



# THE CHRIST CHILD SOCIETY

February 2014

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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:

Judy Kuzmich

President Elect:

Peg Riggs

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Judy Burmeister

Vice President (Membership):

Anne Choinacky

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Sue Walsh

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Jean Fuehrmeyer

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Marie Burt

Treasurer:

Pat Hillebrand

## Board Begins Recruiting New Members

The Christ Child Board of Directors is beginning the process of accepting nominations for 2014 appointments. Each year approximately four members of the Board retire, and four new members begin three year terms. We are looking for members who would be willing to serve in this capacity.

Please give consideration to nominating someone you think might be interested in serving on the Board. Consider nominating yourself also! The nominating committee will contact the nominees and explain the responsibilities involved. Send names to: Kathy Seidl (276-0908) or email [marian0103@comcast.net](mailto:marian0103@comcast.net).

## Clothe-a-Child Campaign Continues

On behalf of all those that support the mission of The Christ Child Society of South Bend and those we serve, please accept our heartfelt gratitude for your generous contributions to our Clothe-a-Child campaign.

With the need as great as ever, remember our effort to provide clothing for needy children in our community is on-going. Donations continue to be accepted for this 2013-2014 campaign. Money collected will be used to purchase new coats, hats, gloves, shoes and clothing for children as well as layettes for infants of our own community. If you have not given to this appeal, please consider the impact your donation could make in the life of a child.

Special thanks to these members for their assistance- Peg Riggs, Kathy Seidl, Pat Hillebrand and Judy Kuzmich.

My sincere appreciation, Diane Coiro - Clothe-a-Child Campaign Chair

## CALENDAR

Feb 5,12,19,26 ..... Restock/  
Inventory  
Center 9:00 AM

Feb 18 ..... Board Meeting  
Center 9:30 AM

Feb 26 .....Day of Prayer/  
Reflection  
Moreau Seminary

Feb 26 ..... In Memoriam Mass  
St. Patrick's 12:15 PM

Mar 26 .....Spring Mass/  
Luncheon  
Church of Loretto/  
Gillespie Center



**Coat Room Ladies**

## From the President . . . . Judy Kuzmich

We cannot do great things on this earth,  
only small things done with great love - Mother Teresa

The year 2014 has started off with a real chill in the air. The weather caused us to close the Center on January 8; therefore we were just open on January 15. We closed for the remainder of January and members will return to the Center on February 5 to help with inventory and restocking.

We want to thank the Greater South Bend-Mishawaka Association of Realtors for their generous cash donation at Christmas time. We also have ten bags of teddy bears given to us from the Notre Dame women's basketball game. They sponsored the Teddy Bear Toss on December 22 at the Purcell Pavilion and the floor at halftime was just covered with stuffed animals. Thank you Notre Dame and basketball fans.

Our Clothe-A-Child campaign started in November. We are already at the \$50,000 mark and the campaign is still ongoing. You still have plenty of time to send in your donation if you have not already contributed. A big thank you to all who have contributed to help Christ Child Society continue to serve the children in need in our area.

It is upsetting to report that when inventory of the coats was completed in early January, we found that 480 coats were gone and unaccounted for. Most of the coats were the largest boys' sizes and also 96 of the girls' coats were missing. Cathy Waszak did the inventory early as she was leaving to spend time with her family in North Carolina when this was discovered. A police report has been filed and we are adding additional security for our part of the building. With no forced entry into the building or to our rooms, we are just at a real loss to know how this happened. Needless to say, we are greatly concerned and will take steps to secure our clothing.

On a happier note, we will be having our Day of Recollection at Moreau Seminary on February 26, with Father Paul Doyle as Retreat Master. Please see the note in this newsletter for details and plan to join fellow members for a day of spirituality as we enter into the Lenten and Easter seasons. Our annual spring Mass and luncheon will be held on March 26. Because of the parking problem at the Morris Inn, it has been changed to Our Lady of Loretto Church at Saint Mary's with Bishop Kevin Rhoades celebrating the Mass. Lunch will follow in Gillespie Center at the Hilton Garden Inn on the campus of Saint Mary's College. This is always a fun event and we look forward to spring and giving of gifts for the layette department at our Center.

We miss all of you who are in a warmer climate for a few months. Relax and enjoy!



