

Christmas 2015

Father Carr's Place 2B

“Celebrating over 40 years
of enriching lives”



Calendar of Events

December 24

Children's Christmas Breakfast and
Program from 9-11 am

December 25

Meal deliveries from
10:30 am - 12:30 pm
Meals served from
noon-2 pm

December 26

Sister Mary Assumpta Celebration.
Mass at 11 am
followed by Lunch and Reception

Volunteer Needs:

Are you retired or do you have some time to share each week? We are seeking a volunteer coordinator to help organize the information and time schedules for our many volunteers.

This is an extremely important position. We would also love to have someone with excellent writing skills help us to write community grants.

Please let Bob know if you are interested in helping with either of these volunteer positions.

Celebrating our Service to Others in 2015

The past year provided many opportunities to serve the Lord through serving others. We are proud to list some of our accomplishments in 2015.

- Bob Lang began his leadership as executive director in February.
- Endowment fund created.
- New sign and pantry truck.
- New doctors and nurses joined our free clinic including chiropractic services.
- Worked more closely with residents to obtain jobs and manage money.
- Sponsored more community programs for our residents.
- Celebrated and blessed the new statue in our chapel, Our Lady of Grace.
- Welcomed an increased number of community volunteer groups, particularly youth and school groups.
- Continued to feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, heal the sick and serve all those in need.

We are fortunate to have so many people supporting Father Carr's. Thank you and God bless you.

Merry Christmas from the Director

On behalf of the Board of Directors and the entire volunteer staff, I would like to extend to you and your family a very hopeful and holy Christmas season. May this be a special season for you to grow in your relationship with Jesus, overflowing with anticipation, joy, peace and love.

I would like to thank those of you who have recently stopped by Father Carr's to say hi or to volunteer in the shelter, health clinic, pantry or Mother Teresa Center. As you can see from our many pictures in this newsletter or on our facebook page, it has been an active and busy place. Over 200 of you volunteered to serve or deliver almost 1000 Thanksgiving meals. Many more brought in turkeys, hams, presents for the Christmas Eve children's program or have mailed checks to Father Carr's. I never cease to be amazed, humbled and overwhelmed by the generosity of time, talent and treasure of our volunteers and benefactors! Your gifts are greatly appreciated.

As we continue to feed, house, heal and minister to those who come to Father Carr's, always know and be confident that your prayers and gifts are doing our Lord's work during this holy Advent and Christmas season. Be assured that God will bless you and your family in marvelous, mystical and magical ways.

May the Spirit and the truth of Christmas be with you, your family and friends throughout the season and new year.

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The Crèche Tells Our Story

Parents want the best for their children and the Holy Family was no different. After an arduous journey it would seem only natural to desire a safe and comfortable residence for the birth of their child. The message of the angel was clear and if rightly understood, their child would be the Savior of the world. The best was desired but unavailable. It was a moment of reality: a moment of truth. Their want of safety and comfort was suddenly redefined. The inn became a stable and the mattress a layer of straw. Darkness and isolation was broken by the light of faith. It is a moment of reality: a moment of truth.

What seemed painfully meager became something much more with gift of new life, the voice of the angels singing and a star illuminating the gift given to all mankind. The simple meekness of the shepherds and the notoriety of the Magi testify to the universal love of God's creatures. God has no prejudice for race, color or economic status. The love he gives is meant for all and is to be shared with all.

This ministry of Father Carr's Place 2B can be likened to the Inn that the Holy Family desired. A temporary place of safety and respite at a difficult point in life's journey. A place illumined by the light of Christ, fashioned by the hands of God and sustained through heartfelt charity. Our shepherds and Magi are our volunteers and benefactors. They share their precious gifts for the service of others which is founded in their love for Christ. Our resident's buildings therefore are justly named the Holy Family Villa and the Bethlehem Inn.

