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Christmas 2023

Father Carr's Place 2B

DON'T LOSE YOUR FOCUS

It's always this time of year when life gets really hectic. It's the same at the Place 2B. We just got the Nescos put away from serving almost 1300 meals on Thanksgiving Day and we are already starting to prepare for our Christmas Day meal. Along with Christmas, comes one year ending and another year beginning. We want to reflect on 2023 and think of the thousands of souls we helped, but we must think forward and plan for 2024. This upcoming year is very special to us as it is our Golden Jubilee Anniversary. Father Carr's Place 2B turns 50 years old in 2024. So as crazy busy as we are, we want to make sure our focus is on what is most important, Jesus.

Jesus is the reason behind our ministry. Father Carr built this ministry based on Matthew's Gospel chapter 25, verses 31-40. Jesus is the reason our hundreds of volunteers come here to serve. Whenever the work gets tough or our comfort zones get stretched, we have to remind ourselves why we are here. We are here to serve our Lord. We are here for Jesus! The Christmas season certainly gets frantic. We need to take all that anxiety and worry to our Messiah. He is after all, the only reason for the Christmas season. Let us celebrate His birth with complete joy.

For our Golden Jubilee year, we have designed a commemorative logo we will use throughout 2024. We added a blue background to simulate us being under the protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary's mantle. We added golden rays shining out from Jesus; almost monstrosity like. This is to remind us that Jesus is our focus. Our ministry and work is all Christ centered. The rays are His love, grace and mercy being shined down upon us.



Thank you to all who have helped us help others this past year. We look forward to having you be part of our 50th Anniversary year.

On behalf of Father Carr's, I wish you and your families a Blessed and Merry Christmas.

Pax Christi,
-Jim

"THE GIFT BOX WITH NO NAME"

Getting a gift is always an exciting sensation. Just the fact that we have received a gift prompts many emotional responses within us.

Whether it is given to show love, appreciation, friendship, or to just acknowledge a person for any reason, the very act of receiving one affirms our self-worth and dignity.

Imagine that you have just helped out at a Christmas event, and the facilitator announces that there is a present for everyone under the Christmas tree with your name on it. "How nice", "How thoughtful" you think to yourself.

As you finish your task, you notice there is only one gift left under the tree. You pick it up and there is no name on it. You look around for someone to ask if this gift belongs to you. No one is around and you are left to your own thoughts. "Surely this is a mistake. I wonder if the other people's gifts were the same."

Perplexed, you return home to carry on with other responsibilities. But the question as to what is in the box nags you. It's light and feels like it's empty. You open it with trepidation and wonder.

Alas, it is open and you peer at the contents. You are perplexed at seeing a small framed pocket mirror wrapped in tissue. "Weird" you think. You turn it over and notice an inscription on the back written in gold ink. It said, "You are a true treasure and gift to me. Be a gift to others" It is signed, "Love, Jesus."

It is not at all what you were anticipating. But your heart is moved and questions arise within you. "What does this mean? I am nothing special, definitely not a treasure! Why would someone give me a gift like this? Maybe it was meant for someone else."

Then the light of grace illuminates the depth of your soul. A warmth fills you and peace overcomes you. With a new awareness you understand deeply that the value of this gift is immeasurable. You tear up, and are overwhelmed.

What is the real gift of Christmas?

Knowing the immense love of God for each one of us. That means all people regardless of social or economic status. **WE** are a gift of God that is to be shared among others in small and large ways. We "mirror" the love of God present within us, in our service to others. We have been redeemed by Our Savior, the Son of God.

It is our mission at Fr. Carr's Place 2B:

"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me." Matthew 25:35-36

To all of volunteers, friends, and benefactors who in many ways support the continuing mission of Jesus Christ:

You are a gift from God, loved beyond measure, to be regifted again and again, so all will come to know the love of God in Christ Jesus.

Share the gift of Christ's love with others. Regifting is a good thing!

***A Merry and Holy Christmas to all,
- Fr. Dave***

THANK YOU, DR. EISMA

Recently, some of our clinic volunteers and other staff were able to gather together and celebrate the retirement of one of our fantastic physicians, Dr. Alejandro Eisma.

We spent the evening sharing a meal, enjoying each other's company, and learning more about Dr. Eisma's career at our free clinic, which spanned over 20 years. How he traveled from New York City, and (luckily for us) decided to stick around Oshkosh and help those in need here.

Father Dave also gave Dr. Eisma a special blessing and we all thanked him for his many years of service and dedication to the clinic.

However, at this retirement dinner, Dr. Eisma announced to the group that although he will no longer be volunteering as one of our physicians, that he would still very much love to continue volunteering in a different way.

He discussed the importance of valuing all areas of our health. Not just on our physical bodies, but the lifestyle we live. The environment we live in, our mental health state, our spiritual well-being. Dr. Eisma still has so much knowledge and wisdom to share, and that will be done at our new "Wellness Clinic".

When was the last time you had a doctor that took longer than 15 minutes to listen to you? To hear all your concerns and validate your feelings? To suggest alternatives to prescription medications and discuss how to age gracefully? Dr. Eisma hopes to fill this void in our healthcare system and be a resource to help lead you in the right direction.

The final details are still getting ironed out on the hours and availability of this Wellness Clinic, and will be officially announced on our Facebook page once we have a set day and time.

