

Summer 2016

Father Carr's Place 2B

“Celebrating over 40 years
of enriching lives”

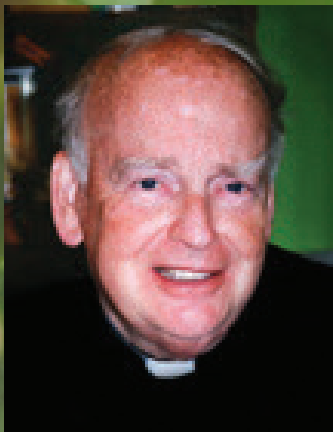


Calendar of Events

Saturday, October 1st at 4 PM

Share the Vision Mass and Reception
Mother Teresa Center

Plan on joining us next spring to
celebrate with us Father Carr's
Memorial Mass and reception at
St. Peters Church, Oshkosh



Changing Lives

As director of the men's shelter, appropriately named the Bethlehem Inn, I enjoy the responsibility of working with men from the day they apply thru all phases of their stay, to the day they move on. We are a safe haven for men 18 years and older, providing a comfortable room, 3 meals a day, as well as direction and assistance to help them move on with their life.

When we first meet with a person who has applied, we do a complete background check to assure that all men have an acceptable past to maintain safe standards for all who live in the shelter. During our intake interview, we gather information on each person's past, present and their future plans. We determine an action plan, including their physical needs, referring them to St. Francis Health Clinic or another medical facility. Our clinic provides medications, doctors, psychiatrists, a dentist and chiropractor.

We also make sure they have a means of transportation, either supplying them with a bike that was donated, or asking them to serve at St. Vincent De Paul for 5 hours to receive a free 30 day bus pass.

Finding employment for residents has improved greatly with the assistance of a temp agency next door to the shelter. Currently, 15 of the 17 residents at the men's shelter are employed. Many organizations throughout the area assist our men with rehab (AA), Therapy (Human Services), Housing {Advocap} and Veterans services.

Growing in their faith journey while living here is a vital part of spiritual growth for our residents, with direction and guidance from our executive director, Bob Lang and our resident priest, Father Dave.

We are proud of the many accomplishments made by our residents. We provide much more than a bed and a pillow. With your support we are helping to strengthen lives and make people an active and contributing member to our community. Please keep us in your prayers and remember us as you make decisions with your charitable dollars.

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Holy Spirit Youth Group from Kimberly



5000 pounds of potatoes is a lot



Sister Paulina bowls a strike on a day of fun



Easter was a great celebration

Letter from the Director

Summer greetings to you from all of us here at Father Carr's Place 2B. Thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter and thank you for supporting the mission of Father Marty Carr, which is alive and thriving. You have given so much! Your time, talent, treasure AND PRAYERS are always greatly appreciated. Without YOU and the HOLY SPIRIT we could not do the important work of the Place 2B.

Living at Father Carr's is always an adventure! There are continual relationships with people who come and go. Benefactors, volunteers, residents and people from all over the country and even the world stop in to say hi. The Place 2B is a loving place, with many moving parts. What a blessing it is to be here, in relationship with people who have generous hearts and a joyful spirit!

So much has happened since our last correspondence. The "First Annual Father Carr's Bridging Our Community Walk" took place on Saturday, June 4th. It was an awesome event in so many ways! On a sad note, a long time volunteer who showed every Friday to assist in the St. Martin de Porres Food Pantry passed away unexpectedly. Carol Spears, who was only 51 years old, was so typical of those who serve here. She was generous in every way and always served with a big, warm, loving smile. She will be dearly missed and will always be an inspiration to those who knew her.

As an advocate of Father Carr's, you already know that you do not need a special invitation to come visit. EVERYONE is always welcome! Come to play a table game, come to clean rooms or water plants, come for daily Mass with Father Dave, come to serve in the food pantry, soup kitchen or St. Francis Health Clinic. Simply come to have a refreshment and to mingle with others. Should you be one who needs a special reason to visit, consider saving two important dates on your calendar. The Board of Directors is planning an annual "Share the Vision" on Saturday, October 1st with Mass and reception to follow. A special celebration will take place in Spring of 2017 at Most Blessed Sacrament Church St. Peter Site, in honor of Father Martin Carr. I know you will want to be present to rejoice in his life and share your precious stories.

Please enjoy the rest of your summer and fall. Always know and understand that your support, involvement and prayers make a huge difference in helping others. Thank you!

May God's grace and mercy be with you and your family always,

Bob



James, our lead cook celebrates his 60th birthday.



Our kitchen is sparkling clean thanks to the men living with us



Hussain and the volunteers always have the food pantry ready on Fridays.



UWO nursing students constructing a garden at Father Carr's.



First Annual Bridge Walk

On Saturday, June 4th, Father Carr's truly did bridge our community. Over 150 walkers and volunteers joined us for our First Annual Bridge Walk. It was a great day to enjoy family and friends and walk over the Butte des Morts Bridge while supporting the ministries of Father Carr's. Thank you to all who joined us. There was lots of fun participating in raffles, eating a great lunch and taking tours of our 4 buildings, located on our 8 acre campus. Many people were amazed to learn of the many ministries that take place at Father Carr's. We are already planning for next year. We hope you can join us!



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Thank you to our Bridge Walk sponsors



Thank you to Kevin Gabriel for an unbelievable job planning and building the children's playground at Father Carr's for his Eagle Scout Project. Kevin was assisted by his fellow scouts, family and friends. The playground will add health and happiness to the many children that come to live with us. Please call us if you have projects or fundraisers you would like to lead.

Wish List

- New hot water heater for St. Martin Food Pantry
- Gas Leaf blower
- ATV for year round maintenance and snow removal
- Gift Cards for building repair and landscaping supplies
- Gift Cards for Gas
- Gift Cards for Ink, Copy Paper and other Office Supplies
- Contractual and In-Kind Services for Plumbing, Concrete and Excavating Work, Tree Cutting and Landscaping
- Twin Beds for the Bethlehem Inn and Holy Family Villa
- Flat Shovel, Loper, Pruner
- Bike Rack for the Holy Family Villa
- Annual Subscription to the Oshkosh Northwestern
- A Good Used Car For Sister Angela
- Bus Tokens and Cab Vouchers

Do you know someone that can help us with contracting work?

Call 920-231-2378

Our plumbing and electrical needs are great. We saved money with plumbing services being donated in the past. The plumbing company has now been sold. We have large electrical projects on the horizon as our buildings are aging. Please let us know if you or someone you know would be willing to donate time to help us out with our needs. Saving money on contracting work helps us to better serve all of those in need. **Thank you.**