We are called to walk and share the journey of life and faith with other pilgrims. Jesus shared the love of the Father with us so that we may go forth to help others who are navigating a difficult juncture in life. God invites us all to the crèche so that filled with awe of a love so divine we will go forth and share this precious gift with others in so many and varied ways.

A simple reflection on the crèche should enlighten us to the true meaning of Christmas

May your heart and homes be filled the joyful presence and of Jesus Christ Our Lord.

Merry Christmas!
Father Dave

Needed Donations Thank You for Your Help Providing for us

- Ham
- Pancake Mix
- Maple syrup
- Butter
- Brown Sugar
- Advil
- Tylenol
- Cold & Flu Medicine
- Allergy Medicine
- Feminine Hygiene Products
- Bath Soap
- Cleaning Supplies
- Towels
- Canon 128 Black Ink Toner
- New Men's White Socks
- New Men's Boxer Shorts
- Pick an Ornament From our Giving Tree



New Sign



The front of our Mother Teresa Center has gone through a major transformation. We are excited for our fresh and new look.



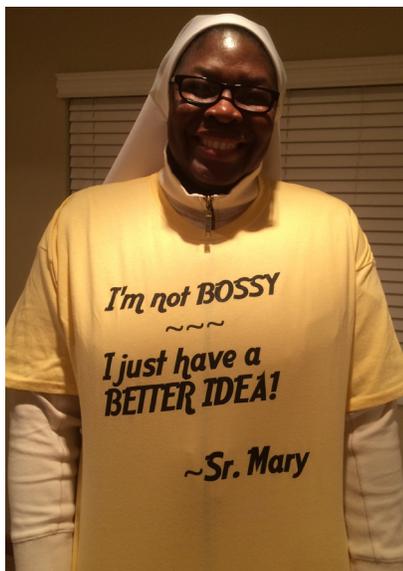
Among Community Thanksgiving Pot Luck Celebration on Nov. 17th

Personal Profile

We pray that all people can receive the basic educational skills needed to obtain jobs and be contributing members of society. Many of us have been touched at the tutoring work that has been going on the last few months for a person staying with us that was unable to read. Lots of late night sessions, after others have gone to bed, have taken place teaching this person to read with many resources. The commitment of the "student" and "teacher" was wonderful and we are happy to report there has been great progress, proud feelings and most recently the ability of this individual to share that they now have a job. Amen!

Celebrate Sister Mary

Sister Mary Assumpta from Ghana has served with us for almost 10 years nurturing the women and children that stay with us. She has also studied hard and will be earning her doctorate in education from UW-Milwaukee on December 20th. We thank God for the success of her education and all those who made it possible. Sister Mary will be returning to Ghana soon to be the leader of her local school. She has an important journey in front of her. Join us for a celebration on December 26th with Mass at 11 am followed by lunch and a short reception. Congratulations Sister!



