

Easter 2017

Father Carr's Place 2B

“Celebrating over 40
years of enriching lives”



Calendar of Events

Easter

Meal deliveries begin at 10:30 am.

Drivers please arrive at 10 am.

Easter meal served from Noon-1:30 pm.

Father Carr's 2nd Annual Bridge Walk

Saturday, June 3rd at 9:30 am

Walk, Raffle, Lunch, Open House and Tours

Father Carr's Celebration of Christ

A memoir of Father Carr's ministry

Saturday, June 3rd

Most Blessed Sacrament - St. Peter Site

Mass at 4 pm

followed by reception, dinner and story telling

Sister Grace Arrives in America - My Personal Journey

I took off from Accra, Ghana Airport on Friday the 10th of February at 12 p.m. It was my first time ever flying or leaving my country. I arrived at dusk in Washington, D.C. What a beautiful sight to see the capitol building before landing. It was my first image of America. I had one more stop in Charlotte, NC before my final flight to Milwaukee and then on to Oshkosh.

At the Milwaukee Airport, I was welcomed by the President of Father Carr's Place 2B, Nic Bur and his sister Kelly Shariff. I waited for some time to pick up my belongings, but unfortunately we were told they would arrive on another flight. I was a bit uncomfortable but Nic told me not to worry because the airline would deliver them later that night, which they did.

The drive from Milwaukee to Oshkosh gave me the first opportunity to see snow. We arrived in Oshkosh at Father Carr's at 6.00 p.m. where Sister Angela Dassinator, the Mother of the women's shelter and Superior of the Handmaids of the Divine Redeemer (HDR) community in Oshkosh, welcomed me along with all the women and children in the shelter. I couldn't imagine the immense kind of joy and excitement they expressed towards me. It was really a warm welcoming spirit.

The following day was Sunday the 12th of February and it was my birthday. I went to Church with Sister Angela and I was introduced to the congregation by Father Matthew, the Pastor of St. Jude the Apostle Parish. It was lovely! After church the people were welcoming and wishing me all their best.

The Holy Family Villa is quite interesting with all the mothers and children in the shelter. I had an opportunity to go with Sister Angela who showed me some of the places that she shops in town and other places. When we came home she started showing me how she cares for others at the shelter.

The following day which was a Monday, I was taken to the Mother Teresa Center where all the staff and other volunteers (continued inside)



Sister Grace experiences
her first snowfall.

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could be found. Bob Lang, who is the director of Father Carr's Place 2B, introduced me to many people and told me about the work they do at the Center. My experience there was that the Oshkosh community has love for volunteering and donating without counting of costs. They indeed have the spirit of volunteering. On Wednesday the staff had their usual meeting where I was again introduced by Bob. The people were happy having me and it was just amazing.

During my second week, some of the volunteers went out for lunch together in one of the nearby restaurants for a gathering. I was privileged to be part of the gathering and it was lots of fun. After lunch we had more fun! We went somewhere called a bowling alley for games. This was my first time of experiencing a game called "Bowling." It was such an interesting game. I took part in the game and I was happy I could play the game I had never played before. I knocked down all of the pins once and was told this was called a strike. My time in Oshkosh and serving at Father Carr's has been exciting!

Father Carr's Place 2B is a wonderful place to serve. It is a place that you will experience the love of God through hard work, kindness and the generosity of the people. On this note, I want to seize this opportunity to thank Nic Bur and the Board Members of Father Carr's Place 2B, Mr. William Coleman, Bob Lang, Sister Angela and Father Dave Duffeck for making it possible to be in the Oshkosh community and to spread the mission and vision of Father Martin Carr's Place 2B. Thank you also to all the donors and volunteers of Father Carr's. May Father Carr's mission and dream continue.

Sister Grace Donne

On Bended Knee

When we stand upright, tall and proud, we use our own will and physical abilities to accomplish such a very human task. We are confident and secure that we are able to do anything we desire unless, life happens and things fall apart faster than we can pull them together. Often there are many reasons for our failures and troubles. What matters most is someone is present to lend a hand to help us back on our feet. Every day prayers are offered for our residents, friends and benefactors. We adjoin our prayers with the crucified and Risen Savior. Humbly as humans, we admit to our limitations. The importance of every human heart to God is above our wildest imaginings. Jesus said, "Nothing is impossible with God." We believe and miracles through faith happen. God cannot be outdone in His generosity for those who seek Him. This Easter, please offer a prayer for Father Carr's Place 2B. Thank Him for giving us this ministry in service to Him as we serve the hungry and homeless. Ask Him to watch over us and our residents that this will always be a safe and secure place for wounded souls. Pray for God's care and blessings for all the resources we need to serve Him through this ministry. It is the power of His Cross that "makes all things new." It is at the Cross where we lay down our past and ask to start anew. Join us in prayer this Easter season as we offer our heartfelt prayers in gratitude for the gift of His Son and His faithfulness to His promises of love, mercy and forgiveness.

