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.

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Let Love Shine 2015
September 3 - Gillespie Center

New Approach to LLS Silent Auction
We have some new and exciting updates to the silent auction for this year’s Let Love Shine Dinner! This year’s auction will be scaled down and will have a focus on experiences in addition to having items for auction. The task of a very large silent auction had become quite daunting for the volunteers organizing and running it, so the need to work smarter and not harder became evident.

We will not be making an open call for donations this year through the traditional gift gathering party, etc. Rather we will ask for targeted items that will best suit the specific themes/packages that will be auctioned. For further information, email hhosinski@gmail. We are immensely grateful to Kathy Seidl and her committee for their willingness to work on the auction and solicit businesses and individuals for these specific items!

This approach is new but we hope all will be open to it and keep our volunteers from being overloaded. Thanks to the wonderful Christ Child membership for your continued support of the Let Love Shine Dinner and Auction!

Membership Renewal Forms
The Membership Renewals were mailed on April 1 and are due May 15. In order for your name/information to be in the directory.

CHECK YOUR FORM - All the information about you is on that.
• If there is no birthday listed, then we don’t have it and can’t include it in the newsletter. If you wish it listed and it’s not there, add it!
• Have your interests changed? Update your profile
• Double check your email address. Why not get your newsletter electronically? It will save us mailing costs.
• Want to volunteer for a committee? Add a note and the chairperson will be sure to get with you.

If you already sent your response in and want to double check, email: Katy Gregg cgregg730@aol.com If you didn’t get a renewal form, please email: Sue Walsh ladysusan@fuse.net and we will get one out to you. A few renewals were mailed to our “snow bird” addresses - not the local ones.

New Member Coffee May 13 @ 9:30 AM
Please join us in welcoming members and their guests to find out more about the Christ Child Society of South Bend. The New Member Coffee will be held in the client waiting room at the Center on Wednesday, May 13, at 9:30 AM.

Know someone who might want to join? Send their name and address to Kristy Botich, wbotich@sbcglobal.net or call 291-7523.

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• Follow us on Twitter: @ChristChildSB
• Check us out online: www.christchildsb.org
From the President . . . Peg Riggs

Today was good. Today was fun. Tomorrow is another one. - Dr. Seuss

At my house, May starts the boys thinking of the end of school, finals, and SUMMER. The boys have had a count down calendar since we got back from spring break. Ben is ready for high school and Drew can’t wait to have that driver’s license. I’m ready for a change, just as much as they are!

I love the change in the weather—it gives a great chance to look at all the new growth around us and glory in what God does for all His people. We are spending more time outside, either enjoying the sunshine or working in the yard. It is a time where neighbors are out more, we are seen and we socialize. I believe this time of the year rejuvenates our spirit. If that spirit moves you to do more for Christ Child, we are willing to take anything you want to give! Time, talent or treasure—we will take it all!

There is a change at the center. When spring comes, the snowbirds come back to help. The used clothing room over flows with donations from local schools. The coatroom is checking their inventory to ensure we will be ready for clients in August. New clothing room is always on the lookout for bargains, so you never know what items will need tags pulled, sorted and sized. The shoe room is under control for now, but when the clearance sales hit in June, look out! Layettes works year-round, so their only change comes in the number of volunteers they need in their room.

Change can also come as a surprise. It’s no secret that the clothing center is currently bursting at the seams. We have inefficient storage. Members wanting to pull inventory on the Wednesdays we are open for distribution are challenged with climbing over clients. We are growing. Those of you at the Spring Luncheon in March heard me explain: The Christ Child society clothed 3812 children in 1466 families last year. That DOES NOT include over 400 layettes distributed to Memorial Hospital and Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center.

However, the place we complete this mission is in jeopardy.

The Christ Child Society of South Bend has been operating without a lease from St. Patrick’s since August 2014. Due to the lack of security in staying in our current home, we have started to consider other options. While no decision has been made and we continue to try to work with St. Patrick’s parish to obtain a lease, we wanted our members to be aware of the circumstances. We WILL continue to serve our clients out of our current location for the 2015 season.

Please keep the SOCIETY in your prayers that we may find God’s plan so that we can continue to serve fulfill our mission.

Book Club

Orphan Train
by Christina Baker Klein
May 20
Judy Kearns (273-9850)

Deadline for next newsletter
May 19
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**
- Edward Bauer (Loretta Chillag)
- Merlin J. Bellinger (Brian/Ginger Lake)
- Leslie M. Bodnar (Barbara Dillon)
- Sophie Brooks (Loretta Chillag)
- Mel Cooper (Fred/Jane Kanouse)
- Bonnie Drury’s Father (Marcia/Tom Blum)
- Jason Evans (Joan Blitz)
- Robert Gerard (James/Carol Holt)
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- Fr. Ted Hesburgh CSC (Jerry/Judy Kearns)
- Joseph Hickey (Don/Donna Kyle, Kathy/John Seidl, Kathleen Lawton, Mary Cahill, John/Joyce Holmes)
- Mary Ann Jones (Thomas/Janet Hall, Sonny/Dee Tepe, Esther Cyr, Sheila Emge, Joe/Pat Corcoran, Jack/Nancy Pycik, Jane Horning, Judy/Hugh Kuzmich, Ann Korb)
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- Veronica Majcher (Joan Jaworski)
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**Special Occasion**
- JoAnn Bauer - Happy Birthday (Julann/Laurence Bauer)
- Kelly Bellinger - For strength (Barbara Dillon)
- Joe Burt Speedy Recovery - (Jim/Nancy Yohe)
- Margie Wack Farmer - Happy Birthday (Barb Cassidy)
- Mary McFadden - (Brian/Ginger Lake)
- Rev. Jacob Meyer - Get well wishes (Carol Bauer)
- Johannah Paitz Happy Birthday (Mary Jo Miller, Marilyn Bartkowiak)
- Rev. Christopher Rehagen - Ordination (Mary/Edward Kubiak)
- Michael Roman & Family - Birthday (Patricia Kocent)
- Bill Stanley (Jim/Pat Short, Brian/Ginger Lake)

