



# THE CHRIST CHILD SOCIETY

March 2017

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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.

## Let Love Shine Updates

### June 15 at The Center for History

This year's event will feature the opening of our exhibit, *The Christ Child Society: A History of Serving Children*. Bring friends and families to help us celebrate! The exhibit will be open to the public until our anniversary in August.

### Sponsorships

In the coming weeks, letters will go out to businesses requesting sponsorships for the event. Individual requests will be included with the invitation this spring, or you can contact the sponsorship committee members, Mary Liddell or Sue Walsh.

### Wine Pull and Gift Card Balloons

This year, we will be adding a wine pull to the event. For a \$20 donation, you have a chance to walk away with a bottle of wine valued between \$15-\$50 (or more). If you are interested in donating a bottle of wine to be included, please contact Joan Hardig.

We will again have the Gift Card Balloon pop. Because of last year's overwhelming popularity, we would like to have even more balloons this year. If you can donate gift cards valued at \$25 or \$50 please drop them off to Megan in the office, or to Kathy Siedl. Be sure to put them in an envelope with your name, phone number, name of store/restaurant and value.

### Silent Auction

We will have silent auction with electronic bidding again this year. A big thanks to Notre Dame Federal Credit Union for helping to offset the cost of Gesture's services! If you are able to help coordinate one or two of the packages, please contact Mary Barrett at [mbarrett.iu@gmail.com](mailto:mbarrett.iu@gmail.com). You could host a gift gathering party to gather items for a specific package, or maybe your room at the center would like to sponsor a basket. Thanks to the intake room for putting together the Grandparents Basket!

## Executive Board

Co Presidents:

Peg Riggs

Debbie Spillman

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Sue Walsh

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Holly Hosinski

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Mary Wisniewski

Vice President (Clothing):

Linda Wray

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Jane Reed

Corresponding Secretary:

Jane Reed

Treasurer:

Diane Lutomski

## CALENDAR

March 1,8,15,22,29.....Restock,  
Inventory - Center 9:00 am - Noon

March 20..... Board Meeting  
Dickinson Room SJ CPL

March 25..... In Memoriam Mass  
Little Flower 8:30 AM

March 29..... Spring Mass/Luncheon  
Alumni Hall, Morris Inn

Winter will be over soon and what better way to celebrate than with Mass celebrated by Bishop Kevin Rhodes in Alumni Hall. Lunch will follow in the bright and sunny Carmichael Room at the Morris Inn

## 70th Anniversary Celebration - August 6

On August 6, 1947, Rosaleen 'Puddy' Crowley gathered a group of committed ladies, and under the personal guidance of Mary Virginia Merrick, founded the South Bend Chapter of the Christ Child Society.

Please plan to join us 70 years later on Sunday, August 6, 2017, as we recognize the contributions of our members, celebrate our mission and share our memories with a 70th Anniversary Brunch and Open House at The Christ Child Clothing Center.

### Data Updates

- Like us on Facebook: [facebook.com/ChristChildSB](https://www.facebook.com/ChristChildSB)
- Follow us on Twitter: [@ChristChildSB](https://twitter.com/ChristChildSB)
- Check us out online: [www.christchildsb.org](http://www.christchildsb.org)

## From the Co-President . . . Debbie Spillman

**“Volunteers are not paid – not because they are worthless, but because they are priceless.”- Sherry Anderson**

I hope everyone is enjoying the relatively mild winter that we've had so far. Personally, I have enjoyed avoiding my usual tasks of plowing and shoveling snow on a regular basis. Of course old man winter still has time to make a renewed appearance. Although our distribution center has been closed for the past two months, the Christ Child Society of South Bend has not been in hibernation.

Our clothing buyers continue to purchase items so we will be ready for the 2017 season. Although most of our buyers are new to their positions, they have been diligent in finding the best deals and keeping the clothing rooms well stocked. The committee for the Spring Mass and Luncheon has been actively preparing for our annual event which is scheduled for Wednesday, March 29. The members involved with Let Love Shine continue to plan our exhibit for the History Museum. Our exhibit will officially open on the day of the LLS fundraiser, Thursday, June 15.

