



EASTER NEWSLETTER 2026

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EASTER: A FRESH START

When I think of Easter, I think of new beginnings and a fresh start. A clean slate, and an opportunity for growth. This mindset can be applied to your faith life, your relationships with your loved ones, decluttering your home, and taking a greater interest in your health.

At the St. Francis Free Clinic, we are committed to providing the best care possible, and to services that might not otherwise have been available to them. Overall wellness and holistic care, along with preventative testing is very important in our approach to care. If we can prevent the health problem from happening in the first place, why wouldn't we?

We have begun offering several different wellness initiatives intended to help our clients take control of their health:

1. Liver Health Project- through a partnership with the American Liver Foundation, our patients are eligible for free "Liverstat" testing, which determines their likelihood for being diagnosed with fatty liver disease (MASH- Metabolic dysfunction-associated steatohepatitis). After a quick blood draw, patients' labs are analyzed, and they are graded based on their likelihood or severity of fatty liver disease. Liver Health Specialists follow-up with education and free resources.
2. ColoGuard Testing- our clinic is partnering with ExactSciences, a lab based in Madison, to distribute free ColoGuard kits to our patients to screen for Colorectal Cancer. This comes at no cost to the patient, and helps determine their risk level and next steps in care.
3. Woman's Health Visits- 2 Wednesdays a month, one of our fabulous female Nurse Practitioners has scheduled appointments to see women in need of screening for cervical, colorectal and breast cancers. If eligible, patients will receive a mammogram free of charge.

While I'm still working on other holistic care possibilities and opportunities, this is a great start for our patients to take advantage of! If you are interested in learning more about these services, please reach out to our clinic by phone at 920-230-2273, or email Emily at emilyhtwe@fathercarrs.org.

This Easter season, I urge you to take control of your health, and take steps to feel your best!

Happy Easter!

- *Emily Htwe, RN, BSN*
Clinic Director, St. Francis Free Clinic

THE PLACE 2B AND CYE

You never know what God has in mind when Father Carr's Place 2B receives a call asking for a food donation. For more than two decades, Father Carr's Saint Martin de Porres Food Pantry has helped Catholic Youth Expedition (CYE) and the Missionaries of the Word.

On occasion, Father Carr's receives generous donations of food items. After making sure Father Carr's food needs are met, Pantry Director Hussain Sattar shares the generous donations with local organizations and other organizations associated with Father Carr's. One of the recipients is CYE.

CYE Founder and former Director Fr. Quinn Mann knew Fr. Martin Carr who had an enormous influence on him and his formation. Mann started CYE for high schoolers and young adults to encounter Jesus Christ and to foster Catholic Christian community through expedition retreats of prayer, proclamation of the gospel and outdoor adventure. While Mann now serves as a parish priest, the Missionaries of the Word continue to run CYE.

The Missionaries of the Word are a newly established community of religious Sisters in the Diocese of Green Bay. They are a contemplative active community primarily devoted to living in Jesus the Word and sharing His self-emptying love through their prayer and service, that all souls may be drawn to the Father. This currently takes the form of much time in prayer, serving retreats at Catholic Youth Expeditions, and teaching others to pray with scripture at parish missions and schools.

The Lord has been using Father Carr's as a vehicle to provide for CYE expeditions and the sisters. The Missionaries of the Word and Father Carr's have different missions but they come together wholeheartedly to serve the Lord. Abandonment and trust in the Lord's providence to provide for all of their needs is one of many things they share together.

The relationship between the two organizations is strong and they are both grateful for each other. The Lord has provided many Holy Spirit moments like when an expeditioner, CYE staff or a sister has a special craving on their heart for chicken wings and hasn't mentioned it to anyone, then a donation of buffalo chicken wings comes in Fr. Carr's and is on the menu.

Both the Missionaries of the Word and Father Carr's build community through shared meals. Teens and young adults feel comfortable opening up and sharing while making a meal together in the CYE kitchen along with the sisters. Through Father Carr's community meals and events, Fr. Carr's volunteers work along side each other, sharing and making new friends in the process. These are opportunities to love. These connections and conversations create memories that stay with them and inspire them to invite their family and friends to experience it as well.