Blessings in the Risen Lord,

Fr Dave

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 am glad to report that the Place 2B continues to thrive while serving those in need. Hundreds of active volunteers and benefactors share their support and love while giving their time, talent and treasure. The fruit of your generous giving are the healthy relationships which are formed and result among residents, volunteers and benefactors when they come together in this holy and miraculous place. His spirit and His mercy and grace surrounds this place offering hope to many.

We are so blessed and thankful for our new Sister from the Handmaids of Divine Redeemer, from Accra, Africa. Sister Grace Donne's long awaited arrival has finally happened. After much anticipation, her presence brings servant leadership and great joy! Many other changes and improvements have been made in the past months and rather than attempting to list them all, I encourage you to share in the experience that is "Father Carr's!"

Please find the time to stop by, visit and mingle with others, and learn for yourself what is going on. The Mother Teresa Center is open 365 days of the year. The celebration of Jesus and His mission does not take a day off here at the Place 2B. Always know that your prayers are powerful and amazing things are happening! Father Marty Carr's desires, dreams and hopes for those in great need and the Place 2B continue to be met as we move forward. Thank you for your prayers and generous giving. Hope to see you soon!

May God's magnificent mercy, love, peace and joy be with you and your family today and always.

Bob



Volunteers, including many UWO students, helping with the Creative Hearts Art Program to help those in transition who are facing life challenges.

Nic celebrates his 50th birthday.

Brownie troop full of smiles. You are never too young to volunteer.

Youth groups come to serve while bringing energy and joy.



**FATHER CARR'S
BRIDGE WALK**

HELPING THE HOMELESS

Food / Shelter / Fellowship ☪

**JUNE
3**

@ 9:30 AM



Father Dave celebrates Mass in the St. Martin de Porres Chapel.

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WALK**

**1062 NORTH KOELLER ST.
OSHKOSH, WI**

- Enjoy a wonderful event bringing our community and supporters together.
- Walk begins at Father Carr's and then over the Butte des Morts Bridge causeway and back.
- Raising funds to support Father Carr's Mission
- Lunch and open house begin at 11 a.m.
- Tours available.
- Raffles

Father Carr's operates from private donations and receives no government or church funding.

FATHER CARR'S PLACE 2B MISSION INCLUDES

COMMUNITY FOOD BANK
COMMUNITY FREE HEALTH CLINIC
HOUSING FOR PEOPLE IN TRANSITION
DAILY MASS
DAILY BREAD

DAILY & HOLIDAY MEALS
FAMILY & COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES
MENTORING & JOB SEEKING SKILLS
VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES
RETREATS

ONLINE REGISTRATION AVAILABLE AT FATHERCARRS.ORG



Sister Grace and Debbie have fun bowling.



Our children's Christmas program was attended by over 400 kids. That made Santa and Mrs. Claus very happy!



Esto Vir Oshkosh Moving Permanently to Father Carr's in April

Great news! Esto Vir Oshkosh (EVO), a monthly Saturday morning spirituality ministry serving Catholic/Christian men from the Oshkosh area will be moving their Saturday morning gatherings permanently to the St. Martin de Porres Chapel at Father Carr's Place 2B starting Saturday, April 22. Esto Vir's team approached Bob Lang, executive director and Father David Duffeck, resident priest at Father Carr's about the move after Father David served as confessor, Mass celebrant and keynote speaker at EVO's February 18th gathering held at Father Carr's. Deacon John Ingala, an EVO core member, said that it was not a hard decision to make after nearly 50 men attended a very successful February morning with Father Duffeck.

Needed Items

- Toothbrushes
- Body lotion
- Gel wash
- Feminine hygiene pads
- Baked beans
- Tuna
- Chunky soup
- Flat utility cart 36 inches high. Needs pneumatic wheels (2 solid and 2 swivel)
- New or used truck and plow for snow plowing

Father Carr's Celebration of Christ

Please join us for a memoir of
Father Carr's life, death and ministry

Saturday, June 3rd
Most Blessed Sacrament Parish St. Peter Church
435 High Avenue, Oshkosh, WI

Come see where Father Marty started the Place 2B.

Mass at 4 pm

Followed by reception and dinner. Please come and share stories about Father Marty Carr and celebrate the Place 2B's history.