room
main SJCP

Mar 23In Memoriam Mass
St. Patrick's 12:15 PM

Mar 27Easter

Data Updates

- Like us on Facebook: facebook.com/ChristChildSB
- Follow us on Twitter: @ChristChildSB
- Check us out online: www.christchildsb.org

From the President Peg Riggs

“One person can make a difference, and everyone should try.”

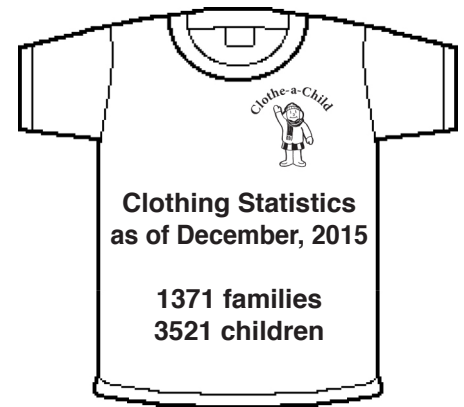
John F. Kennedy

Where have you made a difference this year? Do you need some help with your Lenten promises? Have you resolved to move more? Smile more often? Keep a positive attitude? Give more time? Get more involved? Meet new people? Shake up your routine? Help the poor children in Saint Joseph County?

Let Christ Child help YOU make a difference.

- Want to move more? Come to the Clothing Center on Wednesdays and help unpack, sort and restock inventory. We always need strong volunteers to lift and move boxes.
- Smile more often? Come to the Clothing Center and share in exchanging stories with other members. The laughter echoes in the halls. It is a beautiful sound!
- Keep a positive attitude? Look at all the blessings around you: you woke up in a warm house, you took a shower with clean water, you picked clothes out of a full closet, you ate breakfast from a well stocked kitchen, you drove to the center in reliable transportation, you have friends and family who call/text/email you daily, and you have a comfortable place of worship. How lucky are we!
- Give more time/Get more involved? There are things that every member can do for Christ Child- even if you don't come to the Center on Wednesdays. Let Love Shine needs volunteers. Derby Day needs members to sell raffle tickets. The Spring Mass and Luncheon need members to come out to pray and socialize. Motor Corps needs members to pick up used clothes. St. Adalbert's School needs tutors. Members who want to help purchase new clothes are needed to keep our mission an action. A treasurer and assistant treasurer who is comfortable with Quick Books, Excel and online banking is another great opportunity to get involved. The Layette of Hope project needs members to come to the center and assemble the “gifts” we donate to Women's Care Center. There is a place for your talents!
- Meet new people/Shake up your routine? GET OUT OF YOUR ROOM! Shake up your comfort zone! If you are always in the Coat room, come to Layettes to lend a hand! If you work in New Clothes, stop in Used Clothes to see the “extras” we can provide to our clients. If you spend your time in Intake, visit Shoes and stand in awe of the 100s of boxes of shoes ready for the little feet in August. We are such a diverse group of volunteers, take the opportunity to reach out and meet new friends!
- Help the poor children in Saint Joseph County? Volunteer at Christ Child! Talk about us to your friends and family. Talk about us when you grocery shop. Talk about us to your dental hygienist. Recently I saw my optometrist's office was doing a raffle to purchase clothes for Navarre School. I asked why Navarre? The tech told me they saw a feature on the news about how these kids don't have uniforms. I asked if she ever heard of Christ Child. That's how the conversation started. Now we have a local business willing to support us. Don't keep us the best kept secret in South Bend - It's up to YOU to spread the word about how wonderful Christ Child is - its mission and its members!

“The secret of change is to focus all of your energy,
not on fighting the old,
but on building the new.” - Socrates



New Member Coffee Planned for May 11

Please mark your calendars for Wednesday, May 11, at 9:30 for the New Member Coffee. This is a wonderful opportunity for friends and prospective members to come to the Center, hear our story, meet our members and see the wonderful service we provide for our community. Each new member to Christ Child brings a unique set of talents, energy and experiences that help our organization grow and thrive.

We are the best ambassadors for our mission. Won't you please tell your friends about your love for and involvement in Christ Child and the wonderful friendships you have made here? Then invite them to join you at the New Member Coffee on May 11. Names of invitees should be sent to Kristy Botich (wbotich@sbcglobal.net or 291-7523) to ensure an invitation is sent, though last minute guests are always welcome.

“Nothing is ever too much to do for a child.”

