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Father Carr's Place

Bob's 2018 Thanksgiving Letter



Many years ago, when my sons Ryan and Aaron were ages five and three, I found time to read a book recommended by a friend titled "The Road Less Traveled", by Scott Peck. It was excellent reading for me at that time of my life. The first sentence of the book is; Life is difficult. Once understood, it made my going forward in life much easier. As the years went by and my faith grew stronger, I began to be more open to God's will in my life. I began to accept God's call and crosses more joyfully.

In January of 2015, when the call came to serve and live at the Place 2B, Debbie and I knew there would be many sacrifices. And yes there have been and will continue to be. What we could have never imagined however is the myriad of blessings which would also result. The people, the prayers, the happenings, the stories, the stretching, the growth and the miracles. It has been an honor to live in residence with Father Dave, the Sisters and the other men and women who come to live and serve. I am very grateful and humbled to serve as Executive Director. I thank the Board of Directors, the volunteers and the benefactors for their wonderful and unselfish support.

As Debbie and I look forward, we now know that our time serving and living here at the Place 2B will be over soon (July 31st, 2019). After $4\frac{1}{2}$ years a new season of our life will begin. Herewith, we will cherish every day and event while serving in the many ministries here at the Place 2B. We will carry on and do our best to joyfully sacrifice and bear the crosses that occur, knowing that everything is gift and grace from our Lord. Debbie and I know we cannot out give God and have experienced His abundant blessings and love. I can sincerely share and say that we have received so much more than we have given. It's emotionally difficult even writing this article. God is good, all the time!

Herewith, I do know that the Place 2B will continue to carry on in beautiful ways. Father Carr lived the Gospels, especially Mathew 25 and could often be heard saying "Give the Glory to God". As Father Marty continues to smile down on the Place 2B, please know that your support, involvement and prayers are greatly needed and appreciated. Thank you!

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

Happy Thanksgiving!

Bob

We Hail Mary Through Holy Knots

A Message From Father Dave



The Truth - The ministry of Father Carr's is built on the foundation of the apostles with Our Lord Jesus Christ as Lord of All. It was while He was upon the cross, Jesus gave His Mother to be our Mother and the Mother of His Holy Church. It is through her maternal heart that her prayers of intercession bring grace to the sorrowful, hurting and weak. A mother's love is always filled with peace and comfort.

The Way - It is through faith and our persistent prayers that God grants His favor upon this ministry. We are not about any one person but the collective effort of so many joyful souls that brings us to fruition of the Gospel of Matthew 25.

The Life - The Holy Knots Rosary Group was initiated by Father Dave Duffeck as a community outreach to spread the devotion of praying the rosary, gathering together people to hand make these beautiful tools of faith. The rosaries come in a multitude of various colors and patterns that symbolize the uniqueness which each of us has in our relationship with God. One of our founding members, Joanne, states, "For me, making rosaries contributes to my faith in the power of Our Lady to undo the knots of our lives!" But the reasons go beyond the physical component to one of the heart and faith. Laura, who has made over 2000 rosaries and who was a first member, shares her motivations, "I like to do more than just pray to honor Mary. I want others to share in the praying of the rosary as I remember my Mother faithfully doing. I enjoy doing artistic works with my hands and nourishing my faith life as well."

The Holy Knots Rosary Group meets the 2nd and 4th Fridays of each month after evening Mass (approx. 7:15 to 9:00pm). We will teach techniques for making the twine rosary. Most rosaries are made at home but the class time provides an opportunity for techniques, sharing, conversation and prayer.

To date our rosary makers have completed over 4700 rosaries! Our mission is to supply rosaries to small retreat, church and other religious apostolates. This does not include key chains, wrist and other variations. Please contact Father Dave Duffeck for information at 920-362-3345

Letter From the President In Search of a New Director



I am extremely grateful for the service to others that Bob and his wife Debbie have given to Father Carr's since February of 2015. I am so thankful for their unyielding commitment to Father Carr's mission. It continues to be a pleasure to work with Bob as he leads others in service. As you know, Bob will retire from his position as executive director on July 31, 2019 but he will continue to volunteer. Although his time as director is not yet over, we now begin the search for his successor in hopes that they will have time to work closely with Bob in transition before he retires. It will be sad as Bob moves on, but we are excited for our future with so much potential to continue the growth that Bob has provided.

The executive director position is a paid position but it is not a job. It is a passionate mission and a way of life. Anyone interested understands that Father Carr's Place 2B is mission work each and every day. One must see the position as a life changing opportunity to give completely of themselves in service to others. The commitment required is challenging and exhausting but the fulfillment received is beyond expression. Each new day brings a gift from above to lead our volunteers and benefactors and to be there for others in troubled and broken times. Father Carr's is a wonderful organization waiting for our next leader.

We pray the Lord leads the right person or persons to us. As President of the Board of Directors, I welcome anyone interested to reach out to me to ask questions, share their interest or make recommendations. I can be reached by email at nicbur@fathercarrs.org or by phone at 262-719-2152. Thank you for your prayers as we begin our search and our journey.

