



Christmas 2022

Father Carr's Place 2B

Staying in the "Inn"

The eventual rush of the fall season seems to envelop us in a state of hurry. So much to get done and to put away before the cold winds come and the snow flies.

"In" the midst of all of these orchestrations, we see the early arrival of Christmas merchandise in the stores. We are very much occupied "in" the fall thing when the echoes of the approaching Christmas season begin flowing through our minds. We see early sales for winter outfitting as well as gifts. We experience the pull between two seasons. We are "in" one and moving on to another.

Then, as we begin to decorate our houses for the Christmas holidays, we find ourselves considering all the different festivities that will occur. There is the visitation of family, relatives', friends and neighbors. There are dinners, luncheons, suppers and other various entertainment activities. There will be gifts that need to be bought, and, the gift giving. "Oh! How does one decorate for such a variety of things?" We set our minds on the tasks at hand, and when find ourselves locked "in" the groove of busyness.

When we take a break from all of our busyness, our thoughts usually echo the question, "Why do I do all these things and make it all so complicated"? EXACTLY!!

The voices and callings of this world are many. We can stay "in" the hectic moments around us, or retreat to that sacred place, The "Inn" within our hearts where the true gift of Christmas is found-Jesus Christ.

There many "Inns" in the world that have no room for the true guests that are looking for a place to dwell. Make your heart the Sacred "Inn" where Christ will find a welcome place to rest His head.

I extend to all the blessings of joy and true peace,
In the Name of Christ our Lord.

Merry Christmas!

Fr Dave

Farewell Sister Angela

Our sister Angela, ours because she has served each of us in our own need, left her home, family, community, and country 16 years ago to serve at Father Carr's mission in Oshkosh. After the long journey she arrived at the Mother Teresa center around midnight to find Father Carr sitting there waiting for her. Recognizing he was in pain she was inspired at the attention he gave her. Many inspirational moments followed in the next year with Father. On her second day in Oshkosh Father Carr told her she would be in charge of the care for women and children. He prayed with her and assured her continued help from many good men and women volunteers and her sisters. He said "I know you can do it with Jesus. God love you."



Sister started her first year in the Holy Family Villa as the house mother. Really the house mother, janitor, chief chef, mentor, and spiritual advisor. Sister had so many things to learn about American families, as they had many things to learn about African sisters. Communication was difficult because of sister's accent, though she points out Americans have accents as well. Disciplining children in Accra Africa was a village project. Sister learned that here many mothers want to be the only ones disciplining their children. Sister allowed her words and actions to be guided by Mother Teresa's advice "love until it hurts." So, with gentleness and compassion and humility Our sister Angela drew all those moms and children into loving relationship. Sister Angela was becoming mother and grandmother to many. She saw Jesus in each of them and mirrored God's love back to them. Early in that first year everyone at the mission fell in love with Sister Angela.



In her 16 years, sister's greatest joy was seeing women or moms and children moving on to a new job a new house a new and hopeful future. She is too humble to claim her role in these success stories. In her patient listening, encouraging words and empowering attitude she has guided many successful upward movements. From her way to build confidence, to empower a job search and to refer her women to local agencies for help, she lifts up these families every day.



Her loving relationship extends beyond the residents of Holy Family villa. Her big smile and open-heart bring warmth to her parish and to all the volunteers here. She has walked in prayer with many of us as we move through lives ups and downs. Personally, I can say she has made my life easier through illnesses and the deaths of my mom and dad, two brothers, and my bride of 47 years. I know it is her loving relationship with God, that makes that relationship possible for all of us. Sister says, "every day has its own unique experiences but with prayer and sacrifices, I go to bed without any headache." Sister, with you at our mission, many of us go to bed without any headache.



While sister Angela worked 24/7 365 days a year, she never forgot her handmaids in Africa and all the work they are doing. Since 2018, sister has visited more than a dozen parishes participating in the missionary appeal and raised thousands of dollars for the handmaids of Accra. She joined in the Catholic charities program booklet raising thousands of dollars for their farm from which they feed themselves they're orphans and raise money as well. Her final action out of concern for the older sisters of the order was to raise money to take a van home with her. Making their transportation so much easier.

Sister, you have made a big impression on Father Carr's mission, the city of Oshkosh, and throughout the diocese. We will be sad to see you go. However, we will rejoice with you when we see the smile on your face and imagine the smiles on the faces of all your friends and family in Africa. I know when your time on earth is complete and you arrive at the heavenly gates our Father Carr will be standing there, on two legs, with that big Irish smile on his face. He will say, "Welcome home sister, I knew you could do it."



Deacon Keith Holschbach

"Behold I am the Handmaid of the Lord, be it done to me according to their word"

It is exactly eighteen years when my congregation took up this apostolate at Fr. Carr's Place 2B. I have been able to serve fifteen and a half of these years, trying to continue Fr. Carr's mission after his passing on. It is interesting to know how many lives we touch daily.

