

**Christ Child Catholic Church**  
***Dedicated to Growth in Christ and to the  
Challenges of Loving Service***

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**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**April 15, 2018**

**Witness to the Resurrection**

In his book *I Believe*, Grant Teaff, head football coach at Baylor University, tells a remarkable story. It's about a young man who was once the world's greatest pole vaulter. His name is Brian Sternberg. In 1963 Brian was a sophomore at the University of Washington. He was not only the world's best pole vaulter but also America's trampoline champion. Teaff says – and I quote him exactly here, “Word around the track was that Brian Sternberg was the most self-centered young athlete to come along in a long time.” Teaff tells how he watched Brian perform the day he broke the world's record. He says, “The thing that caught my eye... was his poise and confidence and the fact that he never smiled.” The next day at breakfast, Teaff picked up the paper and was stunned. The headline read, “Brian Sternberg Injured.” Brian had been working out alone in the gym. He did a triple somersault and came down on the trampoline off center. His neck hit the

edge of the trampoline, snapping it and leaving him totally paralyzed, able to move only his eyes and his mouth. Brian was left a helpless, hopeless cripple and a very bitter young man. Five years later Coach Teaff saw Brian again. It was at a convention of coaches and athletes at Estes Park, Colorado. The auditorium was totally dark. Suddenly a movie projector lit up the screen. There was Brian Sternberg racing down the runway and executing that record-breaking pole vault. Every coach and athlete oohed and aahed. Then the auditorium went totally dark again, except for a single spotlight falling on a single chair on the empty stage. Suddenly out of the shadows on the stage came a huge football player named Wes Wilmer. In his arms was what looked like a big rag doll. Its long arms and legs hung limp at its sides and flopped this way and that way as Wes Wilmer walked across the stage. The rag doll was six-foot, three-inch Brian Sternberg, who now weighed 87 pounds. Wilmer placed him in the chair and propped him up with pillows to keep him from falling over. Then in a raspy voice Brian Sternberg began to talk. He said: “My friends... Oh, I pray to God that what has happened to me will never happen to one of you. I pray that you'll never know the humiliation, the shame of not being able to perform one human act. “Oh, I pray to God you will never know the pain that I live with daily. It is my hope and my prayer that what has happened to me would never happen to one of you. Unless, my friends, that's what it takes for you to put God in the center of your life.” The impact of Brian's words was electrifying. No one there will ever forget them.

And that's what Brian Sternberg was doing on that empty stage in Estes Park, Colorado. Before his tragic accident he was a self-centered athlete. Immediately after it he was a bitter person. But then something beautiful happened. Someone introduced Brian to Jesus Christ. Beginning with that introduction, the power of the risen Jesus touched Brian and began to transform him. The result was that Brian became an inspiring living witness to the resurrection. The most powerful force in the world is someone touched and transformed by the power of the Risen Christ.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

By request or appointment

**BAPTISMS & WEDDINGS**

Call the office for an appointment.

**Anointing of the Sick**

Celebrated biannually at Mass or individually by appointment.

**For Pregnancy Support**

Birthright 241-8444 or 800-550-4900

**Prayer Group in the Parish**

Every Tuesday at 8:15 a.m. All men and all women are invited!

**MASS INTENTIONS April 14 - 20**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. + Harold M. Hoyt  
Sunday 10:00 a.m. Parishioners  
Tuesday 9:00 a.m. Murphy-Dwyer  
Thursday 9:00 a.m. + Harold M. Hoyt  
Friday 8:00 a.m. Young families

**TREASURY SUNDAY REPORT**

**April 7 & 8, 2018**

Plate.....	\$ 1,493.00
EFT.....	\$ 540.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 2,033.00</b>

**Thank you and May God reward you!**

**Christ Child Men's Club**

Our next meeting and dinner will be at 6:30 pm.  
**On Wednesday May 9<sup>th</sup> 2018** “Together,  
supporting each other, we can do great  
things.”

**Women's Club/ Prayer Group**

We meet the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month from  
**1 to 2:30 pm. in the Community Center. Our  
next meeting is Wednesday April 25<sup>th</sup>!**  
Our focus is social and spiritual at the same time.  
Please contact Ruth McCormick  
[ruthmcc@flash.net](mailto:ruthmcc@flash.net)

**10<sup>th</sup> Annual BLESSING OF THE HOT RODS**

*(Because insurance isn't always enough)*

**Free Admission - No Vehicle Entry Fee**

**Saturday May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

**10 am to 3 pm**

**FOOD – FUN – CARS - WINE**

**Car Show Corner:**

**The Blessing of the Hot Rods is Saturday,  
May 19<sup>th</sup>! Please sign up to volunteer in  
the lobby of the church.**

**We are still in need of items to go inside of  
Raffle Baskets... wine, wine accessories,  
fun napkins/plates, picnic, snacks... or you  
could put together your own Basket! Also,  
donate your gently used jewelry for the  
jewelry sale – look for the basket at the  
back of the church!**

**Please like Us on Facebook, Blessing of the  
Hot Rods, to see more information.**

**TENT OF BRAHAN: Interfaith Dialogue, The  
third presentation in a three-part series on  
Religious prejudice.**

*“Christianity and Religious Prejudice”*

**Sunday, May 6, 2018**

**3:30pm-6:30pm**

**Featured Speaker: Fr. Cyprian Consiglio,  
OSB, Cam. Prior, New Camaldoli Hermitage  
Holy Cross Parish Hall  
210 High St. Santa Cruz.**