



THE CHRIST CHILD SOCIETY

November 2015

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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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Holly Hosinski

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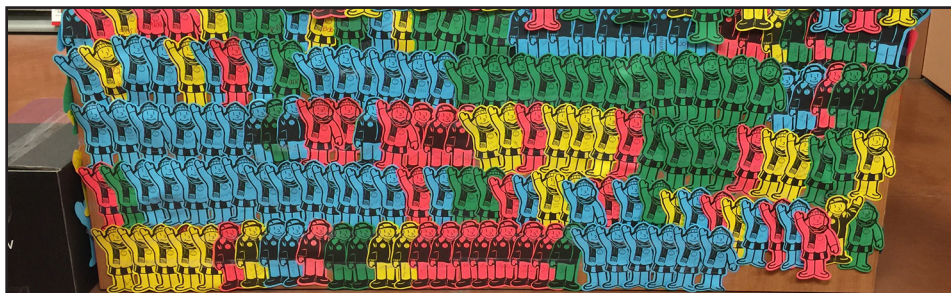
Recording Secretary:

Joanne Van Avermaete

Corresponding Secretary:

Jane Reed

Treasurer:



The Christ Child Society's Clothe-A-Child II campaign for 2015 has almost ended and thanks to our awesome partners, Martins Supermarkets, Mutual Bank and Notre Dame Federal Credit Union, nearly \$22,000 was raised this year. These generous partners have lent their resources to The Christ Child Society for the past several years and we cannot thank them enough.

Wanted: New Clothing Buyers

Like to shop? Love to score a bargain?

Want to help out the Christ Child Society?

Then it's your time to shine! We are in need of NEW CLOTHING BUYERS for our Clothing Center. This very large job will now be broken down into smaller portions so many hands can come together to help fulfill our mission.

Want to find out more? Email

Linda Wray wraylinda@hotmail.com

Andrea Incorpora incropera@hotmail.com

or Debbie Spillman debispl@aol.co

Remember, without clothes to distribute to our clients, there is no mission to fill. Please help fill this very important need within our local chapter.

CALENDAR

Nov. 4, 11, 18.....Center Open
for Clients 8:30 AM
Nov. 16Board Meeting
Main Branch SJCP
10:15 am Dickinson Room
Nov. 25In Memoriam Mass
St. Patrick's 12:15 PM
Nov 26Closed for Thanksgiving

Church Opens Canonization Cause

The Catholic Church has opened the cause for canonization for Mary Virginia Merrick who founded the National Christ Child Society to help children in need. Find out more at: www.maryvirginiamerrick.org



Empty!

The Used Clothing Room is in need of donations. When we opened the doors in August, the bins were brimming with donations given over the past year. Now that we have served over 2200 clients, the bins are empty.

Now is the time for Donations!

Please ask your neighbor, your children, your church or if you are part of Motor Corps, ask your organization to have a used clothing drive now!

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

Gratitude can transform common days into **thanksgivings**,
turn routine jobs into joy, and change ordinary opportunities into **blessings**.

Thank You: Marti Moriconi and Mary Lou Mullen for co-chairing the beautiful Fall Luncheon.

Thank You: Mary Barrett for stepping in to help me with the work of the treasury.

Thank You: Debbie Spillman for agreeing to be a part of the first co-presidency.

Thank You: Board Members for saying yes and for your continued support of the Christ Child mission.

Thank You: Members for all of your work to clothe the disadvantaged children in our area; your dedication to continue the work started by Mary Virginia Merrick is truly love in action.

Thank You: Ann Korb for the newsletter; your talent is a gift to the Society.

Thank You: Students from Saint Joseph High School, Marian High School, and St. Joseph Grade School; your help is most appreciated!

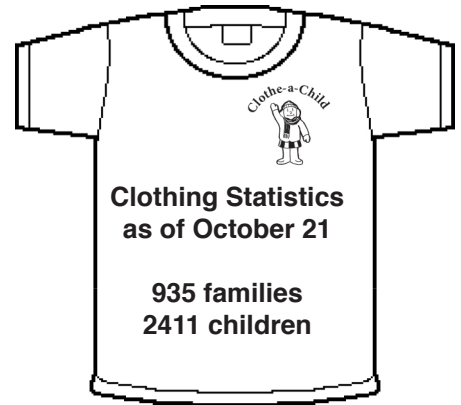
Thank You: The great gentlemen from Harmony Healthcare IT for giving up your Wednesday afternoon to help us unload and move 243 boxes on 10/7.

Thank You: Members of the Motor Corps for getting the word out to schools that our Used Clothing bins are empty so they can organize a giving drive.

At the Fall Luncheon on October 22, there was a vote to amend the by-laws to include the option of a co-presidency. Thank you all for supporting this new position. The idea of sharing the presidency will give more members the opportunity to step up within the Society. The winter months will be spent updating the by-laws to be presented at the Spring Mass and Luncheon in March 2016.

As the weather gets colder, the word about Christ Child giving warm clothing to children in St. Joe County seems to be spreading. Each month, there is an increase in families in need coming to the center. It is truly a blessing that we are able to provide for those children. Thank all of you for your time, talent and treasure!