As we mentally prepare for the Lenten season, many of us have begun to focus on an individual Lenten sacrifice. This year, have you considered what you might “do” instead of what you might give up? It's not uncommon to want to find something special to do; but once Easter arrives, we find those good intentions never materialized. If you are reading this, it's because you know what the Christ Child Society accomplishes for the children of our area. It would be a blessing if you would consider helping us by committing to something outside your “usual” Wednesday morning volunteer work. There are numerous positions on our Organizational chart that are becoming vacant. PLEASE consider filling one of those roles. Some positions require a small amount of time. Other positions might require you to work with a committee to help you accomplish a goal, such as being chair of a fundraiser. As you prayerfully consider your Lenten journey, please call me to discuss the many options available. You can volunteer for something as simple as a committee member or a co-chair position and . . . just when you think it doesn't get any better, you realize your newfound commitment allows you to eat chocolate throughout Lent! Definitely a win-win situation!

I look forward to hearing your voices and laughter throughout the Center as members return on Wednesday, March 8. As usual, our biggest project will be assembling the Layettes of Hope. We will also be working with clothing inventory wherever we are needed!

## Newsletter Change

A major change that is coming to the Christ Child Society of South Bend is the number of newsletters currently being published yearly. After looking at various non-profit agencies, having lengthy discussions with the Board and members at the Center, the Board voted to change the distribution of newsletters from 10 times a year to four times a year.

The change will begin in August 2017. The newsletter distribution for the 2017-2018 fiscal year will be November 2017, February 2018, and May 2018.

Email blasts, Facebook posts, website and Twitter updates will continue on a regular basis. We are looking forward to bringing you, our members, donors and volunteers, current information in an updated format.



## Clothe-A-Child Annual Appeal

It's not too late! Donations are still being received for the Clothe-A-Child campaign kicked off last November. Since our annual budget is over \$350,000, funds must be raised to keep our doors open to the children we serve. To date we have received \$68,670.25 from members and friends of The Christ Child Society. This is one of our major ways to fulfill our work and dedication to the infants and children of our community.

If you would to donate and have misplaced the information, you can still contribute. Please make checks payable to Christ Child Society and note that it is for the Clothe-A-Child Annual Appeal. Mail your donation to Christ Child Society, P.O. Box 1286, South Bend, IN 46624. Credit card donations are welcomed at [christchildsb.org/clothe-a-child](http://christchildsb.org/clothe-a-child). Please know that 100% of your donation will be spent on new clothing and shoes. You can make a difference in the life of a child.

If you would like to make a donation in honor of someone, list the name of the individual with their address and they will be notified of your gift. Thank you for caring about the children of our community.

Deadline for April newsletter  
March 20  
Ann Korb (277-6443) [ack339@aol.com](mailto: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

