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Thanksgiving 2023

Father Carr's Place 2B

We Give Thanks for "Thanksgivers"

Thanksgiving should be first of all, a time to give thanks to Almighty God for His gracious gifts He bestows on us in all ways. While we celebrate with a meal, our "thanksgiving" leads us in the direction of the food that we are about to share. If we take a moment to reflect, we may broaden our gratitude in other ways.

Thank you, Lord, for shelter, for many are in need.

Thank you, Lord, for the ability to work.

Thank you, Lord, for the gift of laughter.

Thank you, Lord, for the grace to overcome any addictions.

Thank You Lord, for the return to health of a sick friends.

Thank you, Lord, for the gift of faith.

Thank you, Lord, for the strength you provide to help us through these difficult times.

Thank you, Lord, for your faithfulness even when we fail to respond in kind.

Thank you, Lord, for your mercy and forgiveness.

Thank you, Lord, for the hope we have in Jesus.

And Lord, most importantly we want to thank you for the "thanksgivers". These are the ones Lord who give you thanks be helping and serving others. These are our friends and volunteers with hearts are overflowing with gratitude. They remind us, Lord, how we should wash each other's feet, with mercy, love and compassion as you yourself did for the Apostles.

Grant all of us this Thanksgiving, the grace to go beyond ourselves and see Your presence in all the "thanksgivers."

And to You Lord, all honor, glory, thanksgiving, and praise!

A Blessed Thanksgiving,

Fr. Dave



IN THANKSGIVING

When I give tours of our campus, my favorite part of our story is when I talk about our volunteers. Father Carr's Place 2B has a paid staff of 2.5 people. That's it! A good bulk of our operating budget goes directly to those in need. That said, we provide aid to hundreds of people each and every week because of our tireless volunteers. What do they do?

Father Carr's has ten acres of land, three large buildings, six garages, and almost one hundred bathrooms. We are open almost every day of the year and there is always someone who needs our help. I never have to worry about the lawn being mowed or the parking lot being plowed. The drips and leaks get fixed. The light bulbs get changed and the fire alarms get inspected. Weeds are pulled and fallen leaves are raked. Every day, pantry donations are collected and organized. Every day meals are prepared for 50+ residents. The phones get answered and people are greeted as they come through our front door. Chapel flowers and altar dressings are changed as needed. Mass is celebrated and sacraments given. Patients are seen and cared for. Prescriptions are filled. Records are kept and follow-up appointments made. Floors are mopped, toilets cleaned and rooms are vacuumed. Coffee and sandwiches are served. Over a thousand meals are delivered in one morning; three times a year. A free community carnival is put together for a couple thousand attendees. A children's Christmas program is enjoyed by 500 children that includes a Santa visit, breakfast, puppet show, and presents for both the kids and the parents. But, what our volunteers are best at is listening. If someone needs somebody to talk to, our volunteers will take the time to sit with them and listen.

Father Marty Carr built this ministry based on Matthew's Gospel, Chapter 25 vs. 31-40. Jesus told us to take care of each other. That's why we have the volunteers we have. They want to live the gospel. They want to be true instruments of our Lord's love with their own words and actions.

And the king will say to them in reply, "Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me." Matthew 25:40

I have so many things in my life to be thankful for this year, but right on top of that list is our volunteers at the Place 2B. Thank you to all who have helped us in any way this year. **You make us possible!**

Lord Jesus, thank you for all those who live Your Word at the Place 2B. Please continue to give them the fortitude and wisdom they need to be an instrument of Your Love. May they know that You are with them always as they provide for those in need. Jesus, let us always remember that to serve others, is to serve You. Amen

On behalf of Father Carr's Place 2B, I wish you a blessed and holy Thanksgiving Day.

Jim



Saint Francis Free Clinic

I've always viewed the season of Fall as a season of change and growth. Not only with the changing of the leaves, but the drop of the temperature, and the desire to slow down; to stay cozy at home, watching football on the couch. Sometimes a desire to change your hair color, or try a new style. To take up a new hobby because it's too chilly outside to do some outdoor activities.

For those who don't know me, my name is Emily, and I'm the Clinic Director for the St. Francis Free Clinic. I am a registered nurse, and I worked at Ascension St. Elizabeth Hospital in Appleton prior to starting here full-time.

It was a big, scary change to leave my job working as a bedside nurse to take over at the free clinic. I felt like even though I had gone through a grueling 4 years in nursing school, that it would not prepare me in the slightest to be in charge of nearly 60 volunteers, expand the hours of the clinic, and continue to grow the clinic in its services and specialties. I contemplated this career change often, wondering if I was cut out for the job. Eventually, I decided to step outside my comfort zone and take the leap.

Now, over a year later, I feel so confident in my decision to work here. It has been a huge year of growth and learning. Learning how to be a manager, how to manage conflict. Learning what a free clinic even was, and how to grow to serve our patients.



Our clinic has also grown and changed a lot over the past year. We are open Monday through Friday, and one Saturday a month consistently. We now have sleep medicine, foot care, nutrition, and other specialized care that we had never had before. We are seeing more patients than ever (over 1000 patients this year so far; averaging over 100 patients a month!)

