



CHRIST CHILD SOCIETY® OF CLEVELAND

WHERE LOVE LEADS TO ACTION

CHAPTER AND VERSE

MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT



Dear Members and Friends,

With a positive, enthusiastic attitude, we welcome this New Year. Despite the obstacles that exist in this unprecedented time, we are so blessed to be able to share all that God has given us to help others who are less fortunate.

We are extremely grateful for the generosity of all who participated in the 2020 Soiree, generating over \$183,000. We will continue to provide our traditional services, taking into consideration the recommendations generated from our Community Needs Assessment and our 80+ agency partners. Early this year, work will begin on a new strategic plan to guide us into the future. Welcome 2021! Here we go, to do God's work.

That this conviction has always stayed with me is a sign that it was God given for, when I turn aside to dream of what I might do, I come back quickly to what I can do here and now in the immediate present and surroundings and always and always I have found my hands filled with tasks, humble enough sometimes but I know them to be great to Him in whose eyes nothing is small. –Mary Virginia Merrick

Valentine's Day will soon be upon us. The message of love comes to us through our members, those we serve, and most of all the Christ Child. Wishing you all a year filled with unconditional love.

Blessings,
Mary Herrick

Attention All Members!

FEBRUARY 17 GENERAL MEETING

Christ Child Society of Cleveland will hold its General Business Meeting on Wednesday, February 17, at 11:00 a.m. on Zoom. An invitation will be emailed to members a few days before the virtual meeting. The invitation will contain information and a link to access the meeting. Find out about the exciting things that are happening in our chapter! All members are encouraged to attend, but if you are unable to participate, a summary of committee and project reports will be made available after the meeting.



REFLECTIONS FROM FATHER RALPH

Here we are in a new year, with a new national administration in Washington DC, but continuing to face the COVID-19 pandemic which has afflicted us for the past year. The quick development of a vaccine holds a lot of promise, but it will still take a good amount of time for changes in our daily lives to occur. As always, the poor and the underprivileged find themselves at the greatest risk. While these are the same folks that the Christ Child Society serves, it would be a wonderful commitment to make them the special reason for our prayer at this time. Even if the usual services Christ Child members attempt to provide are curtailed for a while, or perhaps made more difficult, prayer is one means we have of overcoming all the obstacles we face. The touch of God happens in many ways, and to know that we can have a hand in making that touch a reality by our prayers can be one wonderful consolation in this very strange time of upset and challenge. Never underestimate the power of prayer.

CCS CLE NEWS!

News You Need To Know **NOW!**

February 3	Provisional Review
February 10	Executive Committee <i>via Zoom at 10 a.m.</i>
February 17	Board Meeting <i>via Zoom at 9:30 a.m.</i>
February 17	General Business Meeting <i>via Zoom at 11 a.m.</i>
March 3	Provisional Information Coffee <i>via Zoom at 10 a.m.</i>
March 10	Executive Committee <i>via Zoom at 10 a.m.</i>
March 24	Installation Mass at the Jesuit Retreat Center <i>10 a.m. Mass followed by Luncheon</i>
April 14	Executive Committee <i>via Zoom at 10 a.m.</i>
April 21	Board Meeting <i>via Zoom at 10 a.m.</i>
May 21	Red Wagon Luncheon
June 23	Spring Luncheon/ Annual Business Meeting



Did you know Christ Child of Cleveland has a Facebook site? Keep up to date with CCSC events, volunteer protocols, Showcase Shop, and fellow members by following us. We'll be posting pictures and highlights of 2021 programs and events. If you have the Facebook app on your phone it's a great way to stay informed while waiting in line or going through the car wash this winter! We would love to increase our number of Facebook "friends" as a way to spread the word about our organization and the number of children in the Cleveland area that we serve.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES February/March 2021

***NEW VOLUNTEER PROTOCOL:** COVID protocols are required at all CCS volunteer sites. **Please contact the project chair listed below to confirm your participation and to verify that the event has not been delayed or canceled.** The number of volunteers will be limited due to social distancing requirements. Masks are required by the State of Ohio at all facilities. Thank you for your cooperation and know we greatly appreciate your time and talent and all you do for the Christ Child Society!

