



# THE CHRIST CHILD SOCIETY

March 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.

## Bishop Rhoades to Celebrate Annual Mass

Christ Child is honored to have Bishop Kevin Rhoades celebrate its annual Mass on March 26 at the Church of Loretto on Saint Mary's Campus. The Wednesday Mass is at 11:00 AM with lunch immediately following at the Gillespie Center at the Hilton Garden Inn, just north of the college.

Members are asked to bring an item for the Layette Department to the Mass. The onesies, receiving blankets, sleepers and other items will be taken to the altar at the Offertory of the Mass. Every year those attending the Mass have been very generous in helping supply our Layette Department with needed items that go to the new babies born in our local hospitals. The mothers of the infants are so pleased to be able to take their baby home in new clothing provided by The Christ Child Society.

Bishop Rhoades will join us for lunch and the annual meeting. New board members will be introduced and voted on by the general membership attending the luncheon. The agenda will include projects that were accomplished in the past year and what is being planned to move our Chapter ahead in the future. Among the reports will be an explanation of what is in each layette and of the Layettes of Hope. For those of you who do not visit the Center regularly, you will be brought up to date on what programs our Christ Child Center continues to do for our infants and children.

The luncheon reservation is on page four of this newsletter. The Mass parking lot is east of the Church with drop off space and limited parking in front of the Church. Ample parking for the Gillespie Center is north of the Hilton Garden Inn. With the Center closed to clients for the season, this is a great chance to visit with other members and enjoy Mass and lunch with those who share the love of Christ Child.

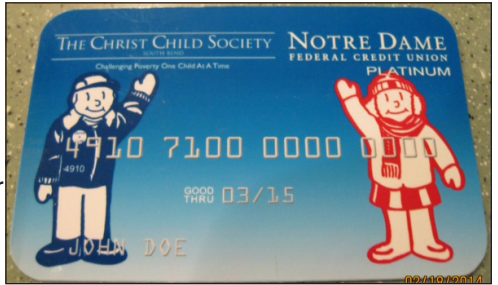
## Executive Board

- President:  
Judy Kuzmich
- President Elect:  
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- Vice President (Fundraising):  
Judy Burmeister
- Vice President (Membership):  
Anne Choinacky
- Vice President (Clothing):  
Sue Walsh
- Recording Secretary:  
Jean Fuehrmeyer
- Corresponding Secretary:  
Marie Burt
- Treasurer:  
Pat Hillebrand

## Members Offered New Fund Raiser

Our members have been offered a new and easy way for our organization to raise funds. Notre Dame Federal Credit Union has set up a plan that any member who qualifies (most of us do by belonging to a Catholic parish) can open a Christ Child VISA Platinum account. This account has no annual fee and a 1% Cash Back bonus on all of your purchases is donated in November of every year to The Christ Child Society on your behalf.

We have application forms at the Center and will have them available at the March luncheon at Gillespie Center on March 26<sup>th</sup>. You can also stop in to any Notre Dame Federal Credit Union branch and tell them you want to apply for a Christ Child Society VISA Platinum account.



The card itself has The Christ Child Society logo on it plus our Clothe-A-Child II "kids" who are waving hello in their warm clothing supplied by Christ Child. This is an easy way for all of us to donate and not miss any out-of-pocket money. This will replace our gift wrapping fund raiser at the Notre Dame Book Store which has been discontinued by the University.

Please consider signing up for your Christ Child VISA as it is an easy way to give back to our organization.

## CALENDAR

- Mar 5 ..... Center Closed for Ash Wednesday
- Mar 12,19 ..... Restock/ Inventory Center 9:00 AM
- Mar 17 ..... Board Meeting Center 9:00 AM
- Mar 26 ..... In Memoriam Mass St. Patrick's 12:15 PM
- Mar 26 ..... Spring Mass/ Church of Loretto/Saint Mary's Luncheon following Mass Gillespie Center Hilton Garden Inn (The Center will be closed.)

## From the President . . . . Judy Kuzmich

**Kind words can be short and easy to speak,  
but their echoes are truly endless.**

I hope you all enjoyed the February issue of our newsletter in color. Our Board thought it time for our South Bend Chapter to update our look and present a new face. I received many positive comments from members saying they enjoyed the color photos and the new look of our newsletter. Thanks to Jan Williams for sharing her great photos taken during the holiday season.

