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# Father Carr's Place 2B

## From the Executive Director

Do not tell the other seasons but I think I love Spring the most. It is a time of renewal, makes you feel energized and you start to notice so much. The birds chirping, the trees budding out and your tulips and daffodil bulbs popping thru the earth. Spring gives Hope!

That is also the mission of Father Carr's Place 2B. To offer hope to those in need, an ear to listen, and a hand to assist. For forty-eight years now the work of Father Martin Carr has flourished because of generous donors and faithful volunteers. I am so very proud to be part of an organization, no, of a family, that works together to help those in need in our community. Blessings abound here at 1062 North Koeller Street.

We serve, we collaborate, we share to make a difference. Because of our donors and volunteers, we are able to maintain our free clinic, our shelter, our community center, and our food pantry. Fellowship is so very important so we take this opportunity to celebrate with all of our volunteers during National Volunteer Recognition Week, April 17th thru the 23rd. Many hands make light work. And it's not really work when you love what you are doing and get to do that work with other like-minded people. Your spirit soars because you know that you are making a difference. Join us as we SPRING into action and offer HOPE to all those in need.

*John*



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## The Place To Be Oshkosh

Father Carr's, along with the Oshkosh Herald, is proud to sponsor this local TV show.

New episodes air monthly on Oshkosh Media's Life TV and are replayed weekly - 2:30 p.m. Mondays, 7:30 a.m. Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m. Thursdays, 9:30 p.m. Fridays, and 10:30 a.m. Sundays; available on Spectrum Cable Channel 2 in the City of Oshkosh, or streaming live on [OshkoshMedia.org](http://OshkoshMedia.org) and on the free Oshkosh Media channels on Roku, Amazon Fire TV, and Apple TV.

Set design provided by UBloom. The April edition features Father Carr's Place 2B. This is a collaborative effort to let our community know about all the good things going on.



## Sr. Matilda's Journey

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I started that day, 13th October at 5:20 pm to the Kotoka International Airport in Accra the capital city of Ghana.

I recalled the misfiling's and the sadness in my heart leaving my home and family to an unknown country, this made me understand the religious life better. Before I only came to visit, I spent a few weeks and go back, but now I am going to be here for a while.

We took off 9:30 pm and had a smooth flight despite the COVID and the uncomfortable mask to JFK at 5:30 am.



I waited for Five hours for the next flight to Minneapolis and another Two and half hours to Milwaukee. I was welcomed and picked up by the President of the place to 2B, Nic Bur.

We finally got home in Oshkosh at 5:15 pm. I had warm welcome from the sisters and the women at the Holy Family Women Shelter. The Pandemic has halted and affected every activity including the Holy Family house which was all the time full of women and children.

The following day Sr. Angela took me to the Mother Teresa Center and introduced me to the Director, John Nieman and to the volunteers. I was happy to see the Center transformed and looks very beautiful.

Since then Sr. Angela has taken me to a number of shops and other places of Oshkosh and introducing me to the house, what they do and so I am still learning and trying to adjust.

My first experience was the Thanksgiving and the number of Turkeys roasted and how it was shared so beautiful and the Christmas gift for the children. I understood clearly Mathew 25. I am here to serve with all my heart.

I love to serve joyfully at the Place 2B, because of the volunteering aspect of it, the generosity of the people in Oshkosh and the spirit of giving is so spectacular. It is so interesting to know people can walk in to get shelter for some time, get food and other services provided here, what a joy and relief. Fr. Carr's Place is interesting indeed, May God bless this Fr. Carr's vision and Mission.

May I take the opportunity to thank everyone who played a part in my coming to the Place 2B Oshkosh, may God richly bless you all.

*Sr. Matilda*

## Men's Shelter Update

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With Spring around the corner and the flowers starting to bloom, so are the men in the men's shelter. I can proudly announce that all the men are working and striving tremendously. We are so blessed to have so many motivated and driven men that even on their days off and free time, they are always helping out around Father Carr's in any way that they can. The men work during the day, but they are still busy at night. They attend weekly meetings with our Deacon and a dedicated volunteer who runs AA meetings at our Mother Teresa Center. The dynamic of everyone in the shelter is a blessing. The fellowship and the sense of community between the male residents is something that I have not seen before. With the transition from the first and second floors to the third floor, the men feel right at home. The new kitchen is great and has two dining rooms so the men can spread out and enjoy their dinner so generously made by the sisters. They have a cozy men's lounge where they can relax and unwind for the day. And our newest room that I have been working on creating is a gym and exercise room for the men to let off some steam. All the male residents who entered hit the ground running right when they got through the door. Some residents are now on the search for a place to call home. I am so grateful to be a part of each of the journeys to a fresh start.