### January

3	Margaret Mahoney
4	Rosemary Shafer
7	Jane Arseniadis
9	Loretta Briedis
10	Cecilia Pfledderer
15	Dolores Tepe
15	Connie Mauch
17	Margaret Rodriguez
18	Patricia Forray
20	Rosemary Ferrara
21	Jane Kanouse
25	Marie Brady
26	Mary Ann Williams
27	Judith Quinn
31	Carol Staszewski

### February

1	Marilyn Stafford
1	Diane Boehnlein
1	Mary Lou Derwent
1	Leslie Garvey
1	Donna Kyle
2	Anne Crossen
3	Joan Dudzinski
4	Mary Ann O'Connell
4	Mary Earl
6	Marian Bickel
7	Anita Golba
12	Lois Leliaert
12	Marilyn Bartkowiak
12	Kerry Wallace
14	James Hardig
14	Barbara Lutomski
14	Jean Watts
14	Jennifer Munoz
15	Patricia Corcoran
17	Joan Hardig
19	Darlene Heck
19	Kay Schultz
19	Carolyn D'Andrea
20	Sandra Gorski
21	Martha Moriconi
22	Karol Pasierbowicz
23	Mercedes Davy
24	Elizabeth Styles
24	Megan Spillman-Fitz
26	Rosalia Acklin
27	Judith Thomas
27	Denise Brenner



Old Navy gave us a great deal on about 250 coats. Left is Cathy Waszak in the white coat and Andrea Incropera in navy, The very helpful cashier is Charnae McLeod and the manager, Macy Stevenson.

## 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

November, 2013

Geraldine Andrews (Carol Bauer, Karen/Darrell Barnett)  
 Ray Black (Toni Pikuza)  
 Sue Cholis (Donna/Don Kyle)  
 Ruth Dolde (JoAnn Axelberg, Winifred VandenBossche)  
 Scott Fietzek (Loretta Chillag)  
 DeeBee Foley (Joseph/Myra Nash)  
 Michael Foley (Toni Pikuza, Mary Ann Tice)  
 Mary Freienstein (Helen Diltz)  
 Elsie Horvath (Joan/Ed Hardig)  
 Joan Keultjes (Carol Bauer)  
 Lillian Klebusits (Betty/Jerry Vascil)  
 Timothy Lake (Marjorie/John Bycraft)  
 Josephine Regan (Nancy/James Olson)  
 Roger Schmitz (Ann/Hersh Riley, Deb/Mike Low, Mary Ann/Tom Mason, Leone/Anthony Michel, C. Reigle, Paul/Joni Sabin, Jeffrey/Joan Keller, Gerald/Patricia Matthew, Debra Czarnecki)  
 Charles Stegmen (Tee/Cal Miller)  
 Pamela Strang (Pat/Fred Hillebrand)  
 Rev. Ronald Tripi, C.S.C. (Carol Bauer)  
 Carl Weber (Carol/Jim Holt, Janice/Joe Goossens)  
 Leonard Whitfield (William/Jan Killilea, Carol/Jim Holt, Janice/Joe Goossens)

### In Memoriam

Member  
 Ro Hickey  
 Son  
 Michael Foley

Patrick Zappia (Kay/Frank Catanzarite)

### Special Occasion

Jan Christianson (Jean Richards)  
 William/Diane Corbett, III (Diane Corbett)  
 Barbara Dillon (Michael Dillon)  
 Cathy Tellson Partridge (Nancy/Jim Yohe)  
 Damon Tice (Mary Ann Tice)  
 Mr./Mrs. Weger (Tee/Cal Miller)

### In Memoriam

December, 2013  
 Michael Andert (Carol Bauer)  
 Mike Annis (Marcia/Tom Blum)  
 Lefty Antrup (Marcia/Tom Blum)  
 William Barnhizer (Suzanne/Dan McMillion)  
 The Behan Family (Ginger O'Hara)  
 Clayton Clauson (Barbara/Ken Fedder)  
 Kyran Conarchy (Ann/Fred Schmiedeler)  
 Marcelle Crellin (Ruth Schmitz, Kathy/John Seidl, Carolyn/Frank D'Andrea, Margaret/Joe Sammut, Jean Sheridan, Joe Doherty)  
 Dick Szymanski (Beverly Bruneel, Carol Bauer)  
 Bob Drury (Marcia/Tom Blum)  
 Bonnie Drury's Mother (Marcia/Tom Blum)