Have a Happy Thanksgiving and remember to give THANKS for all the blessings in your life!



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| 5 | Kathleen Klawitter |
| 5 | Barbara Nawrot |
| 6 | Catherine Mahalick |
| 8 | Diane James |
| 9 | Vicki Riel |
| 10 | Jane Reed |
| 12 | C. Diane McGaw |
| 14 | Mary Ann Derda |
| 15 | Sandra Krizmanich |
| 15 | Barbara Norkus |
| 16 | Mary Wisniewski |
| 18 | Anne Monserez |
| 19 | Marcia Auger |
| 19 | Linda Brammer |
| 20 | JoAnn Axelberg |
| 20 | Mary Weber |
| 22 | Elizabeth Barrett |
| 26 | Lois Martin |
| 27 | Renee Hochstetter |
| 28 | Anne Eme |
| 29 | Sara Ann Zeisz |
| 30 | E. Elva Gable |
| 30 | Kate Murphy |
| 30 | Katherine Radican |



New Christmas Cards!

Message inside: May the peace of the Christ Child be with you at Christmas and always.

12 card pack/\$10

Available at the Fall Luncheon and the Center

Question? Contact Janekan39@gmail.com

Book Club

The Husband's Secret

by Linda Moriarty

November 18

Pat Short (232-1204)

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)

n Memoriam:

Dr. James Auckley (Frank/Andrea Incropera)
 Harriet Bergstrand (John/Suzy Halloran)
 Angela Bliha (Kay/Frank Catanzarite)
 James Chrzan (Frank/Andrea Incropera, Judy/Hugh Kuzmich, Bette/Pat O'Malley, Ed/Joan Hardig, Janice Martynowicz, Kiki/Carl Fisher, Carol Bauer, Janice/Larry Harding, Loretta Chillag, Bob/Fran Michalak, Doojie/Jack Trant, James/Beverly Crance, Phyllis Pajakowski, Marilyn Molnar, Nancy/Howard Hanson, Ann Riley, Diane Boehnlein, William/Carol Kenyon, Judy Blue, Denny/Kathy Miller)
 Jan Donie (Ginger O'Hara)
 Michael Fitzmaurice (Peggy Bauer)
 Kathryn Screes (Lillian Gonsoroski)
 David Hadaway (Sandy/Bernie Gorski, Ann Jones)
 John Hanson (Toni Pikuza)
 Pat Hillebrand (RESCA Neighbors, Virginia Zellers, Paul/Kathryn Schoenle, John/Katy Gregg, Ann Riley, Tom/Judy Burmeister, Layette Dept., IN Trust & Investment Mgmt. Co., Kevin/ Lynn/ Anne/ Joe/ Kelly Goralczyk, Linda Neville, Aunt Veronica Pawlak/Gloria Dale, Charlotte A. Wolz, Cindy Blair and Family, Peggy Morter, Sharon Emmert, Nancy Murphy, Tim/Terri Scott, Peter LaCava, Stacey Skubiszewski, Linda Hillebrand/ David Sickman/ Donald Schrader/ Dawn DeRidder/Bonnie Johnston/ Gregory Schrader, Sue/John Uhan, Thomas/Terry Slamkowski, Kathryn Screes, Kathryn A. Kessler-Dolojan, Kathy/John Seidl, Diane Quinn, Bette/Pat O'Malley, Marti/Frank Moriconi, Deb/Mike Low, Judy/Hugh Kuzmich, Jane Kanouse, Sharon James, Frank/Andrea Incropera,

In Memoriam

Husband James Chrzan

Margaret Hosinski, Jane Horning, Ed/Joan Hardig, Jean Fuehrmeyer, Sheila Emge, Esther Cyr, Joe/Pat Corcoran, Marie Burt, Linda/Marc Brammer, Kristy Botich, Joan Biltz, Mary Mahank Barnes, Beth/Dan Barrett, 1st Source Bank Personal Mgmt. Grp., Rose Acklin, L&C Desimone, Cramer, Condon, G&J Desimone, Joan Forslund, George/Paula Heiser, Peg/Dean Riggs, Norma Villanucci, Eileen Wroblewski, Robert/Joan Steinmetz, Debbie Spillman, Mary Beth McGrath, Connie Kujawski, Susan Walsh)
 Mr. Keating (Marcia/Tom Blum)
 Joshua Lincoln Kueltjes (James/Kimberly Keultjes)
 Harry J. Lewandowski (Santa Maria Co. 553 K of C/Toepf)
 John Lloyd, III (Ed/Joan Hardig, Julie Considine)
 Mervin Lung (Peggy Bauer)
 Carol McCourt (Ann Jones)
 Diane Macedonia's sister (Marcia/Tom Blum)
 Sharon Miller (Bill/Marian Bickel)
 Mary Rader (Rose Acklin, Rita North, W.L. VandenBossche)
 Ron Szczepanski (Toni Pikuza)
 William Stanley (Florence Duestenberg, Bill/Jan Killilea, Donna/Don Kyle, Margaret Hosinski, Ann Korb, Margaret Peck, Deb/Mike Low, Thomas/Terry Slamkowski, Ken/Barb Fedder, Mary Anne Retseck, Julie Considine, Kathy/John Seidl, Marcia/Tom Blum, Jim/Pat Short, Barbara Dillon, Linda/Marc Brammer, Norma Villanucci)
 William Tighe, Jr. (Teresa/Sam Jeramano)
 Joan Trzybinski (Tom/Mary Wisniewski)
 Robert Weathers (Jane Dietrich)
 Special Occasion:
 Joe Burt - Improved Health (Jim/Nancy Yohe)