*Olivia Walton, Life Enrichment Program Director*



## Women's Shelter Update



After a year long notice that the women and children shelter would relocate to the second floor of the Bethlehem's Inn, it finally came to reality on November 16, 2021.

Looking at the things we were packing to our new home, it would have taken us three full days but with the help of many hard working volunteers, it took us six hours to move.

With a mixed feeling of saying goodbye to the relaxing sun house, flowers and the backyard vegetable garden, the new place welcomed us with a bigger dining hall, a kitchen with two new modern stoves which enabled us to bake a hundred and over turkeys as usual for Thanksgiving.

In the midst of tiredness and trying to settle in, a young pregnant lady checked in only a month to her due date. On December 14, 2021 she gave birth to a baby boy that brought some life to our Christmas.

I thank my sisters and all the volunteers who made it possible for us to settle in our new home.

*Sr. Angela Dassinor HDR*



## Hygiene Drive

A huge THANK YOU to Hussain and his volunteer crew of Dennis & Denise who worked with Heidi and 91.9 Family Radio to get the hygiene product collection boxes out into our community, pick them all up and then sort thru them. Father Carr's Place 2B is truly blessed by the generous donors in our community who help us continue our mission. This is our 48th year of serving those in need and all of these wonderful donations are the DIFFERENCE!



## Father Carr's Place 2B Interns

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Hello! My name is Tommy Truty and I am working on my first of two Human Services Internships. I am in my 5th year and plan to graduate from UW Oshkosh in May of 2023. I have a heart for serving those in need and sharing with them the infinite love of God. Father Carr's has wonderful opportunities for doing just that. I have spent some time on mission with Love Begins Here and Titan Catholics at the Newman Center. My experience of serving has left an incredible impact on me, and I intend to share that experience with others. Father Carr's cultivates an environment which I am familiar with and allows me to share that experience. I plan to work with the volunteers within Father Carr's to help raise awareness of the services we provide and to be present to the mission put forward by the organization. I hope to integrate more what it means to serve and to love one another into my life while interning here this Spring.

**-Tommy Truty**

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My name is Rachel Castelli I am a UWO Human Services intern. I am a junior majoring in Human Services and Leadership as well as getting a coaching certificate. I chose Father Carr's Place 2B for my first internship because the moment I met all the people I felt like this was the place I wanted 2B. The people here are so welcoming, and kind and they run an amazing program here that I wanted to be a part of. Some of the things I have been working on here are: working on national volunteer recognition week, overseeing the website, working with the Volunteer Fox Cities website. Aside from interning here and attending classes I am part of the track and field team at UWO! I also love snowboarding and any water sport you can think of! I am excited to see what the rest of the semester will bring here at Father Carr's!

**-Rachel Castelli**

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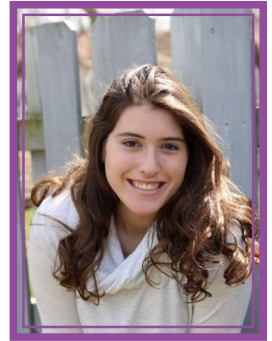
Hello! I am Nick Bedolla, I am currently in the last semester of my undergrad at the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh. I am majoring in Social Work, and I have been an intern at Father Carr's Place 2B since September of 2021. Since beginning this internship I have been able to work not only alongside the Life Enrichment Program Director and the male residents but also with Father Carr's Food Pantry. While working with the Life Enrichment Program Director, I have been involved in assisting the residents with needs they may have while working towards their goals while also being able to implement policy work. This has allowed me to learn a tremendous amount. Aside from working with the residents of Father Carr's, I have also worked with Father Carr's Food Pantry. Being able to work closely with Father Carr's Food Pantry has allowed me to see more and more of Father Carr's resources being utilized firsthand. Helping in the food pantry has also let me extend my reach with the community. Allowing me to speak with and connect with our community. I cannot wait to see what the next couple of months of my internship will hold!