While the Center is closed to clients, we continue to have ongoing activities for Christ Child. Members are still at the Center on Wednesdays restocking to make room for the new clothing for our next year's opening. Our annual spring Mass and luncheon is coming up on March 26<sup>th</sup> at Church of Loretto on the Campus of Saint Mary's with lunch to follow at the Gillespie Center also on campus. Carol Holt and Sheila Emge have a great luncheon planned and I encourage you to get your reservation in ASAP because the date is approaching quickly. Our new Board members will be introduced at this meeting and voted on to serve a term of three years. The Center will be closed that Wednesday so all of our members can attend the Mass and luncheon. Our New Member Coffee is also being planned for May 14<sup>th</sup> at the Center. This is the time our members host an open house at the Christ Child Center to invite all prospective members to attend and see what Christ Child Society is all about. If you have a friend or two that may be thinking of joining, please encourage them to attend the coffee and plan on hosting them at this fun event.

Extra measures have been taken to secure our Center since the disappearance of the coats. Deadbolt locks have been added to all of our rooms and the security system is being updated. At this time it looks as insurance will reimburse us for the stolen coats, with our deductible being \$500. It is still a mystery to all of us who work at the Center as to how this happened. Most likely we will never know but with the added security it should not happen again.

Clothe-A-Child I campaign has been successful with donations still coming in. It is not too late to send in your donation if you have not already done so, and a big thank you to all who have contributed so we may continue to serve the children who need our services.

I hope that by the time you receive this newsletter we are seeing signs of spring. Heaven knows, we all need to see the robins return and the crocus and tulips peek through the earth's soil

God Bless

### A Great Little Surprise

As treasurer I often get to open envelopes which contain wonderful surprise donations. However, I don't think any of them has touched my heart as the \$50 check that was enclosed with this note.

How great that the parents and grandmother (who has been a hard working member for a long time) has instilled in this child such exemplary values. I share this with you so that you can appreciate it as much as I did.-- Pat Hillebrand

Dear Christ Child  
Society,  
I am 10 years old  
and this year for  
my birthday I  
am donating \$50.00  
So you can buy some  
more clothing for  
the children.  
Love,  
~~Pat~~  
Anastasia

### Christ Child Society Bequests

A gift in your will (a bequest) is the most traditional way to provide significant help to carry out the mission of The Christ Child Society of South Bend, Indiana. It will provide layettes and clothing each year for thousands of needy children in our community.

Your gift in your will can be a specific dollar amount, a percentage or a part of your residuary estate. A gift can be made to the Endowment Fund or to the General Fund. For example:

#### Specific Bequest

"I give to The Christ Child Society, Inc. of South Bend, Indiana, Endowment Fund the sum of \_\_\_\_\_ dollars."

"I give to The Christ Child Society, Inc. of South Bend, Indiana, General Fund the sum of \_\_\_\_\_ dollars."

#### Percentage Bequest

"I give to The Christ Child Society, Inc. of South Bend, Indiana, Endowment Fund \_\_\_\_\_% of my estate."

"I give to The Christ Child Society, Inc. of South Bend, Indiana, General Fund \_\_\_\_\_% of my estate."

#### Residuary Bequest

"I give all the rest, residue and remainder of my estate to The Christ Child Society, Inc. of South Bend, Indiana, Endowment Fund."

"I give all the rest, residue and remainder of my estate to The Christ Child Society, Inc. of South Bend, IN, General Fund."

### Book Club

*Mrs. Lincoln's Dressmaker*  
by Jennifer Chiaverini  
March 19  
Carol Holt (259-0461)

Deadline for next newsletter  
March 17

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

Ann Aranowski (Loretta Chillag)  
 Megan Beeler (Jim/Carolyn Chrzan)  
 Charles Bencie (Marcia/Tom Blum)  
 Mary Catanzarite (Kay/Frank Catanzarite)  
 Mary Lou Chrobot (Esther Cyr)  
 Arline Ruth Clavey (Fred/Ann Schmiedeler)  
 Marcelle Crellin (Beth & Dan Barrett, Judy/Hugh Kuzmich, Charlotte/James Beyer)  
 Robert Eddy (Ed/Joan Hardig)  
 Renay Foley (Don/Carol Nash)  
 John Hammersley (Joe/ Marie Burt)  
 David C. Hay (Rosemary Shafer and Family)  
 Maria Henry (Donna Kyle)  
 Ro Hickey (Patricia Ann Colburn, M.H. Ervin, Lynne/Dave Fischgrund, Rose Ann Foreman, Van/Jean Gates, Ann Korb, Mary Ann McGuire, Kevin/Eileen Sarb, Sullivan Family Foundation)

