

Easter 2016

Father Carr's Place 2B

“Celebrating over 40 years
of enriching lives”



Calendar of Events

Easter Information

Meal deliveries begin at 10:30.

Drivers please arrive between
10 & 10:15.

Easter meal served from 12-1:30.

Walk for Father Carr's

Saturday, June 4th
9:30 AM



- Walk from Father Carr's and over the Lake Butte des Morts Bridge and back
- Help support Father Carr's
- Walk followed by lunch and an Open House
- **Register online starting in March at www.fathercarrs.org**
- Please look online for more information and how businesses and individuals can offer support
- Enjoy a wonderful event bringing the community and our supporters together.

Happy Easter from the Executive 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 joyful Easter. I hope and trust that your Lent and Holy Week had many moments of prayer, almsgiving and fasting and you are ready to celebrate Easter! I will pray that you continue to celebrate and relish the fifty days of the Easter season which follow and lead us to Pentecost. As faithful people, we come to understand more fully the Paschal Mystery of Christ (His life, suffering, death and resurrection) and our relationship with Him and His Church. As we grow in faith, we thirst to know and love Jesus more. Our relationship with Jesus cultivates an attitude of gratitude, which brings peace and helps us to serve joyfully. How blessed are we to be baptized and to be His disciples as we journey along to the kingdom!

I would like to share with you a few thoughts about my first Christmas at Father Carr's. It was amazing and one that I will never forget! I was overwhelmed with the charity and generosity of the numbers of people who support the Place 2B. Each and every day, from Thanksgiving thru early January, food for the residents, gifts for the children and monies for our mission poured in. I watched and experienced miracles happening. From early morning until late evening, people showed up in the spirit of Christmas to share what they could and to talk about *how* the Place 2B touched them sometime in the past. For some volunteers it was their first time delivering meals or being part of the Christmas Eve program with Jesus and Santa Claus. The Christmas of 2015 will always be remembered and cherished. I thank God daily for His blessings and for calling Debbie and I to this place of hope for many.

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

Bob

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Happy Easter From Debbie Lang

As I reflect back on this past year at Father Carr's Place 2B, I cannot help but think of the beautiful words of St. Francis of Assisi, "Preach the Gospel always, if necessary use words".

The volunteers and staff at Father Carr's share God's love and mercy with their hands, feet, minds, backs and above all, their hearts! Seldom is there a need for many words. The Gospel is lived daily by these amazing people, who serve with kindness and compassion, to those who come seeking food, shelter, medical care and our Lord's loving embrace and presence.

What a joy it is to be even a small part of a mission with such great purpose and truly a blessing to be surrounded by people of faith and love.

Matthew 6:8 "Your Father knows what you need even before you ask Him" Who else would know that Bob and I needed to be right here at Father Carr's Place 2B?

Yours in peace and love,

Debbie Lang

Shelter's Light Shines Bright All Year Long

The following article was an editorial in the Oshkosh Northwestern in December.

A recent post on Facebook "Let your light shine then the darkness cannot enter." I don't remember who said that but maybe Pope Francis. I had the privilege of volunteering with a group of awesome people this past year. Carol and Dick come most days 9 to 5. Some really neat people come everyday to sit and welcome people. Sister Angela and her helpers run the women's shelter 24/7. Neil, Dennis and the Keiths run the men's shelter 24/7. There are doctors and nurses and staff who run the free health clinic every week.

On Thanksgiving, Easter and Christmas people come and donate their time and talents. All year the farmers and others bring in food for the homeless and needy. Hussain is an awesome volunteer. Every day he brings food in from area businesses who donate so others can eat. Every day he makes sure there is food for three meals a day for the homeless in the woman's shelter and the men's shelter. He puts food in the entrance so people can stop and get food and on Fridays he makes sure hundreds have food at the food pantry. He has Gene and Fran and many others who volunteer with him. Marion keeps the books. The Board of Directors donate their time to plan for the future while taking care of the present. Bob, the new director and the only salaried position, pulls us all together into a well oiled machine. Father Dave represents the face of God as he sits and greets all who enter. He is there a good part of the day. He has a beautiful chapel where people can come and pray for peace and their families. So Oshkosh and other communities, if you are driving by 1062 N. Koeller St. [Father Carr's Place 2B] bring your sunglasses as our light is shining bright all year long.

Betty Hawley
An Oshkosh Resident



Sister Mary enjoying time with friends at her graduation celebration at Father Carr's. We were sad to say good bye as she returned to Ghana.



Dick is one of our dedicated volunteers who serves others so graciously every week.



Nine pin bowling tournament raises monies for Father Carr's. Thank you Dick Forseth from the Knights of Columbus and Rec Lanes.



The Homeschool Hub Kids making valentine's gifts for those who come to the Friday food pantry. A beautiful and purposeful ministry.

