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Father Carr's Place 2B

The Sweetness of Heaven Touching Earth

We all live with the expectation that the promises we made to ourselves or given by others will be fulfilled. Whether the promise is made in the covenant of marriage, to siblings, personal goals, or being on the receiving end of promises made to us. Oh, the waiting, anticipation, and anxiousness we endure for the arrival of that hope!

Our lives have proven to be fluid and things don't always occur in our timeline or in the ways we expected. Some, we still hope will be accomplished. We may become disheartened but ever hopeful.

God made a promise. The promise of the long-awaited Messiah, His Son Jesus, would come to restore the broken relationship with Our Father caused by mankind's weakness and sinfulness. The Word had spoken and the horizon between Heaven and Earth seemed to merge together. Fulfillment of all hopes was dawning! But, life is fluid, and things don't always happen to our expectations. The one and only Savior must be tortured, and crucified to death on a cross. Oh, the sadness of a hope that appeared to vanish. Game over!

Not so, says our Creator. Jesus came among us as a promise fulfilled by our Heavenly Father. "I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly." The faithfulness of God will always triumph over our fickle expectations. That abundant life is ours to behold when we see the human horizon meet with the glory of Heaven in Jesus!

"Be not afraid, I am with you always."

God's ways are not our ways. Faith raises our hearts and minds above the horizon so that we gaze upon the one who is ALWAYS faithful. Maybe, not by our expectations, but in the way that brings us joy and peace as He allows us to share in the life of divinity.

We are so loved. Our hearts are so sought after by our God who embellishes us as people created in his own image and likeness. The new day dawns whenever we acknowledge and trust in the one who is faithful to His promises.

Blessings of Easter joy!
Fr Dave

6 Month Checkup

In my past career as a Category Manager, I was always following a process of measuring, planning, executing, remeasuring. It's hard for me to break that habit and not measure our work here at Father Carr's. A big part of me thinks I should just let all the measuring up to God. The remaining part says, "Let's see how we are doing." Six months into the director role, this is what I found.

Saint Martin de Porres Food Pantry

Our food pantry numbers are consistently growing. We are currently providing groceries for 80-100 families each week. This number will probably double with the food share benefits being cut to pre-pandemic levels. Before COVID, our pantry numbers were close to 200 families each week. Our Food Pantry will be busy and needed. Please keep us in mind when doing your shopping. If you can pick up a few extra items for our guests, we will appreciate it.

Our Daily Bread

Every morning of the year our volunteers go to the generous stores and restaurants and gather food donations. These donations are brought back, separated and displayed in our pantry for the community to stop in and pick up a sandwich, salad, deli meal, etc. Something they can eat to sustain them for the day. Our Daily Bread feeds approximately 50 persons a day.

Bethlehem Inn – Life Enrichment Program

The Bethlehem Inn is very special as we will house residents until they are ready to secure their own housing. For many reasons, people hit lifetime lows. Those who seek our help are at their "rock bottom." Most come to us homeless, jobless, fighting drug or alcohol addiction, struggling with mental health issues, in complete despair, etc. If they are looking to journey a different path in life, we will provide for them everything they need, at no cost. **Our Life Enrichment Program** outlines a structure for each individual to grow in **physical health, mental health, financial health, and spiritual health**. Those who follow this program will regain the life God imagined for them.

In the past six months, the Bethlehem Inn has seen 155 different residents. We've housed (64) men, (43) women and (48) children. 56 of the total residents are still currently with us. **In this short time, 62 of our past residents have secured their own housing.** That is 62 souls who are not living on the streets anymore. GOD IS GOOD!!!

The Saint Francis Free Clinic

The Saint Francis Free Clinic is part of Father Carr's Place 2B ministry. It is an absolutely FREE clinic for both our residents and the public. Having our own clinic on Father Carr's campus is a huge benefit for our residents, especially the children. We currently have 20 medical and mental health providers volunteering their time to serve in our clinic. To support the doctors, we have over 30 health workers. The Saint Francis Free clinic is currently open 15 hours a week. I am happy to announce, starting in May, we will be expanding the clinic hours to 25-30 hours each week. A big thank you to our doctors, nurses and benefactors.

