



Thanksgiving 2017

# Father Carr's Place 2B



## GIVING TUESDAY DOUBLE **YOUR** DONATION

Are you a benefactor of Father Carr's? Would you consider becoming one? **Giving Tuesday, November 28** is the perfect day to donate. Thrivent Financial is matching all donations up to \$10,000. Father Carr's is 100% privately funded with no federal, state or other government funds. We serve the community with generosity from individuals like you. Your donation helps us to directly assist others and does not go to a large bureaucracy. We are primarily made up of volunteers including all of our doctors, nurses and receptionists at our free medical health clinic. Thank you for all of your donations throughout the year and especially on November 28th. Matching contributions can also be made online by going to the **Thrivent Financial Website at <https://tinyurl.com/ycq6wnsg> or scan the QR Code on the lower right hand of this page.** Make a donation and have it automatically doubled. Your generosity is needed and appreciated. The donation must be dropped off at Father Carr's or given online on this day only to receive the matching gift. Come join us for food, fellowship and fun AND to drop off your donation, however large or small, on **November 28th between 10:00 am and 6:00 pm.**

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# Under the Leaves

Gardening can be full of surprises. Sometimes, things are hidden from our view only to be a great surprise when we discover them. We can find behind the leaves the most beautiful red tomato. The same goes for strawberries and other fruits and vegetables. They can be likened to finding pearls in a grass field. But God too, is full of surprises. There may come a time in our lives when we feel down and out and of little value to ourselves or for others. Health or finances may weigh us down and keep us from seeing a brighter tomorrow that is hidden by today's circumstances. We can feel like empty bowls longing to be filled with the better fruits of life. What we need most, has already been given us and awaits to be discovered. Our gracious God has planted deep within each of us the seeds of His holy and infinite love. It is this love that calls us from the lonely and empty moments in our lives into the hope and dignity that is our inheritance as His beloved creation. It is His love that fills the most urgent needs of the human heart. Sometimes, it seems in short supply. We can agree on a few necessities of life. The needs of our soul often receive the least attention. Through the celebration of Mass, prayer and meetings, we add a deepening experience of God's caring love and mercy. The whole of a person's humanity needs to be addressed if they are to move forward in life. the very witness of our volunteers and benefactors gives expression to our mission. Thank you for your reflection of Jesus Christ.

"Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us," Ephesians 3:20.

In Thanksgiving for the gift of God's love,

**Fr Dave**

## Happy Thanksgiving *From The Executive Director*

**Greetings to you and your family from Father Carr's Place 2B.** We all have very much to be thankful for. I would like to thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter and for supporting Matthew 25, vs. 31-46, the mission of Father Marty Carr. The Place 2B is alive and active with residents, volunteers, benefactors and the Holy Spirit! People are coming and going daily. Some are taking, *more are giving*. Love abounds. People with needs have received the essentials of life, i.e. bread, drink, housing, medical care and spiritual nurturing. Thousands of volunteers and benefactors have given freely of their time, treasure and talent. There is seldom a dull moment here. One thing I know for sure is that Father Marty Carr is smiling down upon us. Ten years after his death, "The Spirit" lives on as strong as ever. I invite anyone who has not experienced this place for a while to please visit. Consider joining us for a couple of hours on Thanksgiving, Christmas or Easter to celebrate! Come to help deliver meals to the homebound, while enjoying fellowship and a fantastic meal. You will experience the love and community that Father Carr fostered throughout his life. *We miss him dearly!* Father Marty Carr understood that our God is not a solitary being but a community of love and sharing of ourselves with others. He allowed and knew how to let the Father, Son and Holy Spirit work in the lives of the people he encountered. His legacy and mission lives on...All for the Glory of God. Perhaps you were one of the fortunate ones who gathered at St. Peter's Church in Oshkosh this summer to celebrate his life and ministry. Sister Joselda and Father Quinn shared amazing, funny and heartfelt stories about Father Marty. So much has happened and so much continues to happen. Your support is needed and is greatly appreciated as we continue to live the gospel. *Thank you for caring.* Please continue to make a positive impact and difference in the lives of many. Without YOU and the HOLY SPIRIT we could not joyfully do the important, challenging and life changing work of the Place 2B. Give the glory and thanks to God this Thanksgiving and keep His presence in your daily activities. Thanks again for your prayers and generous support.

