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Father Carr's Place 2B

Blessing to all for a Truly Joyous Easter!



This is the time of year to reflect on how dearly we are loved by our Lord and Savior. He loves me by caring for my emotional, physical and spiritual needs, even when I turn from him or am not particularly grateful. God loves me by plotting and frequently redirecting my path, even when I stubbornly want my own way. He gently and persistently whispers His will to me, even when I try to tune Him out with the will of others or the world. But oh...the deep joy and great peace that my Abba blesses me with when I do hear, listen and follow! All the while, I feel Him patiently waiting and lovingly smiling at me.

I have never felt God's presence more than in the last four years of living on the campus of Father Carr's Place 2B! I see His love and compassion in the volunteers and benefactors. I see God in the meek and humble who come to Father Carr's in need of food, shelter, medical care, friendship or simply, someone to listen. When the inconveniences and missing the comforts of my home and neighborhood are getting the best of me, my

Lord reminds me of His love through an inspiring reading or scripture passage, a timely homily by Father Dave, a warm hug and smile from Sister Angela or Sister Grace, a silly antic or smirk from Hussain or joyous greeting from Neil! I, like many of the volunteers, residents and visitors who come here have been touched by the spirit of this amazing mission, but mostly, by the people who have created this warm and welcoming place.

Jesus tells us in Matthew 6:8 that "Your Father knows exactly what you need even before you ask Him". Well... that's a good thing, because I'm pretty sure I never would have asked Him to live and serve on the campus of a homeless shelter! Father Carr's Place 2B brings the bible alive through it's mission. To read, know and profess the Word of God is one thing, to live it out is to be a true disciple. In this amazing place, we can demonstrate our love for Jesus by "feeding the hungry, offering shelter for the homeless and caring for the sick" (Matthew 25:31-46).

The Place 2B has brought Jesus' words alive to me personally. When I get frustrated, sad or lonely, His words give courage and strength. In Joshua 1:9, "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged; for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." Fortunately, that does not mean that you have to live at Father Carr's, but I can assure you, even a simple visit, a tour, an hour or two of service or better yet, introducing someone else to this amazing place, will lift you up!

Share the joy of Jesus and the Gospel lived out daily at Father Carr's Place 2B where in 1 John 4:19, He reminds us, "We love because He first loved us".

Blessing to you and yours,

Debbie Lang





Happy Retirement from the Place 2B to Richard "Dick" Shikoski.

For many years the Place 2B has been blessed to have Dick as our maintenance person. Those of you who know Dick, realize that he was so much more to Father Carr's. He took care of everything and it was such a joy to have him here. Dick volunteered more than 40 hours each week and could always be called upon for any question, project or emergency that would arise. He lovingly cared for our campus which includes four large buildings. We could count on him to keep the exterior, interior and everything up and running well and in tip top condition.

Dick was truly an angel who earned his wings. We often referred to him fondly as "Saint Dick". He was a humble servant who could do just about anything and kept everything in safe operating order. He was our plumber, electrician, landscaper and mechanic. He cared about the little things too; he was known to drive across town to save Father Carr's fifty cents on a less expensive part for a tractor, vacuum cleaner and/or light bulb. We cannot even begin to fathom how much money Dick saved the Place 2B. He gave his time and talent freely and generously.

Dick's quiet, behind the scenes dedication, while serving the vision and mission of Father Martin Carr, spoke volumes to all of us who served alongside of him. His skills and creativity in finding a way to fix just about anything will be greatly missed. Herewith, *Thank You for being a good and faithful servant. We have been blessed and wish you the best!*



Dick Shikoski as a young boy and during his career as an accountant. What a handsome fellow!



Dick, enjoying a retirement luncheon at the Mother Teresa Center.



The Boehm family celebrates Karen's 50th birthday at Father Carr's Place 2B.



The Wisconsin Herd presents a check to Father Carr's for the food pantry. Nick Smith and Bob Lang celebrate receiving a check.



Enjoying fellowship at Father Carr's!



Fun projects!



JUNE 1
@ 9:30 AM

**1062 N. KOELLER STREET
OSHKOSH, WI**

- Enjoy a wonderful event bringing our community and supporters together.
- Walk begins at the Place 2B and then we walk over and under the Butte des Morts Bridge causeway and back.
- Raising funds to support Father Carr's Mission
- Come join us for lunch and an open house.
- Tours available.
- Raffles

Father Carr's is volunteer driven and privately funded.

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Michigan Tech students taking a fun break in between some hard work.



Father Dave concelebrates Mass with Father Ben and Father Dustin in the St. Martin de Porres Chapel.



Hard work makes for a big appetite.

A Reflection from Erin, from St. Al's Church in Houghton, MI.

22 Michigan Tech students enhanced their spring break by going on a week long retreat at Father Carr's in March. Their experiences were life changing and their services were greatly appreciated.

As I was on co-op in the Neenah area last year during the spring semester, I was able stop by for an evening with the St. Al's group while they were at Father Carr's on spring break. And while the evening I spent was incredibly eye-opening for me in putting a face on Jesus in the poor of this world, staying almost a full week completely changed how I view those I encounter, whether materialistically or spiritually poor. It showed me they are not just statistics, they are human beings who demand our love and respect.

Going into both visits to Father Carr's, I had some preconceived notions of the type of people I would be interacting with. People who were probably not blessed with the best of situations but were, at the end of a day, at a homeless shelter because of their own faults. However, in listening to the residents even on just the first day, I realized how very wrong that was! Many of the people there were battling circumstances often beyond their control with more tenacity, faith, and joy than I had ever imagined possible. The opportunity to serve the residents and to share daily life with them, the true princes and princesses of heaven, was so incredibly humbling.

I especially love the quote from St. Mother Teresa that says *"The biggest disease today is not leprosy or tuberculosis, but rather the feeling of being unwanted."* I think many of us went into this trip hoping to let everyone at Father Carr's, staff and residents alike, know that they are wanted. And while it was incredible spreading love to everyone we met, such is the mystery of God's love and grace, that I know we left having received far more in return than we ever could have given. God bless you all for the wonderful work you do. You are definitely in our prayers!

Erin Murphy

Michigan Technological University, '21
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Students from Michigan Tech spent their spring break at Father Carr's on retreat. They were amazing!



Are you Handy? Maintenance Volunteers Needed

As we wish Dick good luck in his future, we now pray that we will find new volunteers to assist with maintenance projects. If you are handy and would like to help us maintain our four buildings, please let us know. Your skills will be very much appreciated. Can you give us 4 hours once a week at your choosing? Skills in plumbing, painting, electrical, landscaping and/or general maintenance repairs are needed. Please call and talk to Jeff, Neil or Bob today 😊

Calendar of Events

Easter Sunday

Meal deliveries begin at 10:30am
Drivers please arrive at 10:00am
Easter meal served from
Noon to 1:30pm

Father Carr's 4th Annual Bridge Walk

Saturday, June 1st at 9:30am
Walk, Raffle, Lunch,
Open House, Music & Fun
Register at www.fathercarrs.org

Needs

- Stick butter, canned goods and desserts for Easter Dinner
- Gift cards for Festival, Kwik Trip, Menards, Walmart, Target, Office Max and Fleet Farm
- Pack and Plays for the Holy Family Villa
- Copy Paper
- **Raffle Items for Bridge Walk:** Kayak, Bluetooth Speaker, bicycle, sports tix or any other fun raffle items
- Flat Sheets for Twin Beds
- New Printer/Fax for the St. Francis Free Medical Health Clinic