The CYE staff and Missionaries of the Word intentionally encounter Father Carr's staff, volunteers and residents when they visit the campus, and they have seen how generous the staff and volunteers are. The Missionaries stop and visit with Handmaids of the Divine Redeemer religious order who serve Father Carr's and with whom they have a friendship. It's a joyful moment when the Missionaries of the Word visit Father Carr's.

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THE PLACE 2B AND CYE CONT.

The Missionaries see their visits as a way for them to bring Christ to those they serve. These visits have had a profound impact on the CYE staff and Missionaries. Some have helped out at Father Carr's on Thanksgiving by delivering meals and by picking out a toy with a child at the Christmas Party for Kids or sitting down with people while eating an Easter meal. One Missionary also volunteered at the shelter for a week. These interactions are a way for them to love and serve the community.

A simple food donation goes far beyond a meal. It's an opportunity to encounter the love of God through the many volunteers at Father Carr's and the Missionaries of the Word. Both are grateful for your generosity and the support you provide them and will continue to work together to serve others and spread the word of God.

- Laura Davenport
Contributing Writer

ROLLING BACK THE PAST

Jesus, fully man and fully Divine, brought together in Himself the glory of mankind created in His likeness and image as well as the burden of its wounded and sinful nature. Putting an end to sin and death on the Cross, He restored the relationship with humanity and Divinity. Heaven was closed by the sin of man but the veil was torn asunder by the sacrifice of Christ and direct access to God was restored. We have been redeemed!

The stone of the tomb was the past rolled away that the Light of Truth, the Breath of God, would come forth to usher in a new order and way for mankind to return to its original holiness.

We rejoice this Easter and always in the love of God being poured upon all mankind. The darkness of our past has been brought into the light of Truth through mercy and grace.

We embrace this gift of New Hope in the ministry of Fr Carr's. Place 2B. What has been, doesn't define people, but is understood as an opportunity to reconcile the past and move forward to the light of a new life with the grace of God. The stone that represents the past has been rolled away showing us all the path of hope that leads to a future of new possibilities. We are grateful to all who support and accompany us on the journey of new and abundant life.

In His Holy Name, I give my Easter blessing.

- Father Dave

2026 ANNUAL APPEAL

Father Carr's Annual Appeal is kicking off in March. Our 2026 annual appeal will again focus on upgrading our infrastructure and facilities.

Our 2025 annual appeal generated **\$76,000** and allowed us to perform these facility improvements. Thank you for making this happen!

- **New roof on garages - \$13,000 - Completed**
- **Replace (2) 200-gallon water heaters - \$27,000 - Completed**
- **Polyurea coating on Pantry floor - \$26,000 - scheduled for March 2, 2026**
- **Replace Fire Alarm System and Smoke Detectors/Bethlehem Inn - \$10,000 - Completed**

Our **2026 Annual Appeal** is asking you to consider financial support for these specific capital projects.

- **HVAC Replacements (13 units)**
- **Technology Infrastructure Upgrades**
- **Upgrade to LED lighting in Bethlehem Inn**

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. Please select "2026 ANNUAL APPEAL" as your giving option.



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

A Polyurea Coating was applied recently to our Saint Martin de Porres Food Pantry floor. This was one of four facility projects our 2025 Annual Appeal funded. Thank you everyone who supported this campaign. Our 2026 Annual Appeal will kick off in March.



CARNIVAL



FOR KIDS



SATURDAY, MAY 30

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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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.

ENDING LENT WELL

Lent. The longest forty days of our year and yet, we've nearly reached the end. We can encounter Ash Wednesday in a lot of ways. For some people it's a rude awakening from the holiday season, for others it's the second attempt at a New Year's resolution, some may think it's time to buckle down on their prayer life and others may not give it much thought at all. Entering into Lent, regardless of how you do so, is difficult and humbling, and continuing to be present to it for forty days is a whole other challenge. But what if we've been viewing this season the wrong way?