May God bless you always.

**Bob**





The tradition of youth in the community helping out continues at Father Carr's. Young people are our future.



James cooking dinner at the men's shelter.

Board member Dan Geffers helping out with a construction project.

New parking lines being painted.

Our basketball court has been improved and a new basketball hoop has been installed. A great Eagle Scout Project and all are welcome to use it.

UWO Students volunteer semi-annually during Hands on Oshkosh Day.

## Calendar of Events

### November 24

Thanksgiving Mass at 9:00 AM  
Thanksgiving meal deliveries from 10:30 AM to Noon.  
Thanksgiving meal served from Noon to 1:30 PM

### November 28

Giving Tuesday:  
Thrivent will match all donations to Father Carr's up to \$10,000 on November 28th

### December 23

Children's Christmas Breakfast and Program  
9:00 to 11:00 AM

### December 25

Meals delivered from 10:30 AM to Noon.  
Christmas meal from Noon to 1:30 PM



A good time was had by all during our annual Mission and Message Mass and Reception.



James and Hussain hard at work in the food pantry.



Bob and Debbie thanking Sharon for the new stove she donated at The Holy Family Villa Women's Shelter.



Thanks to all the doctors, nurses, receptionists and other volunteers who give of their time freely at the St. Francis Community Free Health Clinic.





## A Note from Alex, a Student Intern from UW-Oshkosh

My name is Alex and I am a student majoring in social work at the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh. I am currently an intern at Father Carr's Place 2B. I first heard of this opportunity from a friend who previously did the same internship. I am thankful I can help at Father's Carr's and I enjoy working with the volunteers that contribute their valuable time. My responsibilities include helping Sister Angela and Sister Grace in the women's residence. I also work at the front desk directing individuals to resources and filling out housing request forms. At times it is disheartening to see the suffering that families experience but it is gratifying to provide assistance for families and to see an impact being made. My internship has given me an opportunity to get to know some of the residents and develop a better understanding of poverty and the social services available in the surrounding counties. I have encountered numerous instances where an individual or family is in need of help and there are no other resources available at the moment or within a reasonable distance. My internship is providing me a great experience and allows me to assist as needed. It has assured me that social work is the right career path for me. I love living and working here and encourage others to inquire how they too can make a difference.

God bless you.  
Alex

### Volunteer Needs

- A volunteer who would spend time with our men, women and children residents. Eat dinner, talk, listen and be a positive role model once a week or once a month in the evening from 4:45-7:45 pm.
- We have many maintenance needs. If you are handy, we can use your skills and talents. Volunteer for projects or simply be available for a small amount of time each week or month.
- We need a part time clinic director. A medical background is not necessary. Help us out for 15 hours per week by organizing schedules, greeting people and other small tasks. The time will be rewarding and enriching.
- Do you enjoy writing? We need help writing community grants. The time commitment is minimal but the help to us will be huge!
- Our 3rd Annual Bridge Walk needs community sponsors. If you know the Oshkosh area and would like to advocate for our many missions, this is the perfect volunteer opportunity for you. Help us by obtaining community and business sponsorships to support our Bridge Walk on Saturday, June 2nd.

### Needed Donations

- Turkeys
- Chunky Soup
- Tuna
- Cereal
- Mac & Cheese
- Baked Beans
- Butter
- New Men's Medium and Large Boxer Underwear Shorts
- Shampoo
- Shaving Cream
- Floor Fans for Women's Residence
- Walmart Gift Cards
- Prayers for our residents, benefactors and volunteers
- Mozak EZ lawn tractor jack from Fleet Farm
- Ameriwood Home System Build Kendrick Wardrobe Storage Closet for our Sisters (available online)
- A Major Donor to Help Pave our Back Parking Lot

