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Christmas 2020

*God's Blessings to you
in the New Year ahead,
you are Appreciated!*

Father Carr's Place 2B

The Spirit of Christmas and Our Mission Continue Now and Throughout the Year.

After the year we've all experienced, there's certainly cause for us to be grinchy this holiday season: to look for the bad, dwell on what we are missing and give up hope. But it's important that we persevere in times like this and never forget our compassion and connection as human beings.

We, at Father Carr's, were so overcome with the power of positivity from our community recently, especially with our Thanksgiving Drive-Thru. We were able to provide meals and holiday cheer to over 900 people. The amount of volunteers reaching out to help us out this season has been truly inspirational, heart-warming, and provides hope for how we can all overcome whatever is thrown at us. We unfortunately had to turn volunteers away, purely due to COVID guidelines, which while is a constant reminder of the times we are in, is so overwhelming in how our community can come together to find a common cause and help each other out.

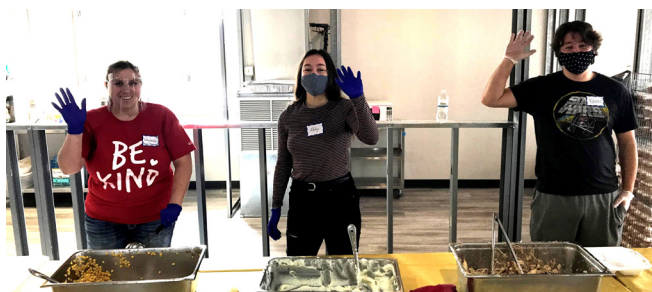
Our initiative was so positive and well received, with all the thanks going to our dedicated volunteers, faithful donors and community businesses, that we were blessed to have WBAY, WLUK, Good Day WI, NBC 26 and The Herald promote and cover our drive-thru and food drives and help spread the message of faith, help, and hope.

They say the Grinch's heart grew three sizes that day, the day he realized what the true meaning of Christmas was. We at Father Carr's are not going to let Covid cancel Christmas or any other activities or services.. They may be modified or look a little different, but Father Carr's will continue to serve its mission in our community as we have done for the past 46 years. God Bless Us Everyone and Merry Christmas!



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900 dinners served in our drive thru, also delivered to 7 low income apartment complexes and to the homeless downtown. Our volunteers and donors made it possible.

So the night was silent and then God whispered.

The silence of moments that occur during Christmas Eve are well known in the song, "Silent Night". It is as though God hit the "pause" button in life, for He desired we hear Him speak. It was not to be a booming voice or clanging cymbals but the brightness of a star, some caring shepherds and truth seeking wisemen. It was Word to be born and a message of love to be delivered as a gift from the Father in Heaven. So few words needed to be spoken and keenly focused were the gaze of the eyes that witnessed the moment. For we see by faith and not sight. "Do you see what I see?" "Do you hear what I hear?"

Our God does not force Himself upon us but allows us to discover Him in the most ordinary moments of life. The birth of a child, the bedside of a sick person, the thoughtfulness of a neighbor or the tender ear and shoulder of a friend; all reflect the heart of a God who is present and known in the most intimate moments of our lives. Through these very moments God speaks to our heart in whispers that only it fully understands. The sick, the aged, the homeless, the hungry and lost are awaiting to experience the tender love of God. Decide to be a reflection of the face of God to others and share the whispers you heard in the silence of the night.

In the peace of Christ,
A Blessed and Merry Christmas!
Fr Dave

Thank You for Food Drives

WLUK TV, Seton Elementary School and Wisconsin Solidarity all provided food drives in November to benefit those being served by Father Carr's. Each drive was a tremendous success. Items collected help us serve others through our Thanksgiving and Christmas community meals, meals for our residents, our Friday food pantry and our daily "Bread for Others" program that has a variety of food available.

Our food drives are one of many examples of the community coming together to bless others and make their time of need easier. Thank you to all who contributed! (Thank you also to the Mineshaft Restaurant for donating 1500 cupcakes for the dessert in our Thanksgiving meal.)