While change can be scary and intimidating, it also can bring so much joy. Try to remember this Fall to be open-minded and ready for the next challenge. It may lead you to a place you never expected, and the happiest you've ever been. **If you've considered volunteering at our free clinic, now is your chance. Take the leap! Please email: emilyhill@fathercarrs.org with any questions or stop in during clinic hours to get a tour and learn more!**



FOOD PANTRY FREEZER

Our Food Pantry freezer space is getting tight. We will need to expand the freezer to keep up with the demands of the community. If you are interested in learning more about this and how you might help, please call Jim Boehm at 920.231.2378.

FOOD PANTRY VAN

Almost every morning of the year, our pantry van is used for donation pickup at local grocery stores and restaurants. Our current van is showing its age, is somewhat undersized and has been needing costly repairs. It's time we replace it. If you are interested in learning more about this and how you might help, please call Jim Boehm at 920.231.2378.

HELP US HELP OTHERS

Father Carr's Place 2B operates entirely on donations from foundations, individuals, churches, businesses and other organizations. We are not subsidized with any federal funding. We operate our facilities, including our clinic and food pantry, primarily with volunteer labor. Please support Father Carr's Place 2B and the community services we provide by scanning the QR code below or giving online at fathercarrs.org/donate.



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.

WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE FATHER CARR STORY?

The Place 2B will be celebrating its 50th birthday in 2024. You will be hearing a lot about this milestone in the coming months. This upcoming Golden Jubilee year will hold lots of excitement.

Keeping Father Martin Carr "alive" in his ministry is important to us. This ministry that he started in 1974 has had a huge impact in the Oshkosh area. Father Marty Carr's deep faith for our Lord and his love for all people was displayed daily by his actions and words. One way to keep his words and actions alive is through stories of those who knew him.

Do you have a favorite Father Carr story? Please tell that story on video and email it to us. We would like to share these stories through social media, so those who never knew the man, will get a chance to.

Send your video stories to fathercarrstory@gmail.com

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18TH, 2023

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23RD, 2023

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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8TH, 2023

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20TH, 2024

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9TH, 2024

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10TH, 2024

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17TH, 2024

Esto Vir

Thanksging Day Mass - 9:00 AM

Thanksging Day Dinner - Deliveries start at 10:30 AM.
Sit down dinner starts at Noon.

"Evening of Carols" Christmas Concert - 7:00 PM

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Brian Keliher presents "Stations of the Cross"

FCP2B Sheepshead Tournament with Lunch

Esto Vir

For our Thanksgiving Dinner alone, we will roast approximately 150 turkeys. Items needed to complete the meals are; turkeys, frozen corn, instant potatoes, canned fruit and butter. We want to thank **Aegis Financial** for their generous donation of 50 turkeys to get us started.

"At AEGIS Financial, we're passionate about giving back to our community. Every quarter, we make a commitment to give back, and during Thanksgiving and Christmas, we're delighted to donate turkeys and hams to Father Carr's. We've been impacting our communities in this way for more than 15 years, and this marks our sixth year of donating to Father Carr's during the holiday season. We hope you'll join us in keeping our community's families in your thoughts and prayers." – Bill Bowman, CPA President of AEGIS Financial.



FATHER CARR'S THANKSGIVING DAY DINNER
THURSDAY NOVEMBER 23RD

THANKSGIVING DAY DINNER DELIVERY | 10:30 - NOON
ACCEPTING ORDERS NOW - CALL 920.231.2378

SAINT MOTHER TERESA CENTER DINE-IN | NOON - 1:30
NO RESERVATIONS NECESSARY



An "EVENING OF CAROLS"
Christmas Concert

Produced by Marshall Potter

FATHER CARR'S PLACE 2B
SAINT MOTHER TERESA CENTER
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8TH - 7:00PM

Free Will Offering
Beverages and Christmas Treats Served

Performances by various
local artists and groups.
Audience Participation Caroling

Fr. Carr's Place 2B Presents:



COMMUNITY
Christmas
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REGISTER
Today:



Dec. 16, 2023 | 9 AM to 11 AM

Plans for Christmas for Kids have begun. Each year hundreds of kids come celebrate with us. The special day is filled with a breakfast, visit with Santa, crafts, the Nativity Story, Toyland, & more. This magical morning only happens thanks to our volunteer team and all our incredible donors!

Donations Needed:



Board Games for kids



\$10-30 Local Gift Cards



Bluetooth Speakers



Makeup Sets



Gaming/Learning Headsets



Lego Sets



Stuffed Animals



Teen Backpacks



New books for all ages

Thank you to our Sponsors:





Matthew 25:31-46

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

Food Pantry Needs

Turkeys
Butter
Frozen Corn
Instant Potatoes
Sugar

Flour
Barley
Hamburger Helper
Canned Meat
Chef Boyardee
Jam/Jelly

Baked beans
Breakfast cereal
Chunky/Progresso soups
Granola bars
Spaghetti sauce

Shelter Needs

Bathroom cleaner
Baby wipes

Feminine Hygiene Products
Laundry detergent

Ministry Needs

City Bus Punch Card Passes

Printer paper – 8.5×11