The Mother Teresa Center and the Community Café

The one element of Father Carr's I cannot measure is the value of its volunteers and supporters. We are in our 49th year because of those who believe in our ministry and what we provide for the Oshkosh community and surrounding counties. Thank you for your support. If you are interested in how you can further help us, please share our story.

The best way for me to measure our performance is to hear what you think. I am personally inviting you to join me for a beverage in our Community Café and let me know how we are doing. I would love to give you a tour of the Place 2B.

Pax Christi,
Jim

Serving Students

Each year for well over a decade, Michigan Tech University in conjunction with Saint Albert the Great Catholic Church in Houghton, MI, come to Father Carr's Place 2B on their spring break to perform service work. Father Ben Haase, Father Thomas Merkel, Sister Jacqueline Spaniola, a group of FOCUS missionaries and 17 students moved into the Place 2B on Sunday March 5th. In five days, they worked, worshipped, played, prayed and visited the Franciscan Sisters in Manitowoc and Holy Hill. They pack a lot in a short time.

This year the group replaced the entire ceiling in the Mother Teresa Center, painted some resident rooms and helped organize our food pantry. While most students on spring break find a beach or ski slope, this service minded group of young Christians look for an opportunity to give back. Thank you to all of you for the hard work and the joy you bring to the Place 2B.



Replacing the chapel ceiling.



Teamwork!



A well oiled machine. This MTU group accomplished so much in a week.



Tuesday night was game night with the residents.



Service with a smile!



A future engineer.



Husky hockey is huge at MTU. Here they are taking on the Franciscan Sisters of Christian Charity in Manitowoc.



Yes, power tools!!!

Inside the Place 2B

This is my personal perspective of some events at The Place 2B. www.fathercarrs.org

New item

Featured

A TOUCH OF PENTECOST



Father Carr's Place 2B has a new blog! You can read it at fathercarrsblog.wordpress.com

Father Carr's Place 2B Interns

My name is Ashley Jones, I am a social work intern from Marian University. Going into my senior year of college, finding out that I had to do an internship was exciting. When I found out that I was going to be placed at Father Carr's, I was a little scared. My peers around me skewed my perception of the homeless population, I was under the impression that nobody could help them and that they were messy, dirty, and could be dangerous. I always thought that a homeless shelter would be one big room, where everyone slept on the ground. This is the complete opposite of the truth. I walked into the Mother Teresa Center, and there was a cafe, a big space for people to host meetings or clubs, and a chapel, all connected to their food pantry. The residents stay in their own rooms, by themselves or with 1 other person. It is set up like a hotel, where each room has its own bathroom, and the mandatory dinner at 5 pm, makes it feel like one big family.



I immediately loved the atmosphere and the residents I met, hearing their stories made me feel so much closer to them and resulted in me being able to help them to the best of my ability. Being able to see someone at their absolute rock bottom is extremely hard, but through the life enrichment program, I was able to see more than a dozen people succeed, and secure housing of their own. The life enrichment program is designed to get them up on their feet by saving as much money as possible, paying off debt monthly, and working on not only physical but mental health as well by using our 100% free clinic on-site. It truly amazed me how much the Oshkosh community cares about their people, to help provide Father Carr's with funds to help these people. I hope to see the community continue to help the homeless population because many of the people who walk in the door of the Mother Teresa Center or give us a call are in desperate need of our help.

- Ashley Jones

My name is Danielle LaLuzerne but you can call me Dani. I am in the graduate program for my Master's Degree in Social Work at the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh. I have my bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice and was a police officer for my first career. I decided to go back to school for social work to help people past the point of an emergency. I grew up in the small town of Plainfield, WI where I graduated from Tri-County High School.



Since the second grade I wanted to help people and I thought I could do that best by serving my community as a police officer. I felt this way because I grew up with a family who took me to NA/AA meetings for their own addictions and I spoke at schools when I was a high schooler about my experience as a child growing up with an alcoholic dad and my mother who was an addict. My life experience made me who I am today and my mother is now my best friend and biggest advocate! Once, in the field of law enforcement, I realized I wanted to keep helping people after their crisis so I decided to go back to school to be a social worker to continue my path of helping others. As a social worker, you look to enhance everyone's life to best fit them and I am pursuing Father Carr's Place 2B as an internship to push for social justice for the residents.