We are beyond excited to share this needed service with the community, and to have Dr. Eisma back with us again. Thank you Dr. Eisma for your continued dedication to the St. Francis Free Clinic, and your love for helping others. You are truly one of a kind!

- Emily Hill, RN, BSN, Clinic Director



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

JOURNEY THROUGH THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 9, 2024

SAINT MOTHER TERESA CENTER - FATHER CARR'S PLACE 2B

Join us for Brian Keliher's presentation of the "Stations of the Cross." Brian will share some of the story of how God has been at work in his life and the life of his family. As he has come to recognize God's presence in the midst of suffering, he invites us to reflect on our own lives, and how God is with us even through moments of pain and loss. After listening to Brian share some of his own story, we will enter into praying the Stations of the Cross. Brian's artwork will invite us to reflect on our journey with Christ through suffering to the resurrection.

There is no admission fee. Free Will offerings are accepted.



I, with my family, desire to live and love deeply while helping lead others to our Lord. With the Lord's help I seek to fashion works of art aimed at inspiring and encouraging you, the viewer, to see that which is true, good and beautiful - encouraging you to look beyond what you see and to seek our Lord in the little things which we often take for granted. We are on a journey of life through faith, hope and love.

Drawing you closer to Christ!

Brian J. Keliher

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20TH, 2024

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9TH, 2024

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10TH, 2024

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17TH, 2024

SATURDAY, MARCH 16TH, 2024

SATURDAY, MARCH 31ST, 2024

SATURDAY, APRIL 13TH, 2024

SATURDAY, APRIL 20TH, 2024

SATURDAY, MAY 11TH, 2024

SATURDAY, MAY 18TH, 2024

SATURDAY, JUNE 1ST, 2024

SATURDAY, JUNE 8TH, 2024

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Brian Keliher presents "Stations of the Cross"

FCP2B Sheepshead Tournament with Lunch

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Easter Sunday Meal Program

"Women of Faith" Women's Day Retreat

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Mother Mary Catherine presents Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta

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CARRnival for Kids

FCP2B 50th Anniversary Mass w/ Bishop David Ricken. Lunch to follow.

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.





FATHER CARR'S PLACE 2B CHRISTMAS DAY DINNER MONDAY, DECEMBER 25TH, 2023

**CHRISTMAS 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**

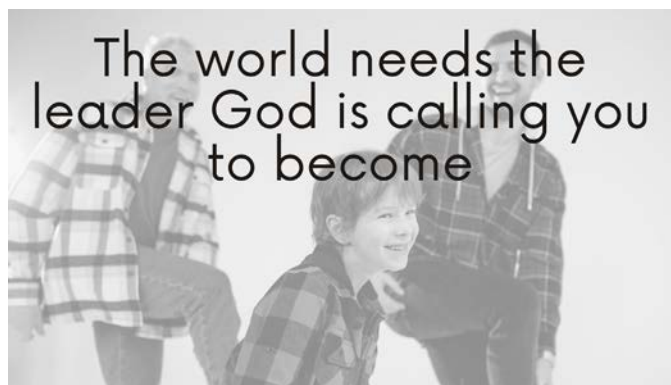


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We meet every third Saturday of the month.
Please join us for Sacrament, Prayer and Fellowship.

Father Carr's Place 2B – Mother Teresa Center
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MEETING AGENDA

7:00 am – Registration
7:05 am to 7:40 am – Confessions
7:20 am - Holy Rosary
7:45 am - Holy Sacrifice of the Mass
8:15 am - Continental Breakfast/Fellowship
8:45 am - Presentation
10:00 am - Wrap Up
Free Will Offering



1ST ANNUAL FATHER CARR'S PLACE 2B SHEEPSHEAD TOURNAMENT

Saturday February 10, 2024

This is a recreational 5-Handed Sheepshead Tournament offered for fun, fundraising and fellowship. Each registrant will play three (3) rounds of fifteen (15) hands. Food and beverages will be part of this exciting day. Lunch will be served after the third round of play is complete.

**THIS TOURNAMENT IS LIMITED TO 30 PLAYERS.
FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE WILL BE REGISTERED TO PLAY.**

PARTICIPATION FEE - \$20.00/player

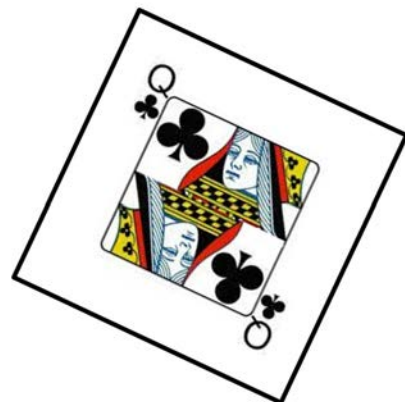
You can pre-register by calling (920) 231-2378 or stop into Father Carr's Place 2B.

WHERE

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SCHEDULE

- 8:15am – Registration, Doors open at 8:00am
- 8:45am – Announcements and Rules/Scoring
- 9:00am – Card Games begin – Round 1
- 10:00am – Round 2
- 11:00am – Round 3
- 12:15 – Lunch and announcement of winners





Matthew 25:31-46

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

Food Pantry Needs

Hams
Butter
Instant Potatoes
Sugar
Flour

Barley
Hamburger/Tuna 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