What is the purpose of Lent? Prayer, fasting, almsgiving? That's what we're called to do, but why? The season of Lent is rooted in scripture when Jesus fasts for forty days in the desert and is tempted by the devil. In Matthew 4:4, as a response to one of Satan's temptations, Jesus replies, "One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God." This verse encompasses the heart of Lent and the invitation we are given while enduring it. This verse highlights the theme of prayer, the necessity of being intimate with the Lord, and thus filled by His word and His love for us. This verse highlights fasting, as it calls us to deny what we are not meant to have, and similarly with almsgiving, we must trust that if we give we can also go without. Yes, Lent is a penitential season, it is hard and humbling, but it's not a punishment, it is perhaps when Jesus is trying to make us most aware of His love for us.

A priest told me a few years ago that during Lent, it is good for us to commit to a fast that, despite our best efforts, we will fail. Don't get me wrong, taking on fasts/practices that are challenging can be sanctifying and formative experiences, but failing them can bring us to the heart of Lent, the cross. This is because it is in our shortcomings that we are in most need of grace and mercy, that we are most desperate to feel the loving presence of Jesus, and that we reap the fruits of His holy cross. Does this mean that we can make excuses to break our fasts or give up on them half way through? -no. It just means that the Lord doesn't expect us to be perfect. He instead calls us to prayer, fasting, and almsgiving so that we can learn to better deny ourselves, remain close with Him, and grow in holiness.

It is accepting Jesus' mentorship in carrying our own crosses with great hope that they will become something beautiful, but even Jesus fell three times carrying His. Here's the thing, no matter how many times you broke your chocolate fast or how many days you spent time in prayer - Easter is coming. It's coming for you and no, it's not because you earned it. We spend so much of Lent trying to earn Easter, but friend, there is no amount of fasting in the world that can do that. Leading up to His crucifixion Jesus' own disciples betrayed, denied, and abandoned Him, but they were also some of the first people He greeted upon His resurrection. So, as you enter into Holy Week don't beat yourself up or pat yourself on the back for how your Lent went, but offer yourself to our Lord in a deeper way. Pray with Him on Holy Thursday, die to yourself with Him on Good Friday, wait with Him on Holy Saturday, and on Easter Sunday, rejoice with Him, because His resurrection is freely and completely for you!

- Sami Boehm
Contributing Writer

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



**VOLUNTEER AT OUR NEW DENTAL CLINIC & MAKE A DIFFERENCE LOCALLY!
HERE IS WHAT WE NEED:**

-  **Dentists**
-  **Dental Hygienists**
-  **Dental Assistants**
-  **Dental Clinic Manager**



EVEN JUST ONCE A MONTH IS HELPFUL!



APPLY NOW



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Welcome to Father Carr's Basketball Court

It is here for your enjoyment.

Open every day during daylight hours.

When finished, please close the gate on your way out.

This court is for basketball use only. No Wheeled vehicles of any kind allowed. The surface will not tolerate it.

The squeegee is for your use to eliminate puddles. Please leave it here for the next guest.

The rims are adjustable to match your size and skills. Please refrain from hanging on them.

Basketballs are available in the Mother Teresa Center during open hours.

Don't forget to take your beverage containers and food wrappers with you.

Please keep all pets leashed and outside of the court fencing.

Father Carr's campus is alcohol and smoke free. Thank you for respecting this.

**Thank you for visiting Father Carr's Place 2B
Please enjoy and respect our facilities**



**Father Carr's Basketball Court is OPEN.
Please enjoy our newly refurbished
court during daytime hours.**





Matthew 25:31-46

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

Food Pantry Staples

Fresh or Frozen Meat (we accept venison)
 Coffee
 Chicken Broth/Stock
 Beef Broth/Stock
 Breakfast Cereal
 Pancake Syrup

Peanut Butter
 Canned Fruit
 Jam/jelly
 Chef Boyardee
 Canned Meat
 Canned Fish

Flavored Oatmeal
 Granola/Snack Bars
 Spaghetti/Spaghetti sauce
 Chunky/Progresso soups
 Applesauce
 Hamburger/Tuna Helper

Easter Sunday Community Dinner

Hams
 Brown Sugar

Butter
 Breakfast Maple Syrup

Sugar

Shelter Needs

Cleaning Supplies
 Bath Towels

Bathroom cleaner
 Men's deodorant

Men's body wash
 Men's shampoo

Ministry Needs

City Daily Bus Passes

Vacuum Cleaners