



EASTER NEWSLETTER 2025

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WHAT WOULD JESUS DO? HEALTHCARE EDITION

Working in healthcare, we see and experience a wide variety of things, good and bad. Every nurse, doctor, CNA, lab technician, etc. has stories about the unbelievable things they've seen:

Patients who are rowdy, saying off-the-wall, inappropriate things, and you, working in healthcare, have to keep a straight face and maintain professionalism.

Patients who are confused and combative and don't understand that you are there to help- who try to bite and scratch you when you are trying to change their dressing or assess their IV.

Patients who just received a life-changing diagnosis. Who are told they may not survive the night. That they should call their family members and try to rekindle a relationship before it's too late.

Patients who speak a different language than you and are desperately trying to communicate their ailment, knowing no one around them can understand them. Then, finally being able to communicate after using a translator's help. Seeing the relief in their face that you finally understand.

Patients who have no money. No home. Who are desperately, hopelessly, searching for help- calling an ambulance to take them to the hospital because they have no warm place to stay that night.

Jesus calls us to love our neighbors. Regardless of who they are, where they came from, what language they speak, how much money they have in their bank account.

This is why, at the St. Francis Free Clinic, we don't ask questions. We don't ask you to prove anything regarding citizenship. We don't ask you if you truly can't afford your medicine. We don't deny you care because you are uninsured or have a certain health insurance policy. We are here to help, whatever stage of life you are in.

This Easter season, please try to remember Jesus, and his kind and loving mercy. Try to live like Jesus, and do as he would do. Our world needs that now, more than ever.

Emily Hill, RN, BSN
Clinic Director
St. Francis Free Clinic

ST. FRANCIS FREE CLINIC TESTIMONIALS

Providers:

- "I have been a volunteer physician at St. Francis Community Clinic for 15 very enjoyable years. We at the clinic help numerous people who have no insurance, are indigent, just lost a job, etc. The staff is high quality nurses and volunteer assistants. All are very pleasant and well trained. The clinic is a great value to the community." **-Dr. Paul McAvoy**
- "I think one of the best ways to describe St Francis Clinic is that it is a blessing. A blessing to those who come in for medical help and to those who volunteer their help. I have gone on many overseas medical mission trips, but that ended in 2020 with the pandemic. I had been looking for another opportunity to serve and found it here. This clinic provides the wonderful opportunity to serve and thank God--by serving His people. The clinic strives to offer the best medical care we can and the challenges are many. I guess that half the people we see do not speak English. Medications and supplies are provided to patients for free if we have them. Our supply is abundant thanks to donations. The people we help are not charged, and they reward us deeply with thanks and blessings. Fr Carr's legacy of this clinic has profoundly touched many lives." **-Dr. Matt Kraemer**
- "My name is Weston Radford, and I'm one of the volunteer physicians at the St. Francis Free Clinic. I read something recently that "people who shine do what they love because they cannot imagine an alternative" and it made me think of our group of volunteers at the clinic. We have such a great variety - nurses, college students, retired doctors and NPs, and people who just want to help out because we love what we do. I started helping at the clinic back in college when I was trying to figure out what to do with my life, and one night there among the formerly-bright-neon-green walls of the clinic told me "find out what you love doing, and spend your life loving it." The free clinic gives us all such a great outlet to do that - it really is Medicine in its most pure form; a patient comes in with a problem, and we do our best to help without having to worry about insurance, co-pays, deductibles. The patients are grateful for what we are able to offer and it really makes an immediate impact in the health and safety of our communities, with patients that come from as far away as Fond du Lac, Appleton, Green Lake, Wautoma, Stevens Point, etc." **-Dr. Weston Radford**
- "Serving as one of the many clinicians at the St Francis Community Free Clinic is an excellent opportunity in my retirement years to continue using the Nurse Practitioner skills I developed during my career in healthcare. As the demand for services provided by the clinic continued to grow, it was necessary to increase the hours and days the clinic would be open, and add clinical staff. I started volunteering at the clinic in November 2022, to help meet that need. I knew about the important niche in healthcare services the clinic filled, but I was not fully aware of the need for the amount of services it provided. There were far more people who are uninsured, underinsured, or dealing with high deductibles which they have difficulty affording, than I had imagined. My experiences at the clinic helped me realize gaps in my own knowledge base about community health, in spite of 40 years working in various roles in healthcare. When I decided to volunteer at the St Francis Community Free Clinic, my intention was to donate some time and talent to help serve the needs of its clientele. I had no idea it was the start of a new journey in my life, and where it would lead. I look forward to discovering how this journey will continue to unfold." **-Paul Treder, APNP**