Layette Packing

First Monday, 10:00-12:30

February and March dates TBD and shared via email

Contact: **Carla Calevich**

Euclid-St. John of the Cross Sewing Group

Fourth Thursday, 9:00-12:00 - *No sewing until further notice.*

Sewers may call Andrea Dean for fabric.

Contact: **Andrea Dean**

Independence Sewing Group

Second Wednesday & Thursday, 10:00-2:00

No sewing until further notice.

Contact: **Laura Cengic**

Merrick House Reading Enrichment

First, Third and Fifth Tuesdays, 9:30-11:00

No reading until further notice

Contact: **Carol Janas**

"My Stuff"

Selected Tuesdays, 10:00-12:00

February and March Dates TBD

Contact: **Kathy Moehring**

Parkview HeadStart Reading Program

First and Third Tuesdays, 9:30-11:00

No reading until further notice

Contact: **Sharon Skotko** and **Sharon Harwat**

Portable Crib Team

First and Third Tuesdays, 10:00-12:30

Contact: **Sheila Gulick**

St. Francis Library

During the school year

Tuesday 9:30-2:00/Wednesday 9:30-2:30

Reading limited at this time

Contact: **Lynn McMahan**

St. Rocco Library

During the school year Monday 8:30-12:00

No reading until further notice

Contact: **Laura Cengic**

Showcase

Shifts available Tuesdays – Saturday

11:00-2:00/ 11:00-4:00/ 12:00-4:00

Contact: **Mary Jane (MJ) Miller**

***Contact information can be found in our Chapter roster.**

Showcase's Monthly Winter Sales

Showcase is CELEBRATING the New Year with monthly sales events. January kicked it off with our Winter White Sale - Buy 2 get 1 item of equal or lesser value free. February is the Red Hot Valentine BOGO Sale. March Madness is the first 2 weeks of March, 50% off everything in the store. The semi-annual bag sale will follow on March 13, 16 and 1/2 day on the 17 and then changeover on 17 and 18. Come in and get some really great deals!!

Showcase is always accepting donations. We continue to run on an **all volunteer** staff. Please consider volunteering at Showcase. We are also in need of volunteers for the bag sale and changeover. Contact MJ Miller to schedule a shift or two. Thank you for your continued support of Showcases mission providing for the children of Cleveland.



INFORMATIONAL COFFEE

FOR NEXT PROVISIONAL CLASS IS SOON

Our Informational Coffee for prospective new members will be held via Zoom on Wednesday, March 3, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. Tell your friends, tell your family members, tell your neighbors! If anyone you know has been thinking about joining, now is the time! Prospective members should contact **Kathy Bush** to register for the Informational Coffee or fill out an application on our website.

During the Zoom meeting, President **Mary Herrick** will speak about our mission and all project chairs will also speak. Those interested in joining the next Provisional Class can apply on line before or after the meeting. The application is on our website.

QUILT DONATIONS

The Common Threads Quilt Guild from Parma Heights donated 10 handmade quilts to the Christ Child Society in January. The only request by these talented quilt makers was eight quilts be donated to babies or children. The Guild suggested the remaining two quilts be raffled off at our spring Red Wagon luncheon. Beverly Callow and her fellow Guild members also donated hand knitted scarves and a bag full of handmade stuffed animals. The Layette Committee is handling the distribution of these items. We thank the Guild for these donations.



February Sale

Come to The Showcase
Buy one Get one Free!

All February
*equal or lesser value



Legacy Celebration Update

Our Cleveland Chapter will honor Christ Child members marking membership anniversaries in 2020 and 2021 at the *Spring Luncheon and General Business Meeting* on June 23, 2021. Please remember we were unable to celebrate the members anniversaries in 2020 due to the pandemic yet their names were listed in the March/April 2020 edition of *Chapter & Verse*.

So, we will pay tribute to those special ladies along with the 2021 members together. Look for details and reservation form in the next issue of *Chapter & Verse*.

YEARS TO CELEBRATE CONGRATULATIONS!

