



## THE CHRIST CHILD SOCIETY

May 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.

### Executive Board

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Jane Reed

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Diane Lutomski

### Gift Cards Needed for Balloons, Volunteers Welcome for Set Up

We are one month away from celebrating our 70th anniversary at Let Love Shine! This event provides many of the funds used to clothe children each year. To help it be our most successful year yet, please consider inviting friends or family who have not come before. This helps to introduce a new audience to our mission and also broadens our fundraising base. Both will help to ensure we can continue clothing children for 70 more years!

We are still looking for additional gift cards to go in the balloon pop. Last year, we had 50 balloons and sold out in less than 30 minutes! If you are able to donate a \$25 gift card to a store or restaurant, please contact Kathy Seidl at [marian0103@comcast.net](mailto:marian0103@comcast.net).

Are you interested in volunteering during the event set up? We will need approximately 10-15 people to help on June 15. Contact Mary Barrett at [mbarrett.iu@gmail.com](mailto:mbarrett.iu@gmail.com) to sign up.

Thank you to those volunteers who have already given of their time, treasures and talents to help this year's event so far!

### Think Spring

### Membership Renewals are Mailed

It's that time again! Time to renew your Membership to the Christ Child Society. Membership renewal forms for the year 2017-2018 were mailed out on April 12. Members are urged to return their renewal form and check by May 15, 2017 to be assured that you are in the 2017-2018 Christ Child Directory. So please, mail in your renewals. If you did not receive a renewal letter, please contact Susan Walsh, membership chair, at [ladysusan@fuse.net](mailto:ladysusan@fuse.net) or call (513) 218-6052.



Members of Christ Child's 1955 Board were Mary Jane Moynihan, Rosemary Hardig, Grace Dempsey, Frances Laughlin and Dorothy McCarthy

### CALENDAR

May 3,10,17,24,31..... Restock,  
Inventory - Center 9:00 am - Noon

May 4..... Derby Day  
Windsor Park 11:30 am

May 10.....New Member Coffee  
Center 9:30 AM

May 15.....Membership Renewal  
Deadline

May 15..... Board Meeting  
Dickinson Room SJCP

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

### Data Updates

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

## From the Co-President. . . . . Peg Riggs

**"Don't cry over the past, it's gone. Don't stress about the future; it hasn't arrived. Live in the present and make it beautiful."**

I continue to be amazed and in awe of our Christ Child Society. This group of ladies knows how to "roll with it." When Bishop Rhoades had to cancel at the last minute, Mary Jane Chase got Fr. Paul Doyle to step in. He was gracious and kind to celebrate Mass for us. In working on Layette's of Hope, our number of volunteers is down, but these ladies keep coming in week after week chugging away at the project - and I can tell you the Women's Care Center really appreciates all of our efforts. When there is a call for more "creative" fundraisers (i.e. gift wrap and surveys at ND), I am again humbled by the sheer number of members who can't wait to help out. Thank you to everyone for always being willing to pitch in with a smile!

With the month of May come a variety of endings and new beginnings: graduations and first communions; proms and Mother's Day; school year ending and children moving up into new grades. It is a beautiful time to be alive!

Debbie and Sue are busy putting together the 2017-2018 Organizational Chart. It is currently found on pages 30-33 of the directory and lists the events and committees involved in the work, spirituality, and socialization of Christ Child. We need members to assist in these happenings. Take a minute and reflect. Where would YOU like to help: a luncheon, a fundraiser, behind the scenes, or at the Center? Please reflect and pray on it. Christ Child is run by active volunteers like you. Make a difference and volunteer.

Please continue to support Christ Child in the following events:

**May** - 4 Derby Day at Windsor Park Conference Center

10 New Member Coffee at the Center

15 Membership renewal deadline

**June** -15 Let Love Shine at the History Museum. We will celebrate the opening of the Christ Child exhibit.

**August**- 6 Brunch and Open House at the Clothing Center. It is our 70 Anniversary. Let's take the day to celebrate us!

9 The Center will open for clients; mark your calendars!



The 2017 Mary Virginia Merrick winner and her family: back row: Dean Riggs, Drew Riggs, Ed Hardig Jr, Chris Hazel  
Front row: Ed Hardig, Peg Riggs, Joan Hardig, Juli Hardig, Anne Petrocelli (the Cincinnati sister), Mary Hazel



The beautiful centerpiece at the Spring Luncheon was made by the committee who decorated the purses with flowers.

## 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."

(or)

"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

May 17  
*Gentleman in Moscow*  
by Amor Towles  
Judy Kearns (273-9850)

Deadline for June newsletter

June 15

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

Julia Ameduri (Rolande/Roger Parent)  
Joseph Filarski (Don/Carol Nash)  
James Fuehrmeyer, Sr. (Peg Riggs)  
Michael Heintz, Sr. (Dr. John/Marilyn Toepp)  
Pat McGeeney (Suzy Halloran)  
Teresa Marzolino (Diane/Gerry Quinn)  
Ginny Mayette (Jacquelyn Curran)  
Mark Riggs (Peg/Dean Riggs)  
Howard Roedl (Toni Pikuza)

### In Memoriam

Member Helen Heintzelman

Barbara Szewczyk (Gabriella/Elmer Berta, Ruth Schmitz, Marilyn/Robert Walker, Paul/Terese Sinka, Marsha/Norman Jewell, John/Janice Horan, Leo Gale, Michael/Patricia DePaola, Jacquelyn Curran)  
Jerry Whiteford (Bill/Jan Killilea, Bette/Pat O'Malley)  
Nancy Widelski (Esther Cyr)

### Special Occasion

Fr. Steve Lacroix CSC - Thank You (Peg/Dean Riggs)  
Linda Toelle-Health (Pat/Joe Corcoran)

### New Member Coffee:

**May 10 9:30 AM**

It's not too late to invite your relatives, neighbors, friends or anyone interested in learning more about the Christ Child Society to the New Member Coffee on May 10th at 9:30 am at the Center. Just give Kristy Botich a call (574-291-7523) or an email (wbotich@sbcglobal.net) with the prospective member's name, address, phone number, and /or email address so an invitation can be sent. Don't delay---do it today!!

## Collecting Memories ... Everyone Invited



Puddy Crowley,  
Fran Hoehn,  
Carolyn McGann  
at the  
1960 convention

On August 6, 1947 Rosaleen "Puddy" Crowley probably couldn't have imagined the legacy she was creating as she gathered some of her friends to discern how they might use their time, resources and social position to benefit others. But Puddy did have an idea in mind, an idea that came from the giving heart of her own mother who knew Miss Merrick and the loving actions of the Christ Child Society in Washington, D.C. And so the South Bend chapter was born that day. We have grown tremendously from the first 50 members and 36 layettes delivered, but some things remain the same; the devotion of our members to the needs of all children.

We want to add your memories to our living history, so please join us at the Center on Sunday, August 6 from noon - 2:00 for our 70th Anniversary Brunch and Open House. Families and children are most welcome! Reservation and ticket information will be available on the website, at Derby Day and Let Love Shine as well as from Jean Fuehrmeyer 574-855-3028 or [jfuehrmeyer@gmail.com](mailto:jfuehrmeyer@gmail.com).

### 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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Do you remember where you were on the morning of April 5th? If you're not sure, check the ladies in this picture and see if you were one of the volunteers at the Christ Child Society that day.