Nurses:

- "I used to volunteer 1-2 times a month and liked it. Now I'm retired and I am blessed to be able to volunteer 5-6 days a week, and I love it! I've volunteered at the clinic for 27 years and counting." **-Di-Anne Rengstorf, Clinic Manager**
- "As a volunteer nurse at Fathers Cars, my experience has been nothing short of transformative. From the moment I joined the team, I was welcomed into a community that truly values compassion and support. The opportunity to provide care for individuals in need while also connecting with their families has been incredibly rewarding. I've witnessed firsthand the positive impact that our services have on the lives of those we serve, and it has deepened my commitment to healthcare. The teamwork and dedication among my fellow volunteers inspire me every day. I am grateful for the chance to contribute to such a meaningful cause and to help make a difference in our community." **-Cheryl Seelig**
- "Growing up in poverty with 5 other siblings, I realized how the little things make a big difference. I became a nurse and have worked in healthcare most of my life. I began volunteering at the Father Carr's Food Pantry in 2010 and found a sense

ST. FRANCIS FREE CLINIC TESTIMONIALS CONT.

of community and purpose. I began working in the St. Francis Free Clinic in 2014 and continue to feel a sense of fulfillment and know that I am making a difference. I especially love empowering people to take control of their health and well-being. Recently working with Dr. Eisma and Sarah to develop a Wellness Clinic offers an opportunity to coach and mentor people to reach their personal goals. I highly recommend joining the St. Francis Free Clinic or many other opportunities to share your gift of time and talents." **-Rae Mead**

Students:

- "I have been a student volunteer about a year now, but it only took one day at the clinic to change the way I viewed healthcare. Growing up, when asked what I wanted to be when I was older, I would respond with "someone who helps people". This mindset paired with my love of science is why I ended up deciding to become a nurse. However, more exposure to the healthcare industry opened my eyes to a system that is depriving many of quality care. St Francis Clinic proved to me that there are still people in healthcare roles for the right reason, to help people. As a practicing Catholic, the clinic has also changed the way I go about living as a disciple of Christ. Each of the volunteers at the clinic is "walking the walk" rather than "talking the talk", and they have inspired me to do the same." **-Leah Krohn**

Receptionists:

- "I started volunteering at Father Carr's 2 years ago. The staff made me feel so welcome and very appreciated. I truly enjoyed helping the residents and learning about their journey. Their stories were moving and illuminating. While I signed up to volunteer to help the homeless, truthfully, they helped me to see and feel the Lord's spirit in all that we do. I will be forever grateful for the opportunities provided to me by Father Carr's." **-Deby Voyles**
- "I first met Fr Carr in the late 1990's when my four children were very young, ages 1-5 yrs. Father Carr knew a volunteer when he met one. Thanks to my mom we learned that helping others was part of living our catholic faith. I started in the clinic drawing blood on Fridays because it did not interfere with before and after school activities even though Fr. Carr persisted in many other open spots for volunteers. I knew his persistence was what made the Place 2b thrive and provide services where needed. Because of Fr. Carr I have continued to volunteer at the clinic for over 20 years and including my children in recent years. My family feels very fortunate to have known Fr. Carr and participate in his mission of serving the community." **-One of our amazing volunteers**

Patients:

- "My name is Victoria. Father Carr's has been life-saving for me. They have provided medicines and prescriptions to keep me healthy. If not for Father Carr's, I would not have my high blood pressure medicine, thyroid medicine, or my other necessary medication. The staff makes me feel welcomed and not a burden. I appreciate every care need they have provided for old and young alike."
- "The St. Francis clinic has been very helpful to me, after the loss of my wife. The counseling gave me the tools to guide my thoughts constructively, and to deal with my grief."
- "I am a 66 year old woman living in Oshkosh without insurance, being diabetic, high blood pressure and high cholesterol, I would not be alive without St Francis today. I get all my medication from St Francis and also my A1C checked every 3 months. The doctors and staff welcome you with open arms. Thanks to doctors and staff, may the almighty continue to bless each and everyone of them."
- "I've been to St Francis Medical Clinic on 4-5 occasions. During those visits I was welcomed by those in the front office and treated with kindness and respect by everyone there. The two doctors I've seen there were both thorough, and thoughtful in their treatment of my ailments and the one who read my lab reports took the time to explain them to me, giving me a much better understanding of my condition and needs. They've also been helpful in providing needed medications for me. I've had very good treatment and experiences at St. Francis Medical Clinic."
- "I was sick, so sick. Scared and unsure how I could get help. I was treated and cared for by the entire staff and treated with kindness and respect. I'm blessed to have your services and help. Thank you and God bless."