**-Nicolas Bedolla**

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Hello everyone! For those of you who do not know me, I am Branden Parks! It has already been over a year since I became an intern here at Father Carr's Place 2B, and I would have never guessed that I would now be the Men's Shelter Lead. Through this position, my primary focus is to ensure that the shelter remains a safe and prosperous place where the Men can focus on not only their financial stability, but their mental well-being as well. Additionally, I work hand in hand with our Life Enrichment Program Director, Olivia Walton, to assist residents in finding opportunities and resources that can help them have a plan of action when they finish our Life Enrichment Program. Another facet of my position here is focusing on the little things that help prepare the guys for starting and retaining a job. I assist them with accessing hygiene items, clothing, and other resources needed to pursue jobs in the Oshkosh area. Being at Father Carr's has taught me an incredible amount of information about the homeless population and how to navigate through adverse situations. Over the past year, it has been an amazing learning experience for myself, and I am happy to use this knowledge to continue helping the less fortunate in and around the Oshkosh community.

**-Branden Parks**





# Father Carr's 2022 Annual Bridge Walk

Saturday, June 4, 2022

8:30 a.m. Raffles Open | 9:30 a.m. Walk Starts

Father Carr's Place 2B

(1062 N Koeller Street, Oshkosh WI)

**DONATE!**



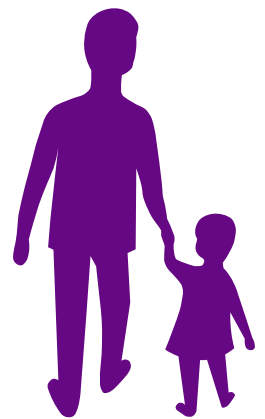
**No Registration Fee - Donations encouraged!**

*Scan the QR code or visit [fathercarrs.org](https://fathercarrs.org) to register online and donate via credit card or PayPal.*

*Your generous gift will help individuals and families in need of housing, healthcare, food, and support.*

## Helping the Homeless

**Walk with us!** An annual fundraiser for the Father Carr's Place 2B Life Enrichment Center, the Bridge Walk invites the Oshkosh community to enjoy a 2- or 4-mile scenic walk over Lake Butte des Morts, share fellowship, and spread awareness of the great things going on at Father Carr's. Lunch will be served after the walk. **Register today! Visit [fathercarrs.org](https://fathercarrs.org) or pick-up a registration form at Father Carr's Place 2B.**



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RIGHT HERE IN OUR FAMILY**

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THANK THE DONORS,  
VOLUNTEERS, AND  
BUSINESSES IN  
OUR COMMUNITY  
FOR EVERYTHING  
YOU'VE DONE!**

**YOU TRULY  
ARE HEROES!**

**NATIONAL  
VOLUNTEER  
APPRECIATION  
WEEK  
APRIL  
17-23**

**SUPER**

**WOW!**



## A Glimpse Into Father Carr's Food Pantry

Beginning in the fall of 2020 Father Carr's began to move to electronic data keeping; due to a generous grant from the Oshkosh Community Foundation. With the use of KMAX software, accounts can be stored electronically. In hand with the electronic shift, membership cards can now be issued to the community members that help with efficiency. This has allowed for more a clearer and well-organized grasp of the demographics that Father Carr's reaches.

Over the past couple of months many changes have been made to the Friday Food Drive at Father Carr's. Changes such as moving the food drive indoors to help our volunteers combat the cold during the winter months. Another change has been a change in hours of operations for the Friday Food Drive. While the Drive-Thru Food Drive was previously providing food to the community from 8am-11am, the new hours are from 10 am-12pm. These changes have helped in granting our volunteers more time in the mornings to prepare for the food drive.

As adjustments to the operating hours of the Friday Food Drive have continued, Father Carr's Food Pantry has still been able to provide the Oshkosh community and neighboring communities with a resource to acquire food for all that may need a helping hand. In the first three months of 2022. The food pantry has been blessed to provide its resources to over 500 households which in turn has helped over 1000 community members.

While helping hundreds of community members, Father Carr's Food Pantry has been able to extend the reach of services to surrounding communities as well. While the Oshkosh community is the city with the most predominant number of members, several members come from neighboring cities. Other cities that are utilizing Father Carr's Food Pantry include, Appleton, Omro, Menasha, Fond du Lac, Winneconne, Ripon, Berlin, on top of other neighboring cities.