Sincerely,

Letter From Sister Joselda



Dear Friends of Father Carr's

As a member of the Board of Directors at the Place 2B and life long friend of Father Martin Carr, I am excited to share some history with you. I first met Father Carr in 1968 as a teacher for St. Gregory School in St. Nazianz, WI. He was then known as Mr. Carr and I was his principal during his first year of teaching. It didn't take long to recognize him as a person of great insight, vision and faith. Most remember him as a great priest but he was also an incredible and creative teacher. Even in the 1960's, he was motivating and inspiring many young people in school.

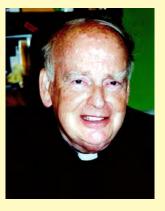
He entered St. Francis Seminary in Milwaukee in 1969 and was ordained in 1974 for the Diocese of Green Bay. Until he died in 2007, he established the present facility based on the scripture passage found in Matthew: 25: 31-36. "I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you welcomed me; naked and you clothed me; I was ill and you comforted me; in prison and you came to visit me." This complex of buildings is now located on 1062 N. Koeller Street, Oshkosh, WI 54902-3245.

When Father Carr entered his Eternal Reward, we wondered what would happen to this organization. However, the sign of good leadership is the continuation and presently it is going strong because of people like you. Presently, we have a Board of Directors dedicated to continuing Matthew 25, and an Executive Director living on the campus to oversee the women's and children's shelter, the men's shelter, the Food Pantry and the Free Medical Walk in Clinic. Presently we have over 55 men, women and children housed here. They serve over 150 meals a day (over 5,000 each month), treat fifty plus patients a week in the St. Francis Free Medical Clinic, have two soup kitchens open daily, a food bank, have ongoing spiritual retreats and gatherings and are meeting the needs of people in so many ways. This is all accomplished basically through volunteers. We share this with you to know what you might be missing right in your own city and state. Please visit us for a day and let us know if you might want to volunteer. This is just a simple description but there are stories, stories and more stories to learn much more.

A Believer in Father Carr's Mission,

Sister Joselda Kuhle

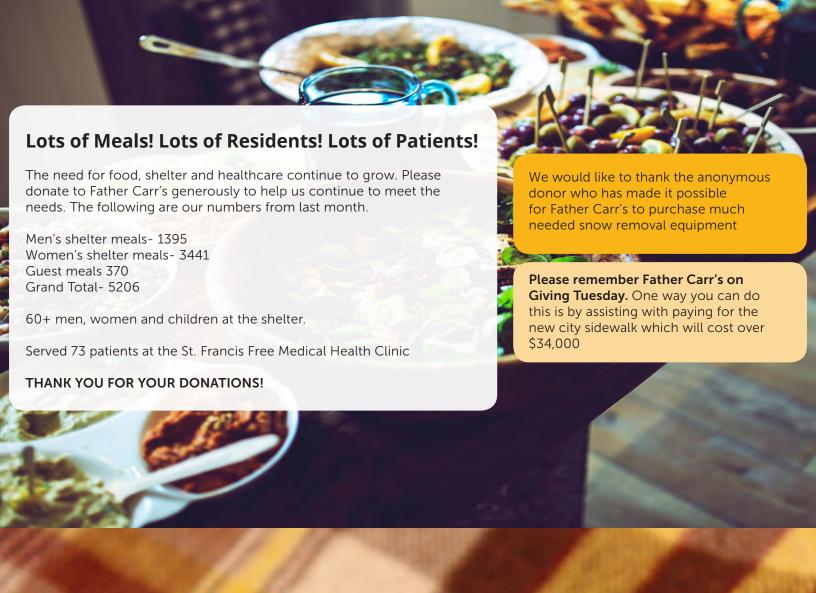
Live and Leave a Legacy for Father Carr's



Please remember Father Carr's in your Will or Estate Planning. Consider a planned gift to the Place 2B. Planned gifts include; IRA distributions, annuities, a designated beneficiary on an insurance policy, stocks, securities, real estate or any monies that could be directed to Father Carr's Endowment Fund. Do not wait. Your last

will and testament is your final statement which can make a difference for many. Consider a gift that will positively impact others while it continues to grow in perpetuity. Talk more about these opportunities with Bob Lang or your own financial advisor to determine what is best for you.





Calendar of Events

November 22 (Thanksgiving)

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

December 22

Children's Breakfast Program from 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM

December 25 (Christmas)

Meal deliveries from 10:30 AM to Noon Meal served from Noon to 1:30 PM

We are in Need of:

- Turkeys
- Brown Sugar
- Butter
- Coffee regular and decaf
- Turkey Gravy
- Canned milk
- Bath towels
- Men's new large boxer underwear shorts
- Women's hygiene products/ sanitary pads (No tampons)
- Lotion (women's and children)

- Baby wipes
- Diapers
- Twin beds and frames
- Gift Cards for Walmart, Menards, Target, Fleet Farm, Festival, Pick 'n Save & Kwik Trip
- Major donor for carpeting the Mother Teresa Center
- Prayers for residents, benefactors, and volunteers