TRUSTING IN HIS PROMISE

This past year, for most of us, seemed like a time of chaos and great uncertainties. Whether it be the economy, the moral degradation of our culture, an uncertain economy, political corruption, or the shifting arenas of the global order, it was hard to find a rhythm and pattern to our lives.

Jesus' own life followed similar patterns as well. Born under an oppressive political regime, suppression of religious practices, moral disorder in the culture, divisions among people and classes, the plight of children, widows, the sick and the poor.

Sin, had separated man from God, and left to its own devices, mankind was struggling. Lost without a Shepherd to lead.

Jesus arrived in the messiness of our human existence to redeem us from our sins and lead us onto the path of restoration. A Divine Plan was revealed to restore mankind with God, so as to become adopted children. Through Jesus, we have a purpose and a path to overcome the trials of this world and find joy and peace as children of God. We are so loved that an Only Son died for our transgressions. ***Oh, to be loved, despite our shortcomings!***

The First Letter of John reminds us; **"Who is it that overcomes the world? Only the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God. (1 Jn 5:5).**

Believe unto Him. He is Risen!! Alleluia!!
Fr. Dave

IRA / QUALIFIED CHARITABLE DISTRIBUTIONS (QCD) GIVING OPTION

Father Carr's Place 2B would like to remind those of you who are 70.5 years or older, gifts up to \$100,000 from your IRA may be directly transferred from an IRA to a qualified charity such as **Father Carr's Place 2B LTD**, a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization. Even though the SECURE Act raised the required minimum distribution (RMD) age to 73, the QCD age remains at 70.5, so QCDs can be used for charitable giving even before RMDs begin.

Check first with your IRA administrator or tax advisor for more detailed information about Qualified Charitable Distributions' processes and timeline.

For more information on the IRA/QCD option and other additional ways to donate to Father Carr's, please contact either **Jim Boehm, Father Carr's Executive Director at (920) 231-2378** or at jimboehm@fathercarrs.org or **Deacon John Ingala (Father Carr's Board of Directors' Development Committee Chair) at (920) 203-9272** or deaconji@gmail.com.

NEW ANNUAL APPEAL INITIATIVE

We are excited to announce a new initiative, **Father Carr's Annual Appeal**. This annual appeal will focus on upgrading our infrastructure and facilities over forthcoming years. Our **Annual Appeal** is asking you to consider financial support of particular capital projects each year such as:

- Facilities renovations
- Grounds improvements
- HVAC replacements
- Technology infrastructure upgrades
- Other special projects as needed

Father Carr's P2B Life Enrichment Center receives no public / government funding. For more information on our Life Enrichment Center and how to support the ministry through this **Annual Appeal**, please contact Jim Boehm, Father Carr's Executive Director at (920) 231- 2378 or at jimboehm@fathercarrs.org.

"We ourselves feel that what we are doing is just a drop in the ocean. But the ocean would be less because of that missing drop." - Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta

Please consider a one-time gift, a monthly or annual pledge to support our facilities and infrastructure needs to maintain Father Carr's for generations to come. For your convenience, to the right is a QR code that you can use to donate:



WE HELP PEOPLE, WE PROVIDE HOPE, WE CHANGE LIVES.