Renay Foley (Suzanne/Dan McMillion)  
 Hailey Noelle Hanna (Marcia/Tom Blum)  
 Ro Hickey (Rosemary Shafer, Patricia Short, Dee/Sonny Tepe, Mary Ann McTigue, Barbara/John Phair, William/Barbara Dennis, Anne McGraw, Susanne Peterson, Mr./Mrs. John Berscheit, Jean Petersburg, Mr./Mrs. Robert Gregg, Jim Lefebvre, Norm/Linda Riley, Katie Screes, Louise/Steve Anella, Marian/Bill Bickel, Mary Ellen Brennan, Richard/Jean Dennen, Mary Ann Derda, Joan/Ed Hardig, Mary Jane Chase, Agnes/James Houk, Kathryn Kramer, Dennis Stark, Peg/Ray Larson, Dorothy/Harold Berger)  
 Dorothy Hodson (Jean/Steve Watts, Katy/John Gregg)  
 Patricia Kaniewski (Kimberly/John Keultjes)  
 Richard Keney (Marilyn/John Toepp)  
 Alison Liddell (Linda/Neal Cason)  
 Doug Lindzy (Jane/Fred Kanouse)  
 Robert Makielski (Loretta Chillag)  
 Mary Ann McGurie (Sylvia Popovich)  
 Joyce McNarney (Mary Ann O'Connell)  
 Joseph Meyer (Marlene/Otto Martinec)  
 Joseph Nagy, Sr. (Barbara/Ken Fedder)

Barbara Patrick (Marian/Bill Bickel)  
 Ray Reese (Marcia/Tom Blum)  
 Joe Schellinger (Toni Pikuza)  
 Olga Seidl (Winifred VandenBossche, Margaret Hosinski, Deb/Mike Low, Pat/Fred Hillebrand)  
 Richard Szymanski (Katie Screes)  
 Martha Wille (Marcia/Tom Blum)  
 Oliver Cunningham (Nancy/Jack Pycik)  
**Special Occasion**  
 Ary Bethy (Sylvia Popovich)  
 John/Jan Christianson (Marlene/Tom Nowak)  
 Sheila Emge (Natalie Schuble)  
 Theresa Healey (Sylvia Popovich)  
 Pat Hillebrand (Carol/Jim Holt)  
 William LaVelle (Brooke Merrill)  
 Tim/Helen McNeill (Carol/Jim Holt)  
 David/Mary Fran Meekison (Mary Thallemer)  
 Carol/Jack Regan (Jan/John Jenkins)  
 Marietta Squibb (Carol Bauer)  
 Venita Miller (Marie/Joe Burt)  
 Gwen Wiczorek (Elizabeth Styles)  
 Barbara Wilson (Sandra/Bernie Gorski)  
 Christmas Wishes (Tee/Cal Miller)  
 Dorothy Wood (Carol/Jim Holt)  
 Jon/Libby Baranko (Carol/Frank Baranko)



## Mass, Spring Luncheon Planned for March 26

The Annual Mass and Spring Luncheon will be held March 26 at the Church of Loretto at Saint Mary's College. Bishop Kevin Rhoades will concelebrate the 11AM Mass.

Luncheon at the Gillespie Center at the Hilton Garden Inn will immediately follow the Mass. More information and the registration form will appear in the March newsletter.

## January Board Highlights

- At its January meeting the Board voted to have Quality Printers print our newsletter in color. "We thought it would be more appealing to the eye and would give a more updated look to the organization. A more 'current' look might counter some of the impression that Christ Child is just for older ladies and could help recruit younger members."
- In other business the Board voted to limit the sizes of coats provided to size Adult Large. Members who work in intake and the clothing rooms serving clients often note a lack of consistency in the sizes requested for clothing within one child's order. Perhaps the XL and XXL coats are being used for older siblings or maybe other adult family members. The cost of the larger sizes is much greater than the average cost paid per coat. This will be noted on referral forms and with the intake volunteers. If a child needs a larger size than we stock, we can refer them to other places and agencies to meet their needs.

### Book Club

*Eighty Days*

by Matthew Goodman

February 19

Marge Hosinski (255-9728)

Deadline for next newsletter  
February 18

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

## Pot Luck Get-Together



*photos by Jan Williams*



# *All Work and No Play...*



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## *Take a Day Off Just for You*

**Christ Child Day of Prayer and Reflection at Moreau Seminary on Moreau Drive**

*Take time to celebrate your spirituality in preparation for Lent*

**Reflections by Rev. Paul Doyle CSC**

**Wednesday, February 26, 2014**

**8:30 - 3:00**

Doughnuts, fruit, coffee, tea	8:30-9:15
Morning Reflection	9:30
Mass	11:00
Lunch	12:00
Reflection and Benediction	1:00-3:00

Please send reservations with your check for \$15 payable to The Christ Child Society.

To: Pat Corcoran, 16812 Edinburg Lane, South Bend, IN 46635

Name(s)\_\_\_\_\_

phone\_\_\_\_\_

**Deadline: February 12, please**