Father Carr Memory

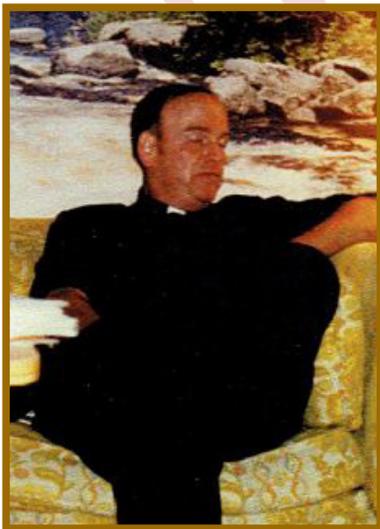
8 Seconds with Superman

If you ever spent any time in the presence of Father Carr, then you experienced his super human capabilities, attitude, and relentless drive to help others. I remember one Saturday in particular. I had arranged to meet up with him at the food pantry on Main Street to help with the Boy Scout food drive. We arrived at 7 am and worked all day. After dinner, we went to open the Teen Scene Gym at 8 pm where high school kids played volleyball and ate pizza. A couple times that evening, Father Carr said "Isn't it nice to see kids just having good, clean fun?"

As we were about to lock up the gym at 2 am, the phone rang, it was the parent of a troubled teenager asking Father Carr if he could come to their house and talk with their son. Father Carr asked me if I would mind staying at The Place 2B to "watch the phones" while he was gone (he always made sure the phone never went unanswered). So I sat on the couch next to the phone until 6:30 am when he finally returned home from that crisis call and said "Let's go to Denny's for breakfast!" I said, "Sounds good to me" and the fatigue I had been feeling just simply went away. We went to breakfast where we had a discussion about the hurting kids in the world who simply just need someone to listen to them and understand what they are going through. After breakfast, we went back to the Place 2B and Father Carr had Sunday Mass with some of the volunteers. I went home to get some sleep. It was not unusual for Father Carr to not go to bed for an entire day. I was always amazed by his relentless drive to just keep on going. Sometimes he seemed like Superman.

The photograph below shows a side to him that few people ever saw. The physically exhausted human being, catching 8 seconds of sleep in between sentences of our conversation. I especially liked these moments because catching him "napping" like this always reminded me that he was just a human like everyone else. He got tired. He always just seemed like such an extraordinary person that sometimes you forgot that under all that enthusiasm, positive attitude and passion for helping others, he was still just a human too. He chose to do more and be more in a day than most. *Those 8 second "naps" helped me realize that I could be more like him and inspired me to do more in every day.*

Please send us your Father Carr memory for our next newsletter to info@fathercarrs.org.



Needed Items

- Cleaning Supplies
- Hygiene Products
- Donations for New Family Shelter
- An Annual subscription to the Oshkosh Northwestern Newspaper
- Gift cards for office supplies
- Butter by the Pound
- A good used car for Sister Angela
- Self propelled Push Lawn Mower
- Gas Leaf Blower
- Gift Cards for Landscaping Services
- In-kind Excavating Services
- In-kind Cement Pouring Services
- Diapers and Feminine Products
- Shaving Cream
- Cold Medicine
- Tylenol and Advil



A large group of volunteers are hard at work planning Father Carr's Walk for June 4th.

The Son rises, shadows descend

We assume and express a certainty in our daily lives that the sun will rise every morning. Behind the gloominess of overcast skies or the foreboding presence of thunderstorm clouds, we rest in the knowledge that "this too shall pass", there is always tomorrow.

The mercy and love of Our Living God should also fill our hearts with renewed certainty. The gloominess in our lives reflect our own failure to live according the Gospel principles as well as we would have hoped. It can be alarming and disappointing to acknowledge our failures and shortcomings. It is in this human awareness of our failures that Christ will part the clouds of sin and failure and present to us a new beginning through His forgiveness and the light and power of His grace. The shadows and darkened days of our lives descend before the brightness of the mercy and love of our Risen Christ.