Helen Diltz - Get Well wishes (Carol Bauer)
 Roy Ellgass - Get Well-(Carol Bauer)
 Teri/Dick Fogle - 50th Wedding Anniversary (Ann Korb)
 Phyllis Himschoot - Get Well soon (Mary M. Brown)
 Rev. Stephen LaCroix, C.S.C. - New Pastor (Esther Cyr)
 Dan McCarthy - Health (Joe/Pat Corcoran)
 Pete/Mary Lou Mullin - 50th Anniversary (Tom/Mary Wisniewski)
 Barb Phair (Jim/Pat Short)
 Michelle Rivers - Improved Health (Jim/Nancy Yohe)

February 24

Day of Prayer/Reflection

Please mark your calendars for Wednesday, February 24 for the Christ Child Day of Prayer and Reflection at Moreau Seminary. We are excited that Fr. Charlie Kohlerman, CSC will lead us again this year. Last year our members responded very positively to his spirituality, sense of humor and insights as he tailored his remarks specifically to Christ Child and our mission to serve children in need.

Fr. Charlie plans to speak on the "Holy Year of Mercy" and its implications for mercy, compassion and unity as expressed by Pope Francis.

Look for the registration form in the December newsletter (no newsletter in January) or on our website christchildsb.org. It promises to be a wonderful day to learn, pray and socialize together.

For more information, contact Jean Fuehrmeyer (jfuehrmeyer@gmail.com-855-3028) or Joanne Van Avermaete (jvanavermaete@gmail.com - 291-3089).

Deadline for next newsletter
November 16

Ann Korb (277-6443) ack339@aol.com

Win, Place, Show...

off your best Kentucky Derby Hat
 at our Derby Day Luncheon
 on Friday, May 6, 2016,
 at The Blue Heron at Blackthorn.

Fifth Annual 'Let Love Shine' Dinner/Auction Hit!

The 2015 Let Love Shine Dinner and Auction was a great success once again, raising over \$100,000 for the Christ Child Society! Thank you to the volunteers and donors who helped with the many facets of putting on an event of this magnitude, including the silent and oral auctions, the raffle, reservations, invitations, and decorations. Thank you to those who were able to attend the dinner as well. This event cannot happen without all of you who so generously give your time, talent, and treasure!

Also, we are very grateful to our partnering businesses and individuals who very generously helped underwrite our event, including both Mahoney Family Dentistry and Beacon Health System. Thank you for seeing the value in supporting the community where you live and do business!

We are already looking ahead to next year's Let Love Shine event! New and exciting changes are coming to ensure this important fundraiser stays fresh, fun, and has a financial impact for Christ Child! Keep watching for information about Let Love Shine in the coming months, including a change to an early summer event.





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Five from South Bend Attend CCS National Convention

Five South Bend Christ Child members attended the September National Christ Child Society Conference in Washington DC. Local chapter attendees were President Peg Riggs, former President Joan Hardig and President Elect Debbie Spillman. In addition, South Bend was well represented by National Vice Presidents Beth Barrett and Deb Low.

Keynote speaker for the conference was Julie Francavilla, a newscaster from Seattle. She addressed a serious problem that our society encounters at all levels: neither the name of the "Christ Child Society" nor our mission of clothing infants and children is familiar to the general public. This is a problem that we have recognized and have tried to address in our South Bend chapter.

The first day meetings addressed onboarding leadership and the responsibilities of local officers. These presentations discussed the efforts necessary to recruit new leaders and strategies to help them fully develop their respective positions. The oral presentation was supported with documents that itemize and explain the duties of chapter officers.

Beth Barrett gave presentations entitled "Challenging Poverty Today." This seminar discussed the different activities that chapters can undertake as a means to positively impact children's lives. South Bend's "Success" tutoring program was highlighted as an example of a program that follows this directive. Other examples were Toledo's parent

support and education program and Pasadena's self-esteem program for fifth and sixth grade students.

The conference included workshops and breakouts discussing recruiting, retaining and remembering membership. Even though the presentations and workshops were educational and informative, a highlight of each day was the interaction with CCS leaders from chapters throughout the nation. Although the chapters might have varied programs, members seemed to have a similar goal: It is imperative to grow our organization in order to assist the children who most need our help!



**Joan Hardig, Deb Low, Peg Riggs, Beth Barrett
 and Deb Spillman**