

Thanksgiving 2015

Father Carr's Place 2B



“Celebrating over 40 years of enriching lives”

Personal Profiles – Enriching Lives

Are you ever interested in testimony that your donations, time and prayers are truly making a difference? You will enjoy a recent note we received from someone who stayed with us for a period of time.

I just wanted to drop a line to let you know how much of a Blessing it is that there is a place like Father Carr's, and the great group of people of God staffed there. The facility provided me with time to regroup and get myself built back both spiritually and physically, and for this I give you praise.

Since I have left, I moved into my apartment and with the blessings of God, I was able to fully furnish it with funds left over. I am faithfully now traveling this new road in my life with my recent cancer diagnosis, but thank the Lord, I did get through the first of many chemo treatments with no bad side effects.

I pray that others get the help that they require, so that they can look back at this time with thoughts of good and structured life building experiences.

May the hand of God be forever over you and everything you do.

Amen.

We receive many notes of thanks and we know that we touch the lives of thousands more each and every year. Our volunteers know that we are changing lives and offering people hope. It is inspirational to us to hear from people to know that we are making a difference. Thank you to all who help us make a difference.

Calendar of Events

November 26

Thanksgiving Mass at 9:00 AM

Thanksgiving meal deliveries from 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM

Thanksgiving meal from 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM

December 24

Children's Christmas Breakfast and Party 9 AM to 11AM

December 25

Christmas meal deliveries from 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM

Christmas meal from 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM

Volunteer Needs:

Volunteer Coordinator

Maintenance & Grounds Assistance

Please contact Bob Lang if you would like to assist us with these needs.

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The Ultimate Thanksgiving.

Letter from Father Dave

Life tends to be a mixed bag of blessings. Amidst the unfolding moments of joy are sadness, sorrow, anxiety, confusion and frustration. Safe to say, all in different proportions, not always as planned. St. Paul tells us, 'And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.' (Rom 8:28). If God can use all things, good and bad in our lives to bring about His plans for us, then we have every reason to be thankful! God's promise to "never leave or forsake us" ought to fill us with a new hope in the uncertain times that lay before us. His faithfulness should be the BIG reason for all to give thanks.

Our cup overflows with thanksgiving, first to God and His faithfulness and then our volunteers and benefactors who provide and serve out of their faith and love of neighbor.

Join us "In Thanksgiving to God" by sharing in the celebration of Mass at 9:00 am in the Mother Teresa Center on Thanksgiving Day. "Eucharist" in Greek means "thanksgiving" There IS NO BETTER WAY to thank God than by enjoying Jesus in His eternal offering to the Father.



Festival Foods and its employees and leadership team are huge supporters of our food bank.

Peace in Christ,
Father Dave



Sister Angela with UWO students volunteering during "Hands on Oshkosh Day."



Bob with UWO students volunteering during "Hands on Oshkosh Day."



Rasmussen College nurses serve at our St. Francis Community Free Clinic



The generous children of Lourdes Academy - Seton collected 1500 items for Father Carr's food bank.



Four men and a truck. Excitement reigns with our new - used pantry truck.

Letter From Executive Director

On behalf of the board and the volunteer staff we hope this newsletter finds you and your family in good health and spirits. With Autumn upon us and winter approaching, we recognize and sense change. As the seasons of our lives change, with the constant ebb and flow of life, we do our best to find the balance and rhythms to help us thrive in our daily vocation to serve and love others. We constantly seek God and ask Him for His help, guidance and mercy, always listening for where and how He might be calling us.

The Fall season is a time when most of us are very busy. Busy with school and church schedules and preparing for the holidays and winter ahead. It is no different here at Father Carr's. The Fall and Winter seasons are the busiest of times here at the Place 2B. We know this time of year is important and recognize it as a wonderful opportunity to serve others. Our faith teaches us that even with hectic schedules we are called to be joyful and peaceful. Herewith, in our work and our lives, we are constantly challenged to find the time and space to lead healthy and prosperous lives, while recognizing the gifts we have and asking ourselves, how are we called to use them?

I would like to tell you about a some of the accomplishments and improvements that have occurred here at Father Carr's during the past few months. Did you know that the front facade of the Mother Teresa Center has a new face lift? There is brand new siding and soon to be signage and lighting.