**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.

**Newest Guardian Angels:** James Dickey

Herschell Riley

Refer any questions to Sheila Emge (277-6421).
Clothe-A-Child Donors as of 4/20/15

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Bill LaVelle (M/M Steven Merrill)
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Grace Dempsey (Ms. Sheila Emge)
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Clothe-A-Child Donors

$57,946.00
Sometimes it is easy to forget that we are part of a large national organization as we get focused on buying coats and shoes, packing layettes and getting to the clothing center on a snowy Wednesday. But we are one of 44 chapters with more in formation. In other words, CCS is a vibrant and growing organization based on the mission established by Mary Virginia Merrick 128 years ago.

The National Board is made up of members nominated from across the country; currently, two are from the South Bend chapter. The current board has been very busy with tasks including researching deep discount clothing that can be distributed by all chapters, developing a more current marketing brand that clearly expresses our mission, developing strategies for attracting new members to all of the chapters, and searching for materials and strategies for chapter program development.

The most obvious work that National does is to plan and present conferences (in odd years) and more extensive conventions (in even years) which give all chapter leaders tools to improve, nurture and grow their chapters. In addition, these meetings are an opportunity to network, share ideas and spread enthusiasm for our mission. The National Board also offers educational teleconferences to chapter leadership on a variety of helpful topics. The board is genuinely interested in the growth and vitality of all chapters. As evidence, the National President has traveled to our South Bend Chapter for two consecutive years to watch us “in action” and attend our Let Love Shine dinner auction.

All information about National Christ Child Society can be found by going to www.nationalchristchildsociety.org (username: chapter, password: redwagon). This website is your gateway to all that is going on in all the other chapters, as well as with National. Go to the Chapters By City tab and explore what is happening across the country to “challenge poverty one child at a time.”

What Does National Christ Child Society Do for You?

On March 6, 2015, eight members of St Joseph High School staff and teachers came to the Clothing Center to see what we do. Andrea Incropera, Sue Walsh, Peg Riggs, and her son Drew, gave the teachers a tour and put them to work assembling Layettes of Hope for Women’s Care Center. While they were working, they inquired about our mission. Members were eager to talk about Christ Child - answering many questions.

On March 20, Christ Child Society received the following note:

Dear Mrs. Riggs,

We are grateful for the opportunity to learn more about the Christ Child Society when we came to serve for a few hours earlier this month. We hope the enclosed donation will help you continue this wonderful ministry.

May God bless your work.

Sincerely,
Paul and Jennifer Carrier
Paul teaches biology and is the assistant football coach. Jennifer teaches theology. They are parishioners at Corpus Christi in South Bend.

This is just one example of how inviting volunteers in to the Clothing Center to see the Christ Child mission in action can have a positive impact.

Visit to Clothing Center Has Positive Visitor Reaction

Work continues at the Clothing Center during the summer, restocking and taking inventory to be open in August. But it’s not all work - it’s sharing friendships and fun.
Strategic Plan 2014 - Hire an Administrative Assistant

In the October 2014 newsletter, the Strategic Plan of 2014 was outlined. Now let’s take a look at one of the recommendations that has gone into effect.

The strategic plan recommended we hire an administrative assistant to work as an office employee at the Center. This person should have or easily acquire knowledge of the Christ Child Society and its history and operations in the South Bend Chapter. This would be a part-time position with number of hours determined by the activity at the Center during the year.

The demands on officers and chairmen make them nearly full time jobs, which limits the volunteer base upon which to draw. In addition, Donor Perfect, the computer program that is designed to keep track of not only our donors, but also all of our members, is under utilized, as is our in-house printing capability. Hiring an assistant would facilitate communications, deliveries of clothing and committee tasks. The hiring of an assistant was actually voted on and approved in 2008-9, but was never enacted.

Tori Williams was hired in July 2014. Since she has worked for Christ Child, she has jumped right in. Mary Liddell was instrumental in teaching her Donor Perfect. With that knowledge, she was able to help with one of our longest running fundraisers, Clothe A Child I. To quote Judy Kuzmich, “Kathy Seidl and I chaired the Clothe-A-Child I campaign in the fall of 2014 and Tori so graciously helped with all duties of incoming donations at the Center. She made our job so much easier and because of that we were happy to say we would chair this fundraiser again in 2015. Kudos to you, Tori. You are truly a blessing to our South Bend Chapter of The Christ Child Society.”

Now that Donor Perfect is being used the way it was intended, the Fall and Spring Luncheons have been tracked, with attendance and better record keeping for upcoming chairpersons. Marti Moriconi, co-chair of the fall luncheon says, “I found that having Tori accept the reservations for the Fall Luncheon made my job much easier. I had time to concentrate on other details and didn’t have to deal with the money.

Derby Day added an element of reservations as well as raffle tickets. The Donor Perfect system is equipped to handle it and it has made the event guests and their purchases easier to track.

Having an assistant at the Center helps with mail, member questions, client phone calls and emails, as well as being an essential part of our committees. Tori is an asset to the Society!