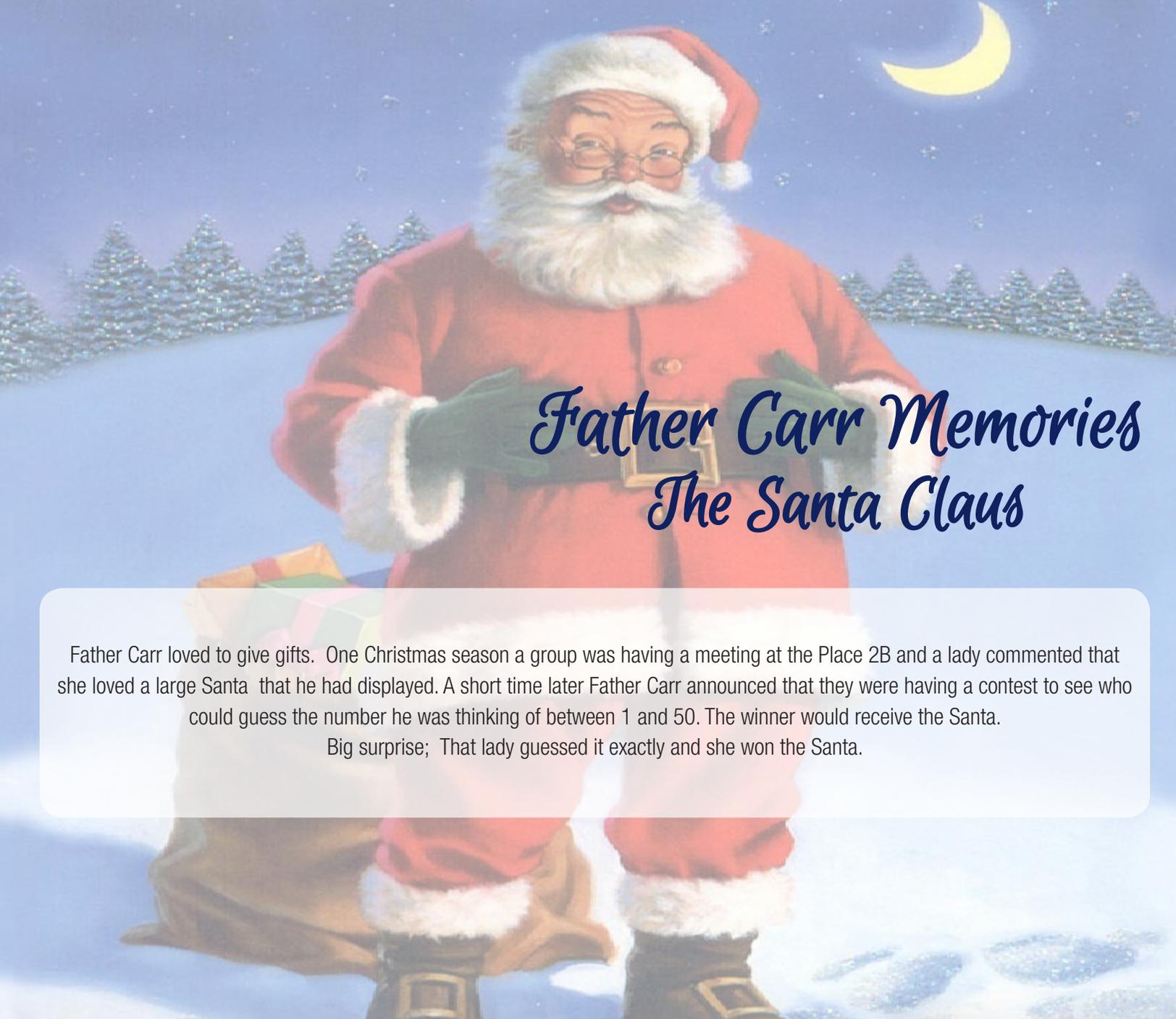
The Oshkosh West Varsity Basketball Team was very generous to Father Carr's. The players donated food, cash and their time.



St. Peter and Paul Confirmation students from Weyauwega cooking in the men's shelter on Sunday, Nov. 15



Thank you to the many individuals and families that helped serve and deliver almost 1000 meals on Thanksgiving Day.



Father Carr Memories *The Santa Claus*

Father Carr loved to give gifts. One Christmas season a group was having a meeting at the Place 2B and a lady commented that she loved a large Santa that he had displayed. A short time later Father Carr announced that they were having a contest to see who could guess the number he was thinking of between 1 and 50. The winner would receive the Santa.

Big surprise; That lady guessed it exactly and she won the Santa.



First Annual Walk for Father Carr's **Save the Date Saturday, June 4th, 2016**

We are excited to announce our first annual walk for Father Carr's. Event festivities begin at 9 am on Saturday, June 4th, 2016. We aim to have fun while raising important funds. Details will be shared at a later date. Please let Bob know if you would like to help us plan this exciting event. Plan now to join us for fun, exercise, fellowship and food, while we raise funds for Father Carr's Place 2B.