Mary Amatore (Carolyn Chrzan)  
 James Anderer (Diane Quinn)  
 Dolores Bilinski (Toni Pikuza)  
 Fr. Joseph P. Browne CSC (Dr. John/Marilyn Toepp)  
 Helen Cira (Joe/Marie Burt)  
 Katie Colino (Marie Burt)  
 Janet Crull (Kenneth/Barbara Fedder, Peg Claeys, Ed/Joan Hardig, Tom/Mary Wisniewski)  
 Rita Dunda (Judy Burmeister, Diane James)  
 Phillip Faccenda (Peg Claeys)  
 Gary Gabryel (Marlene/Otto Martinec)  
 Elizabeth/Simon Gansey (Dorothy Mady)  
 David Gong (Janice Goossens)  
 Lillian Gruber (Peggy Gerstbauer)  
 Jeff Hale (Toni Pikuza)  
 Theresa Healey (Virginia Zellers, Toni Pikuza)  
 Tara Kelly (Bob/Toni Kowalski)  
 Frank Kobayashi (Mary Ann Mason)  
 Carol Kovacs (Toni Pikuza)  
 Ruth Kowals (Karen Kowals)  
 Mike Krueger (Janice Goossens)  
 Colleen Laidlaw (Janice Goossens)  
 Betty Lorenzen (Marian Diltz McCarthy)  
 Marsha McHenry (Jane Dietrich)  
 John J. McLaren (K of C Co. 553)  
 Carol Hood McNamara (B.J. O'Brien)  
 Harold Makoski (Toni Kowalski)  
 Virginia Mayette (Florence Duesterberg)  
 Al Milauskas (Carol Holt)  
 Diana J. Miller (Dr. John/Marilyn Toepp)  
 Tom Pilot (Deborah Kruyer)  
 Marjorie Poklinkowski (Catherine Fitzpatrick)  
 Frank Prikosovich (Margaret Gerstbauer, Kathy Seidl)  
 Louise J. Reiner (Dr./Mrs A.J. Backs, Joan Jaworski)  
 Don Roth (Bill/Jan Killilea)  
 Richard E. Tepe (Renee Hochstetter)  
 Frank Rueth (Marlene/Otto Martinec)

### In Memoriam

Member  
 Barbara Szewczyk  
 Husband  
 Fred Crowe  
 Friend of Christ Child  
 Jude Cashman

Patty Scherer (Marcia Blum)  
 John Schroeder (Carol Holt)  
 Jane Stephenson (Donna/Don Kyle)  
 Georgianna Sweeney (Louise/Steve Anella)  
 Ruth Tarner (Barbara Dillon)  
 Helen Toth (Julie Considine, Mary Anne Retseck)  
 Greg Tysen (Rosemary Shafer)  
 Arthur Wilhelm (Maureen Jones)  
 Kathleen Wilkins (Kimberly Keultjes)  
 Mary Witsken (Kenneth/Barbara Fedder, Greg/Jean Mee)  
**Special Occasion**  
 Liz Keller - Birthday (Beth Reising)  
 Karen Kiene (Joan Hardig/Mary Hazel)

### Wanted:

## Perspective Members To Invite to May Coffee

Look around...Do you have a church friend, neighbor, relative, fellow volunteer or colleague at work who you think would be interested in joining Christ Child?

It is not too early to give names of prospective members to New Member Coordinator Kristy Botich who will invite them to the New Member Coffee on May 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 AM. They will be welcomed with open arms!

## Derby Day is Coming

Think Spring and what a better way to do that when the thermometer says -0, is to go to the craft store and start decorating your hat for Derby Day on May 4. This year the best hat wins a prize. So get out that old hat and your glue gun and start decorating.

### Book Club

March 11

*Wonder*

by R.J. Palacio

Mary Lou Mullen (234-2626)

## Guardian Angels

This special Christ Child membership category was established in 1998.



A one time \$1000 enrollment fee for deceased members, spouses, family and friends benefiting the Christ Child Society Endowment Fund, will insure the Society's ability to continue the future good works.

The Guardian Angels are remembered monthly and each year at our annual Mass.

Current members, spouses, family and friends may enroll in the program as living angels and will be officially enrolled as Guardian Angels upon their deaths.

Please refer any questions to Sheila Emge 277-6421.

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## *Annual Mass and Spring Luncheon* *Wednesday, March 29*

**Mass will begin at 11 AM at Alumni Hall, Notre Dame  
Bishop Kevin Rhodes, celebrant**

Alumni Hall is located just north of The Morris Inn and to the left of the Circle

**Luncheon Meeting at the Morris Inn at 12:00 PM**

Parking Fee at the Inn \$5.00

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

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

\_\_\_\_\_ number of reservations at \$25.00 \_\_\_\_\_ total enclosed

Please send checks to Christ Child Society, P.O. Box 1286, South Bend, IN 46624

**Reservation Deadline - March 22, 2017**