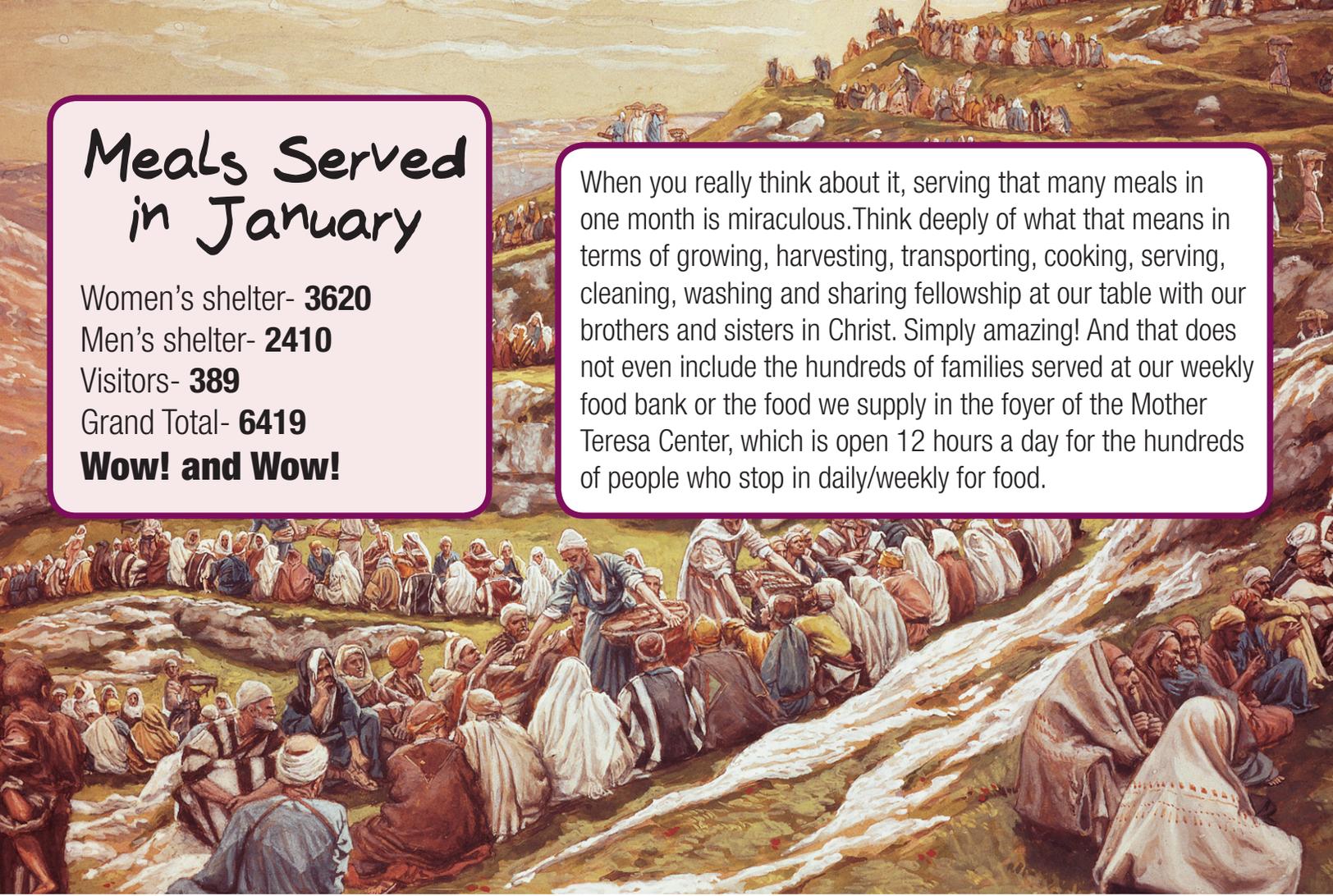
Shine Jesus Shine!

It is with and through the power of His Holy Spirit that Christ's commands us to go out to all the world and preach the Good News. Our past shortcomings should always pale to our passion and willingness to serve Christ. It is in that same calling and spirit that this ministry was founded, to be Christ's light to those who rest in the shadows of need and assistance.

With God's grace and the help of our benefactors, we move forward to help those in need. With abiding faith, we recognize that the shadows in life are temporary and can be overcome with the help of God's grace and the assistance of those who serve in the name of Our Savior, Jesus Christ. May we all have the courage and certainty to tell those in need, "This too shall pass."

Blessings of Easter peace and joy.

Fr Dave



Meals Served in January

Women's shelter- **3620**

Men's shelter- **2410**

Visitors- **389**

Grand Total- **6419**

Wow! and Wow!

When you really think about it, serving that many meals in one month is miraculous. Think deeply of what that means in terms of growing, harvesting, transporting, cooking, serving, cleaning, washing and sharing fellowship at our table with our brothers and sisters in Christ. Simply amazing! And that does not even include the hundreds of families served at our weekly food bank or the food we supply in the foyer of the Mother Teresa Center, which is open 12 hours a day for the hundreds of people who stop in daily/weekly for food.



Personal Profile Holy Family Villa

Praise the Lord! Thank you for seeing us through another year with many blessings and love.

It is always a joy to see the many lives the Lord has helped us to touch. I just want to share a few lines that a young lady who stayed with us for six months wrote in a note.

"Thank you for your care and giving spirit day in and day out. For all the years gone by and things we do sometimes, only God can reward us accordingly. It was truly an opportunity just to know you and the Place 2B. Even though I do not know what the future has for me, just know that memories especially when they are great, become special and precious gems locked away within our hearts and mind."

Thank you all who help us to help others. God bless and reward you.

Sister Angela HDR
Holy Family Villa