The following 68 Members are Celebrating Milestone Anniversaries this Year:

60 Years

Juliana Bell
Mary F. Coyne

55 Years

Patricia Ferry
Carolyn O'Neill Page

50 Years

Kathleen Hughes
Kathleen Markee

45 Years

Mary M. Knake
Frances M. Skapek

40 Years

Nancy Fisco
Marie Ward

35 Years

Myrtle E. Jira
Kathleen A. Meluch
Carol H. Panek
Mary Ann Petrancek
Marianne A. Turocy
Goldie M. Weiss
Martha Muir West

30 Years

Marylou B. Bongorno
Pauline Fiegelist
Paulina Molina
Mary I. Moriarty
Mary Ellen Petras

25 Years

Sharon R. Abel
Anne Carnahan
Denise L. Coyner
Georgeann Holton
Kim Kirchner-Horn
Nancy Ortmann
Linda M. Skaryd
Barbara Ann Stanek
Stephanie K. West
Eleanor N. Yager

20 Years

Carol J. Clancy
Julie A. Dzuban
Catherine J. Gentile
Judy Lencewicz
Dolores Wiemels

15 Years

Rita Ann Covell
Ann Ertle
Betty L. Fortune
Mary Cay McConnell

Loretta A. Oakar
Jeanne Strok
Shirley Vilinsky
Colleen Wyszynski

10 Years

Patricia A. Bandsuh
Catherine Caruso
Constance Cinkole
Carol M. Janas
Theresa A. Moenk
Robbie Wolan

5 Years

Katherine Bush
Carla Calevich
Mary Feikle
Kathy Gonnella
Rosemary Hahn
Margie Kosch
Joanne M. Krysh
Becky McClelland
Lynn S. McMahon
MJ Miller
Kathy Moehring
Anne Mooney
Sue Pryor
Sharon A. Skotko
Doreen A. Ulrich
Claudia M. Volosin
Jane Yurichak

Provisional Installation Mass

March 24, 2021

Our Cleveland Chapter will celebrate the installation of new members on March 24, 2021. The Jesuit Retreat Center (JRC) was chosen as the location this year for the Mass and luncheon to ensure safe social distancing measures given the COVID-19 challenges. Therefore, please know we must restrict attendees to the provisional members, their sponsors, provisional chair and co-chair, and only a few others to keep under 48 attendees.

With that, let us welcome and congratulate these new members who are wholeheartedly supporting our mission of "Challenging Childhood Poverty in Greater Cleveland!"

We are pleased to install the following provisionals as members:

Patricia DiVitto
Adrienne Dziak
Mary Essig
Kathleen Fillar
Sharon Hensel
Debbie Higgins
Kathy O'Neill
Marie Pompili
Pamela Rable
Susan Tate
Terry Tomon
Maria Wancata

DID YOU KNOW THAT?

Hope everyone has found ways to productively spend personal spare time lately during the pandemic months. I personally am bored of re-organizing my home...especially since I've only lived in this dwelling for two years. How bad could the refrigerator dust bunnies accumulate? When the 2020 Christ Child Society Membership Roster arrived in the mail, I thought it would be a great break from mundane cleaning, sorting and organizing to analyze our "roots." With thanks to **Carol Fondran** for the newly assembled info, I wish to share these facts.

Did you know that from our 350 plus membership....

91 Churches are listed as our members' home parishes

7 Churches are from Out of State (Florida, Kansas, Texas and South Carolina)

The highest number of CCS members registered per parish are:

- 31 St. Basil the Great
- 21 St. Raphael
- 18 St. Albert the Great
- 17 Gesu
- 16 St. Christopher
- 14 St. Bernadette
- 12 St. Joan of Arc
- 10 Assumption and St. Columbkille
- 9 Holy Angels, St. Francis of Assisi and St. Ladislav

The Blessed Virgin is well represented by our membership who attend 4 separate St. Mary Churches (Hudson, Avon, Vermillion, and Olmsted Falls)

St. Barnabas (Fr. Ralph's Parish) has no CCS members!

There are more facts to be shared in the future....Exactly how many women are named Cathy! I was part of a committee where there were 7 of us with similar names of Cathy, Kathleen, Kate, Katie. It was confusing. How many Marys are there?