I plan on working with anyone who I am able to and is willing to meet with me to get all the resources they need and deserve to get back on their feet. Everyone deserves a fair chance in life and if I can touch just a few and help them achieve whatever they want in life, that is pursuing social justice for them.

- Danielle LaLuzerne

Father Carr's Place 2B Interns Cont.

My experience at Father Carr's Place 2B greatly exceeded my expectations. I was not sure what to expect, but I figured I would be walking into a shelter and would have a workspace somewhere inside of it.

When I first entered the Mother Teresa Center I realized how wrong my assumptions were. The Father Carr's campus holds the community cafe, a food pantry that serves hundreds of members of the community each week, a clinic that is completely free for anyone to use, and a shelter that houses those in need in the area. I was shocked to find that so many resources were available in my area to anyone who needed it. The residents in the Bethlehem Inn also exceeded my expectations. I was nervous to work with a group of people that I had no prior experience with, since I had only worked with children in the past. As I got to know the residents who already lived there, and ones that moved in, I realized how easy it was to connect with them and how rewarding it was to get to know them and be able to help connect them with any resources they needed.

My experience at Father Carr's Place 2B has been extremely positive and rewarding, and I am grateful to have had the opportunity to work with many different residents, volunteers, Sisters, and workers who are at Father Carr's.

- Delaney Haag



Hello,

My name is Joe Ruscoe. I am a 19 year old college student that is in a military family. I have three siblings and one dog. I have been to three different high schools. I have been moved to 17 different houses and moved 8 times.

I have found Fr Carrs by Jim to help and serve the community. I have been discerning in the Brotherhood with the Holy Hill which is a religious order for the Catholic Church. I have lived my life as a Catholic. I love to serve in many ways. And I hope to fulfill God's service to the best of my capabilities. I go to school at Fox Valley Technical College studying general education currently. I work at the airport in Appleton as a detailer for Gulfstream. I will be moving my job up to Oshkosh here when I find one.

I live at Father Carr's and I bring joy and laughter to all the guys here. I help them with their times of distress or in times of despair. I can help them with getting jobs, housing, and many other things. I do all of this because I felt called to do it through the Lord.

God Bless

-Joe Ruscoe



EASTER DAY DINNER

APRIL 9TH, 2023

@ FATHER CARR'S PLACE 2B

Delivery | 10:30 - Noon

Accepting Orders Now

Call 920.231.2378

Dine-In | Noon - 1:30

No Reservations Neccessary



If your vehicle has its best miles behind it, please consider donating it to Father Carr's Place 2B. We will have it picked up for you and will take care of the salvage. It's a great way to support our ministry.

Call **920.231.2378** for more information.

FATHER CARR'S PLACE
2B PRESENTS...



SATURDAY JUNE 3RD
10:00AM – 4:00PM

**This is a fun, safe family event for
the entire community.**

**CARNIVAL RIDES,
LIVE MUSIC,
KIDS GAMES AND
CHALLENGES,
FOOD AND DRINK,
RAFFLE PRIZES,
AND MORE...**

CARRnival for Kids is free to the public. Free will donations will be accepted. This is an open house event for those interested in taking a tour of our campus and learning more about our ministry. If you are interested in supporting this event, please contact Jim Boehm at 920.231.2378 or email jimboehm@fathercarr's.org.



Matthew 25:31-46

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CURRENT LIST OF NEEDS FOR FATHER CARR'S PLACE 2B

Easter Dinner

Hams

Butter

Cans of Fruit

Food Pantry Staples

Oatmeal
Jam/Jelly
Tuna
Baked Beans

Breakfast Cereal
Chunky/Progresso Soups
Chef Boy R Dee Classics
Granola Bars
Spaghetti/Pasta/Sauce

Flour
Sugar
Maple Syrup
Brown Sugar

Shelter Supplies

Feminine Hygiene Products

Liquid Laundry Detergent

Kleenex

Shelter Needs

Regular and Cordless Vacuum Cleaners
New Box Springs – Twin Size

Bed Bug Protective Mattress Covers (Twin)
City Bus Punch Card Passes