Phase I of our huge parking lot has now been repaired, sealed and striped. The asphalt just south of the St. Martin De Porres Pantry and the entire area around the St. Francis Clinic has been completed.

Other outdoor improvements include numerous landscaping needs being addressed on our 8 acre campus. Many volunteers assisted with tree cutting, brush clearing, digging and rock hauling, weed pulling, painting tables and fences and so much more. Many of you donated lawn equipment, pantry accessories, tools and tables which has helped us do our work at minimal cost. We are also proud to tell you that we have obtained a New-Used Pantry Truck with a safety lift gate. The truck is of great assistance to our volunteers as they transport and load pallets of food, move furniture and do other daily tasks.

Finally, I want to share that there are now gifts being made to the newly established Father Carr's Place 2B Endowment Fund. All of these accomplishments and so much more has happened in recent months, all while we continue to feed, house, minister and assist those who come to this holy place.

You can be confident that your prayers are felt and that the Holy Spirit is always at work here at Father Carr's. It truly is a special place! As Father Marty continues to smile down on the Place 2B, please know that your support, encouragement and prayers are greatly appreciated. Your interest and involvement has made a positive difference and has helped us to thrive and in doing so, helping so many others on their life journey! Thank you!

May God's peace and love be with you and your family always,

Bob



Needed Thanksgiving Items



- Turkeys
- Potato Buds
- Vegetables
- Jars of turkey gravy
- We need preparation help in the days before Thanksgiving
- Monetary donations are always helpful

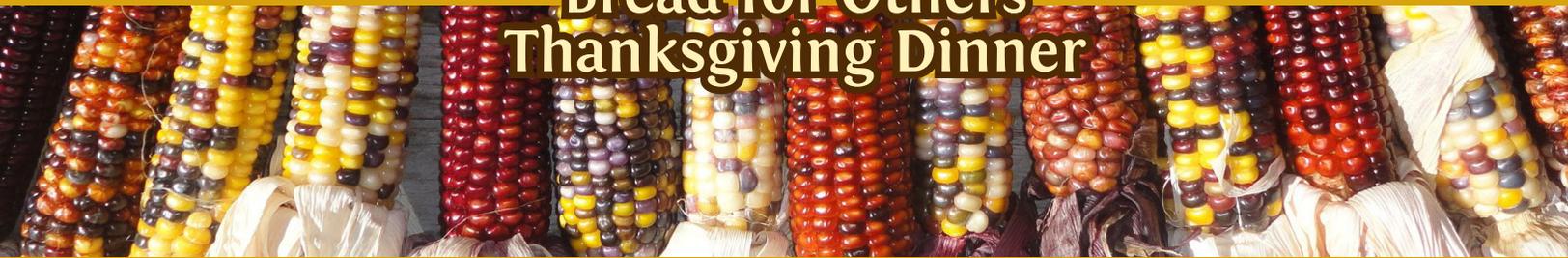
Other Needed Items

- Men's white socks (new)
- Men's boxer shorts (new)
- Cleaning supplies



42nd Annual

Bread for Others Thanksgiving Dinner



Thanksgiving is especially symbolic for Father Carr's.

We give thanks to God and all those who serve others.

The powerful impact on our lives from giving of ourselves is the lesson of Jesus and the legacy that Father Carr has left us.

Thank you for helping us help others during this season and all throughout the year.

Please pray for all those helping us to serve, prepare and deliver meals for Thanksgiving. Making connections and forming relationships is critical as we help and care for others. Last year we served 974 meals.

We look forward to touching lives as we serve again this year.

Father Carr Memories - Apple Pies

This is a very simple story that reflects Father Carr's desire to continuously be thinking of others. One beautiful fall Sunday afternoon, Father Carr and I made a trip to an apple orchard owned by a friend of mine. At this particular orchard they made fabulous pies and Father purchased many of them. That night after we returned he gave me the names of about 5 people he wanted to have the pies. I think I delivered the last one about 9:00 p.m. that night. Just another example of Father always thinking of other people. It was a wonderful gift for me as well since it was so fun to see the pleasure they received in knowing that he was thinking of them. He preached the power of "simple gifts" and understood the meaning of "random acts of kindness" and "paying it forward" long before they were trendy terms. I hope that you can be inspired to look for similar opportunities to offer simple gifts to brighten someone's day.