Submitted by **Katie Camaglia**, PR & Communications Chair

Installation Mass & Luncheon

Wednesday, March 24, 2021

Jesuit Retreat Center

5629 State Road, Parma, OH 44134

Holy Mass Celebrated at 10 a.m. • Luncheon to Follow

No Separate Invitation Will Be Mailed

*Sadly, due to COVID-19 restrictions, please know we need to limit this year's luncheon to **only 48 attendees**. Priority reservations will be given to the provisional members and their sponsors. It is hopeful in 2022, we will return to celebrating the Installation Mass and honoring the Legacy Members together with the full cohort of Christ Child Society members present.*

INSTALLATION MASS AND LUNCH RESERVATION FORM

Reservation Deadline: Monday, March 15th

Reservations can be made online at: christchildsocietycleveland.org/installation-lunch

Payment must accompany reservation form

Please Reserve: ___ Tickets @ \$40 each

I cannot attend but would like to make a donation of \$ _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Total Enclosed: \$ _____ Phone: _____

Seating Requests (Tables of 4) Indicate Member (M), Guest (G), Other Chapter (O), Provisional (P)

List your name and the names of those you have confirmed will be sharing your table.
Incomplete tables will be filled with other Christ Child members and their guests.

1. _____ M G O P 2. _____ M G O P

3. _____ M G O P 4. _____ M G O P

_____ **I have no seating preference** _____ **I prefer the vegetarian option**

Checks made payable to the Christ Child Society

-or-

MasterCard • Visa • American Express • Discover

Cardholder Name: _____

Account Number: _____ Exp. Date: _____

Signature: _____

Mail reservation form with payment to:
Christ Child Society, 7901 Detroit Ave., Suite 300, Cleveland, Ohio 44102
Attn: Installation Luncheon

Remembrance/Endowment Report

November 4, 2020 - January 6, 2021

Memory

Daniel Bronzino
Julia Brutt
John Cetrone (3)
Roy Conrad (6)
Robert Farone
Mercedes Higgins

Faye Hollis
Areti Koustis
Lifretto, Loesje's Brother
Agnes Leonino
Jane Marszal (9)
Phil Martelli

Michelle McFarland (5)
Edward McNamara (2)
Frank Sheffield
Mary Sims
Helen Smith (8)

Irma Stewart
Doris Tainer
James Tamburro
Vincent
Lou Volpe

Honor

Diane Anker
Karen Bush
Sharon Hensel
Karen and John Kirk,

Congratulations on being the 2020 CCS Persons of the Year

Dorothy and John Lazo-Merry Christmas
Bob and Dolores Rossley

The Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist
Masses for Christ Child members,
living and deceased and their families are:

Thursday, February 25, 2021 at noon
Thursday, March 25, 2021 at noon
Monday, April 26, 2021 at noon

In Our Thoughts

Kathy Blough on the death of her father, Henry F. Kleinhenz
Paula Conrad, on the death of her father-in law, Roy Conrad
Linda Kacenjara, upon the death of her mother, Antoinette Schostek
Mary Lou Mathews, upon the death of her brother-in-Law, Henry F. Kleinhenz
Loesje (Hedy) Ortega, upon the death of her brother, Lifretto
The Family of Irma Stewart

Please notify the Christ Child office regarding deaths of CCS members or their immediate family members.

Send Remembrance/Endowment checks to:

Christ Child Society of Cleveland,
7901 Detroit Avenue, Suite 300,
Cleveland, Ohio 44102

Donations November 4, 2020 - January 6, 2021\$4,070.00

TOTAL FOR FISCAL YEAR \$16,480.00

Online Remembrance Giving available on our website at christchildsofleveland.org



RED WAGON 2021

The Red Wagon 2021 event this year will once again be a virtual event due to COVID-19 and the State of Ohio restrictions and vaccine schedules.

The format will include raffles, an "ask" for donations and include an opportunity that will allow members to stay safe but also have fun.

Additional information will be shared at our February 13th Business Meeting. If you'd like to help make our fundraiser a success please contact **Carol Janas**. We would love to have you join us.



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Articles for the Newsletter

Please contact **Cathy Harbinak** if you have any special needs or volunteer requests for the newsletter.
Articles for the April/May issue will be due by Monday, March 8.

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