BOOK CLUB

Behind the Beautiful Forevers
by Katherine Boo
March 23
Mary Lou Mullen (234-2626)

Deadline for April newsletter
March 21

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

Bob Andrews (Carol/James Holt, Margaret Hosinski, Bill Killilea)
 Marian Bickel (Anonymous, M/M Alton Backs, Robert Bordenkecher, Shirley/Ed Buras, Marjorie Bycraft, Carolyn/Michael Chartier, Suzanne/James Cierzniak, M.T./W.A. Foley, Greenwood Elementary, Therese/Daniel Grocki, Jeannine/Gayle Harrold, Jacqueline/James Hoffman, Margaret Hosinski, Neighbors on Hawthorne Dr., South Bend, Elizabeth/John Marroni Sr., Shirley Massing, Tee Miller, Susan O'Shaughnessy, Rolande Parent, Rosemary/John Reiter, Dorothy Remley, Peg Riggs, IUPUI School of Public and Environmental Affairs, Dee/Sonny Tepe, Janet/Tom Turnock, Geraldine Van Dyck, Marcia Vargo, Paul Vurpillat, Nancy/James Yohe)
 Denny Eck (Ann Korb)

In Memoriam
 Members
 Marian Bickel
 Martha Mennucci

Diana Fink (Esther Cyr)
 Dolly Gardill (Ann Korb)
 Ed Grunawah Sr. (Margaret/Bill Johnson)
 Kathryn Artnak (Pat/Joseph Corcoran)
 Stacey Krok Grace (Marie Brady, Ed/Joan Hardig, Bette/Pat O'Malley, Jack/Nancy Pycik)
 Marie Kathrynine Martin (Susan Ganser)
 Martha Mennucci (Esther Cyr, Mary Lou/Art Houle, Katie Screes, Terry/Tom Slamkowski)
 Irene Mestach (Joan/Orlen Biltz)
 Gene Muia (Kathy/John Seidl)
 Rose Portolese (Kay/Frank Catanzarite, Carol/James Holt)
 Mary Sue Reedy (Phyllis/Earl Kubale)

John Sentman (Marie/Joe Burt)
 Joseph Simeri (Kathy/John Seidl)
 Charles H. Slomski (Santa Maria Council #553 c/o Dr. John Toepp)
 Omerine Smith - Rolande Parent's sister (Pat Corcoran, Judy/Hugh Kuzmich, Marti Moriconi)
 Rosemary Stankawitz (Ginger O'Hara)
 Bonie Weirich (Norma/Ralph Villanucci)
 Gene Wizeck (Kathy/Al Large)
 Georgiane Wojtowicz (Mr. John P. Wojtowicz)
 Doris Jean Wozniak (Betty/Jerry Vascil)
 Jean Wozniak (Betty/Jerry Vascil)
 Anne Wukovitz (Toni Pikuza)
Special Occasion
 Loretta Chillag - 90th Birthday (Carolyn Aranowski)
 Mary Hesburgh- Recovery After Knee Surgery (Barbara Dillon)
 Sue Kostry - Birthday (Mary Thallemer)

Spring Mass, Luncheon Set for March 16

Roses are red, Violets are blue, St. Patrick's Day is approaching and our Spring Luncheon too, on Wednesday, March 16. Mass will be celebrated with Bishop Kevin Rhoades at 11:00 AM in Alumni Hall on the campus of Notre Dame. Lunch will follow at noon in the bright and sunny Morris Inn.

New board members will be introduced and a review of the chapter happenings will be given. Can't wait to see you at the 2016 Christ Child Spring Luncheon; be sure to reserve your place by March 7. Reservation form is in the newsletter on page 4.

Derby Day: Post Time Soon

The time is quickly approaching for our annual Derby Day Luncheon. Be prepared to **Win** some money at our raffle . . . **Place** yourself at the Blue Heron, Friday, May 6 . . . and **Show** off your Derby Day head wear. The fashion show will feature clothing from On the Fringe at Bangs Salon.

Christ Child is blessed to have the Saint Joe family willing to help us out!



Thanks to Saint Joseph High School teachers and staff for volunteering at the Center on February 19. It was great to see "repeat" volunteers as well as new ones.



SJHS students Connor Hemming, Drew Riggs, Jimmy Eck, Ben Riggs and Grace Hardig gave up the morning of their day off to help. Thanks for all the heavy lifting!

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Annual Mass and Spring Luncheon *Wednesday, March 16*

**Mass will begin at 11 AM at Alumni Hall, Notre Dame
Bishop Kevin Rhodes, celebrant**

Alumni Hall is located just north of The Morris Inn and to the left of the Circle

Luncheon Meeting at the Morris Inn at 12:00 PM
(special dietary needs available)

Parking Fee at the Inn \$5.00

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

Please send checks to Christ Child Society, P.O. Box 1286, South Bend, IN 46624

Reservation Deadline - March 7, 2016