*Nicolas Bedolla*

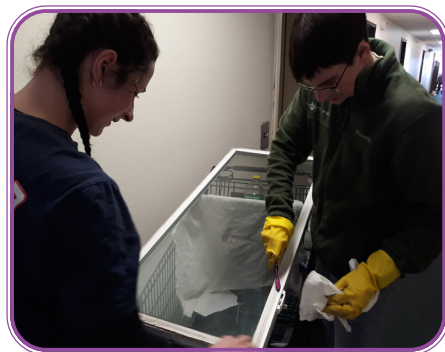
## Spring Break Retreat

Father Carr's was blessed to have a mission team of 13 join us for a week-long retreat in March. We enjoyed fellowship and quite a few projects were accomplished.

Thank You for spending your Spring Break with us - You are appreciated  
MI Tech Mission Team from Houghton.

"One thing I hope to take away is to grow in my faith" -Zoe Mazurkiewicz

"I hope to take away how to live my life better" -Daniel Ryan



## St. Francis Free Clinic

The clinic continues to grow with the staff of volunteers. The new volunteers for our time are:

- Dr. Kress- Orthopedic specialist
- Dr. Riess- Sagers- Internal Medicine and Nephrology Certificated (kidney)
- Nora- Registered Nurse
- Jenny- Long-term Nurse
- Bernardine- Registered Nurse
- KayLeigh- UWO nursing student

The hours for the clinic are as follows:

Monday- 5:30 pm

Tuesday- 1:30- 4 pm

Wednesday 2x per month 12-4 pm (call ask and ask which Wednesdays)

Thursday @ 5 pm (First Thursday of the month)

Thursday @ 4-6 pm (Second Thursday of the month)

Fridays are Lab Only @ 8:30- 11 am

The University of Wisconsin Oshkosh has gratefully chosen St. Francis clinic as one of its outreach placements. Therefore, every time the clinic is open a young, eager learner will be able to assist you with your needs. The UWO students are also helping the community by finding resources to donate extra supplies to the community resources to help create new relationships in the community.

*Lindsey Vela, Clinic Coordinator*



### Father Carr's is an Election Site

We are very proud to give back to our community by hosting the local elections. A great collaboration and enjoying the company of new friends. Cindy & Melissa will greet you with a smile.





## Behold the Arms of Love

Love in its purest form is elusive to most of us. Try as we must, we fall short many times and even at the moments when it is most needed. We are challenged in stressful circumstances and find it even harder to love those who hate or persecute us. We must persevere regardless of our own shortcomings and with the help of God's grace, rise above our own human weakness. It's most difficult to love those who do not love us. Our unbridled emotions of anger, resentment, shame, and pridefulness can hinder us from fully understanding the beauty and breadth of love as revealed by God.

The splendid truth of love begins with the understanding of ourselves and human nature. Few of us come even close to defining pure love by our words and actions. We must always extend mercy and forgiveness to others who have wronged us and even to ourselves who fall sort of our own expectations.

When Jesus was crucified, He took upon Himself all the sins and weaknesses of mankind in an offering to the Father so that all humanity could live life more fully as it was intended from the moment of his creation.

The outstretched arms of Jesus on The Cross show the expanse of God's love and mercy for each person created in the image and likeness of God.

The glorious celebration of Easter brings us to the Divine Truth that the outstretched arms of the Crucified Savior were an invitation all to be embraced by a love beyond all telling.

"Who, me?" We ask.

Yes, you, me, and all who accept the love and mercy God gives us through Christ. Our imperfections thereby will draw us deeply into the purest of love that we may receive and share with others.

Our Lord will walk with us if we let Him, and share with us the way of growing in the love of God and in our relationship WITH OTHERS. After all, He first loved us, despite all of our sins and imperfections, can't we as well do the same to others?

Easter blessings of peace and joy,  
*Fr. Dave*



**Wrapped Easter Candy**

**Paper Plates**

**Divided Carry-Out  
Food Containers**

**Disposable Cups**



Matthew 25:31-46

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### **We are a Parish Without Walls**

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.

### **We're Smiling Because of Amazon Smile**

Father Carr's has been blessed to be a part of the Amazon Smile program. We are grateful to Amazon for providing this opportunity and to all the Father Carr's supporters who designated Father Carr's Place 2B as the charity to support. If you have not done so simply log in to [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com), then select Father Carr's Place 2B as your charity.