We would like to thank Father Zach and the Newman Center volunteers for assisting us with our food pantry drive thru every Friday. We have gone to a membership system which has worked out well. We appreciate the grant we received from the Oshkosh Community Foundation which made this possible.

GED Classes at Father Carr's

Father Carr's has provided a safe meeting space for Advocap's Adult Basic Education/GED program. The program has been able to continue serving adults wishing to complete a GED or improve their basic skills during the Covid Pandemic. For the past 8 months, Advocap's Adult Basic Education/ GED Program has been holding classes at Father Carr's. The Advocap Offices are currently closed to the public due to the pandemic. If you stopped by Father Carr's, you may have noticed a new group of adults studying at the Mother Teresa Center. Students have been able to continue pursuing their hopes for a better future. Approximately fifteen students have attended classes and received tutoring since Spring, from Mark Burns, an Advocab Adult Instructor. Advocap's program is unique in that it provides one-on-one instruction for adult basic education. Classes are free to students 18 or older.

Providing hope for adults working to further their education has been extremely important. With education comes opportunities. Our hope is that these opportunities will lead to jobs, stability, safe housing and a better future. It has been our pleasure to participate in this partnership. We look forward to more partnership opportunities to better serve our community.



Coming Soon - Father Carr's Free Community Café

Planning for the day when we can "Be Together" again! The Community Café will be a gathering place at Father Carr's.

A place to relax and talk. A place to host your special family or community event.

TALK LISTEN CELEBRATE SHARE
LAUGH GATHER EXPERIENCE
FRIENDSHIP FAMILY FOOD COMMUNITY

For The Community...

- Church Groups
- School Groups
- Teen Nights
- Memorial Gatherings
- Birthday Parties
- Special Community Events
- Men's and Women's Groups
- Kiwanis, Knights of Columbus and Other Civic Groups

Donors of requested items or specific dollar amounts will be recognized in the Community Café:

\$500

\$1000

\$5000

\$10,000

Donations Are Welcome To Help Support The Following:

- Display Cabinet - \$3000
- 100 Chairs - \$4000
- 15 Tables - \$6000
- Countertop - \$10,000
- Cabinets - \$10,000
- Lighting - \$3000
- Pizza Ovens - \$400
- Ice Cream Freezer - \$3000
- Glass Door Cooler - \$5000

COMING SOON!
The Community Cafe at Father Carr's
A Free Gathering Space
Open to the Public
Host Your Group Event Here!

Thank you to all of our donors and volunteers for what we can do because of you.

Father Carr's Place 2B Mission Statement



Check out our revamped Facebook page. There is great info shared there with photos and timely updates.

As a Life Enrichment Center, we are driven by Christian values to provide a sense of community and support for people in need. We strive to foster hope, self-worth and a self-sustaining life, through housing, food, health care, educational programs and volunteer opportunities.



Heroes Volunteer Here

Serving the uninsured and underinsured is more important than ever while we face the challenges of COVID -19. Our dedicated volunteers and health professionals have continued to medically serve our patients in need. Last year we had over 1000 patients visit our Community Free Clinic. Our staff is willing to incur the risk in order to care for those who might not otherwise receive care. Our wonderful volunteer staff gave health assessments, distributed medicines and prescriptions, administered lab work, gave diabetic and asthma care, provided general screenings and care and diagnosed serious medical conditions. In keeping with the overall mission of Father Carr's, our clinic strives to encourage independence by teaching our patients about self care and giving them the tools to help achieve it. Thank you to all of our clinic volunteer staff. Heroes truly do volunteer here! Please visit the St. Francis Clinic Facebook Page if you wish to be connected to our Clinic Wish List on Amazon.

Christmas drive thru meal and wish list needs

- Gift Cards of various denominations/ businesses
- hams
- candy canes
- #10 size cans of corn
- cookies for our Christmas meal
- 2 office chairs
- 2 color printers
- display board
- bulletin board
- 2 drawer file cabinets that lock

Calendar Of Events

Father Carr's Christmas Express

December 19th, 9:00am - 12:30pm
Reservation required

Christmas Meal Drive Thru

December 25th, 10:30am - Noon
Reservation required

Father Carr's volunteer at Mobile Food Pantry

December 28th, 10:00am
Oshkosh West parking lot