James Lee Hollister (Winnie Vandembosche)  
 Chad Hudnall (James/Kimberly Keultjes)  
 Lucia Lee Van (Fred/Jane Kanouse)  
 Emil Mamula (Helen/Tim McNeill)  
 Ruth Peli (Pat/Fred Hillebrand)  
 Peg Ripple (Kay/Roy Ellgass)  
 Olga Seidl (Pat Corcoran, Judy/Hugh Kuzmich)  
 Joan Frances Wiley (St. Joseph Academy - Class of 1947 Monthly Lunch Group)

### Special Occasion:

Arlene & Bill Harlan - 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniv. (Mary Lou/Pete Mullen, Tom/Maureen Cahir)  
 Jim Hesburgh (Barbara Dillon)  
 Pat & Jackie Jones (Kathy Roberts)  
 Liz Keller - Happy Birthday (Beth Reising)  
 Kathy Lanphere - Recovery (Sheila Emge)  
 Phyllis Miller (Joe/Marie Burt)  
 Mary Petersen (Pat Corcoran)

## Christ Child Society Guardian Angels

A special membership category was established in 1998. A one time \$1000 enrollment fee for deceased members or spouses, benefiting the Christ Child Society Endowment Fund, will insure the Society's ability to continue the future good works.

The Guardian Angels are honored with their names appearing on a plaque in the Christ Child Society office. The family of the deceased will receive an enrollment certificate. Each angel will be remembered monthly and each year at our annual Mass. A special page in our directory will list our angels annually.

Current members and spouses may pre-enroll in the program. These "angels in waiting" will be kept on a special list and officially enrolled upon their deaths.

Please refer any questions to Kathy Seidl (291-6604).



### March

- 2 Kay Ellgass
- 3 Dick and Vicki Riel
- 4 Betsy Cooke
- 5 Loretta Chillag
- 5 Kay Catanzarite
- 5 Kimberly Keultjes
- 8 Patricia Jane Waldron
- 8 Maureen Jones
- 9 Millie Gurthet
- 10 Mary Lou Smith
- 11 Barbara Wilson
- 12 Karen Barnett
- 13 Mary Kloska
- 13 Janet Crull
- 14 Jeanine Wideman
- 14 Marlene Nowak
- 15 Rosemary Anderson
- 18 Mary Brown
- 21 Patricia Skudlarek
- 22 Bette O'Malley
- 23 Mary Ann Mostaert
- 24 Norma Wilson
- 24 Mary Clare Dunbar
- 26 Michelle Kuehn

### Did you know . . .

Esther Cyr, Jane Horning, Mary Pulaski and Kathy Roberts will co-chair Used Clothing due to work overload of Debbie Spillman, Clean used clothing from infant sizes to children size 20 continues to be needed.

This is the second time Bishop Rhoades will celebrate the Christ Child's annual spring Mass. In 2010 on March 24, shortly after he was installed as Bishop of the Fort Wayne-South Bend Diocese, he celebrated Mass at St. Patrick's Church for members.



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## Annual Mass and Spring Luncheon Wednesday, March 26, 2014

Mass will begin at 11:00 AM at the Church of Loretto, Saint Mary's  
Luncheon Meeting following Mass at the Gillespie Center at the Hilton Garden Inn

Lunch choices: \_\_\_\_\_ Chicken Breast \_\_\_\_\_ Berry Salad

Offertory Gifts: Members are asked to bring layette items to be donated to the layette department.

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ number of reservations at \$25.00 \_\_\_\_\_ total enclosed  
(Make checks payable to Christ Child Society)

Please send reservations to Sheila Emge, 18541 Geary Court South Bend 46637

**Reservation Deadline - March 21, 2014**