MEET OUR INTERN

Hello, my name is Shrewchoua Katrina Yang. I am from Madison Wisconsin, and I am currently a senior at the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh. I will be graduating this May with a bachelor's in social work. At the start of my senior year, I was blessed with the opportunity to be a social work intern at Father Carr's Place 2B. In my internship at Father Carr's, I work closely with the residents and provide support in many aspects of their lives whether it's finding employment, housing, money management, or emotional guidance. I have also worked alongside incredible individuals who want to provide a sense of community and strive to foster hope, self-healing, and independence. Overall, my time here at Father Carr's Place 2B has been a remarkable experience and I am truly grateful for all of the things that I've learned and the people I have met.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16, 2025

THURSDAY, APRIL 17, 2025

SATURDAY, APRIL 19, 2025

SUNDAY, APRIL 20, 2025

SATURDAY, MAY 3, 2025

MONDAY, MAY 5, 2025

WEDNESDAY, MAY 7, 2025

THURSDAY, MAY 15, 2025

SATURDAY, MAY 17, 2025

WEDNESDAY, MAY 21, 2025

SATURDAY, MAY 31, 2025

MONDAY, JUNE 2, 2025

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4, 2025

1st & 3rd Meeting @ 6:30 - 7:30 PM

Compassionate Friends @ 6PM - 7:30 PM

Esto Vir @ 7AM - 10AM

Easter Sunday Community Dinner @ Noon 1:30 PM

Women in Faith Retreat @ 7AM - Noon

Oshkosh Ultreyas @ 6PM-7:30PM

1st & 3rd Meeting @ 6:30 - 7:30 PM

Compassionate Friends @ 6PM - 7:30 PM

Esto Vir @ 7AM - 10AM

1st & 3rd Meeting @ 6:30 - 7:30 PM

CARRnival for KIDS @ 10AM - 4PM

Oshkosh Ultreyas @ 6PM-7:30PM

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A NEW WAY TO VOLUNTEER

Our biggest asset is our volunteers. They make us happen. The number of volunteers that donate their valuable time to the Place 2B is heartwarming and powerful. Their labor of love for the community and those in need, is exactly what Jesus asked of us when He walked this earth.

We have a very busy campus with a lot of moving parts. The Saint Francis Free Clinic, Bethlehem Inn and Mother Teresa Center handle heavy traffic every day. We are proud to bring the free community events and dinners to Oshkosh. All that activity demands many hands and planning. Managing the volunteer calendars is critical, exciting and taxing.

That said, Father Carr's will start posting many of its volunteer opportunities using the SignUp Genius app. This will allow those who want to be part of certain events to volunteer for the days and times that work for them. SignUp Genius details the tasks that are needed, so volunteers will know exactly how they can contribute. SignUp Genius is user friendly and will remember you each time you use it. It allows everyone to see what opportunities are full and where help is needed. The app will be a valuable tool for both Father Carr's and for the volunteer. Postings will be on our website and our social media sites.

Please look for this icon:



**FATHER CARR'S PLACE 2B
EASTER SUNDAY DINNER - APRIL 20TH, 2025**

**EASTER SUNDAY DINNER DELIVERY
10:30AM - NOON, TAKING ORDERS NOW (920) 231-2378**

**EASTER DINNER DINE-IN SERVING FROM
NOON - 1:30PM, NO RESERVATIONS NECESSARY**

ALL ARE WELCOME

OSHKOSH CATHOLIC PARISHES

W O M E N
OF FAITH

SATURDAY, MAY 3
Welcoming Mary Into Our Lives

Women of faith are invited for a morning of prayer, sharing, witness, and encouragement. Free will donations appreciated to cover costs.

 **Fr. Carr's Place 2B** (1062 N Koeller St. Oshkosh)



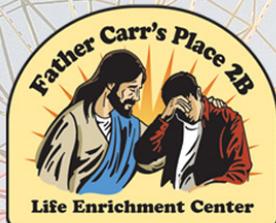
**LEARN MORE &
RSVP BY APR 25**

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CARNIVAL



FOR KIDS



SATURDAY, MAY 31

10 am - 4 pm

This is a free, fun and safe open house event for the entire community.

Our campus is alcohol and smoke free.

**Carnival Rides | Food and Drink
Kids Games and Challenges
Raffle Prizes and More!**

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Matthew 25:31-46

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

Food Pantry Staples

Tumeric
Cumin
Onion Powder
Garlic Powder
Cinnamon
Chili Powder
Breakfast Cereal

Peanut Butter
Canned Fruit
Canned Chili
Jam/jelly
Chef Boyardee
Canned Meat
Flavored Oatmeal

Black Pepper
Granola/Snack Bars
Spaghetti/Spaghetti sauce
Chunky/Progresso soups
Applesauce
Hamburger Helper

Shelter Needs

Bathroom cleaner

Cleaning Supplies

Baby/Toddler Diapers - all sizes

Ministry Needs

City Bus Passes

Support for Landscaping Project