We still run Martin de Porres Food Pantry and a daily bread distribution; St. Francis Free walk in Clinic, where physicians, nurses, dentists, chiropractors psychiatrists and support personnel volunteer monthly. We provide shelter for homeless women and children and men with food, clothing and empower them to look for jobs to enable them cater for themselves and their families.

Their children are enrolled in schools which makes it easier for the moms to work. It is always amazing to see how our dedicated volunteers drives early in the morning to the shops to bring food to the pantry, not thinking of the rain, snow and fog.

At Christmas, Easter and Thanksgiving, they bring food to the doors of the needy and the home bound. Our generous donors who sacrifice daily to help support Fr. Carr's mission are our success. Our amazing board of directors play a big role to see to the affairs of the mission and the well being of our residence.

Holy sacrifice of the mass is said daily for residents and people in the community which brings us together as one family. Our joy is always complete whenever we see our residents doing well in life and comes to give back by volunteering or offering donations. "When I was hungry you gave me to eat, when I was thirsty you gave me to drink, now enter into the home of my Father"

We thank all our donors and volunteers for their hard work, generosity and dedication. It is my prayer that this mission will continue from generation to generation. Long live Fr. Carr's Place 2B.

Sr. Angela E. Dassinor HDR





“EVENING OF CAROLS” Christmas Concert
Produced by Marshall Potter

*Performances by a variety of local
artists and groups*

*Audience
Participation
Caroling*

FATHER CARR’S PLACE 2B—Mother Teresa Center
Friday, December 9, 2022
Starting at 7:00pm

*** Free admission, beverages and treats ***

*Christmas Day
Meal Program*
December 25th



DELIVERY 10:30AM - NOON

- Accepting Orders NOW

DINE-IN NOON - 1:30PM

- No Reservations Required

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Community Café

We call it the Community Café because it is for you. Father Carr's ministry is driven by the love and support of you. Come be part of the Café. If you are looking for an intimate place to join up with friends or have a work group, bible study or celebration, come check us out.

We have coffee, a nice assortment of hot tea, hot cocoa, flavored seltzers and juices. The drinks are on us. And yes, we have ice cream. We even have both a cribbage and checker board. Just in case you're feeling lucky.



The Community Café is open...

Monday – Thursday 8am – 7pm

Friday 8am – 5pm

Saturday and Sunday 10:00am – 2:00pm

God's Gift Card

According to retailbrew.com, shoppers will buy on average fifteen gift cards this Christmas season to distribute to family and friends. Now, gift cards aren't the most original and imaginative gift, but they get right to the point of how much someone wants to spend on us. Let's take that gift card to the next level. Let's take all our gift exchanges to the next level this year. Praying over those gifts while we are wrapping them turns that present into so much more. It becomes an instrument of God's love for that special person who is receiving it. Now, it's a genuine gift of love. We can also silently say a prayer while opening a present. Thank God for the person handing you the present. After all, it is God our Creator who brought that person into your life. We spend an awful lot of energy and money trying to find the perfect gift for our loved ones. Christmas shopping can be very nerve-wracking. It doesn't have to be. Let God put the perfect final touch on all of your presents this year.

Please know that I am praying a "Hail Mary" for each of you while I open your donation envelopes. From there, your prayer intentions go to the ambo on the altar in the chapel, where Father Dave prays over them at every Mass. Your donations are an instrument of God's love. Thank you!

On behalf of Father Carr's Place 2B, I want to wish you a blessed and holy Christmas. All of you make this ministry possible. Thank you for helping us help others. Merry Christmas and God bless you!

Pax Christi,
Jim



Father Carr's 2022 Children's Christmas Party & Breakfast

Saturday, December 17 - 9:00 a.m to 11:00 a.m.

Father Carr's Mother Theresa Center
1062 N. Koeller St—Oshkosh

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Call (920) 231-2378



Father Carr's Children's Christmas Party and Breakfast is a magical experience sure to thrill all those in attendance. Your visit will begin with a pancake breakfast where you will meet the Elf who will guide your adventure.

Activities include crafts, the Nativity story, live entertainment, photos with Santa, and choosing a gift from Santa's Toy Land.

Thank you to our Generous Sponsors



St. Raphael Parish
Council 11305

HOW YOU CAN HELP US

To make the Christmas party really special for the kids on December 17, we need your help. These are the items we are especially in need of: *Board Games for all ages, teen gifts, \$25 Target or Walmart gift cards, and \$10 fast food gift cards.* You can also stop in to Mother Teresa Center after November 20 to grab a tag off the tree or check out our website and Facebook for gift ideas. Thank you for helping to make this a magical day for the kids!

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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, then select Father Carr's Place 2B as your charity. Be sure to be on Amazon Smile each time you make purchases. It looks identical to the regular Amazon site.



Search Amazon "Father Carr's Children's Christmas" for our Wish List.

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