



# *first Sunday* AUGUST 2007

## COMMUNITY OF THE CROSS

### Liturgy Schedules

10:00 SUNDAY, Crosswood Centre,  
5355 Co. Rd. 35, Auburn, IN 46706-9717

10:00 AM SUNDAY, Fort Wayne at Redwood  
Chapel, 2425 Redwood Avenue, Fort Wayne  
*thanks to Rose and Stan*

9:00 AM SUNDAY, Angola at the historic  
Wedding Chapel of the First Congregational  
Church, 314 W. Maumee St. in Angola

*PLEASE NOTE: On the First Sunday of the Month  
we all meet at Auburn and follow with a pitch-  
in brunch after worship with plenty of time for  
fellowship, as a result, we do not have liturgy in  
Angola or Fort Wayne on the First Sundays of the  
month*

#### EDITOR'S NOTE:

This will be a brief bulletin for August since your editor has been out of town and out of circulation for the past couple of weeks which is also why it was not prepared on time.  
John+

### WHAT DOES THE LORD ASK?

#### ISAIAH 1:11, 16-17

1:11 WHAT TO ME IS THE MULTITUDE OF  
YOUR SACRIFICES? SAYS THE LORD; I HAVE HAD  
ENOUGH OF BURNT OFFERINGS OF RAMS AND  
THE FAT OF FED BEASTS; I DO NOT DELIGHT  
IN THE BLOOD OF BULLS, OR OF LAMBS, OR OF  
GOATS. ...

1:16 WASH YOURSELVES; MAKE YOURSELVES  
CLEAN; REMOVE THE EVIL OF YOUR DOINGS FROM  
BEFORE MY EYES; CEASE TO DO EVIL,  
1:17 LEARN TO DO GOOD; SEEK JUSTICE, RESCUE  
THE OPPRESSED, DEFEND THE ORPHAN, PLEAD  
FOR THE WIDOW.

### LEADERSHIP TEAM

#### NEXT MEETING - September 8, 10:00 at Auburn

The Leadership Team met on Saturday, August 11 and discussed present projects and upcoming events. We reviewed the financial report which is found later in this month's bulletin. We discussed having another fall festival and it was decided that we would hold it on the First Sunday in October, (7th), following the Liturgy at Auburn. This year we will have a "grill in" rather than a hog roast and more details will be available closer to the time of the Fall Festival.

We also decided to hold a late fall Retreat, perhaps even an Advent Retreat on Saturday December 1 open for all. Fr. Skip will be contacting the leaders we discussed and hopefully we can let you know who that will be next bulletin or at least by October.

Building repairs will resume this month we hope so that we can finish the upstairs in the chapel by some-time in October.

Mother Joan and Deacon Tom's email has changed and will be corrected in the bulletin. It is now [tcn835@peoplepc.com](mailto:tcn835@peoplepc.com).

Fr. Skip will be out of town toward the end of August to celebrate the ordination of Ricky Hobbs to the deaconate and presbyterate in North Carolina.

Other discussion focused on needs of those who were sick or in distress and our response to them as well as to the needs and concerns of those living at the Skete. If you are aware of persons who need our help, please let someone on the leadership team know so that we can assist if at all possible.

It was with great regret that the closing of Holy Eucharist Community in Indianapolis was announced. At least for the time being they will no longer be functioning as a parish community as they had in the past. We ask all to pray for new direction and guidance for them as they look to the future.

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## FINANCIAL REPORT

Here is our financial report as of 8/8/07:

	<b>INCOME</b>
1/1 Balance	\$3,829.20
January	\$1105.00 \$10,000.00
February	\$1700.00
March	\$550.00
April	\$325.00
May	\$300.00
June	\$150.00
July	\$1115.00
August	\$620.00
	\$19,694.20

	<b>EXPENSES</b>
Labor	\$1,575.00
Propane	\$2,451.00
Utilities	\$1,270.00
Groceries/Supplies	\$2,080.00
Lumber/Hardware	\$2,944.00
Telephone	\$130.00
Church	\$525.00
Repairs	\$813.00
Personal Assist	\$350
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$12,138.00</b>
CHECKING AC-COUNT BALANCE	\$7,556.20

### SOME NOTES ABOUT \$\$\$\$

I have anticipated that it would take \$1,200.00 per month to keep Crosswood Centre afloat. That remains an accurate budget assessment as of this date. Internally, that is, from the household, we have generated about \$800.00 per month. This will increase to \$1000.00 per month beginning in September. Easily we get another \$200.00 per month from members of the Community of the Cross. So, the budget is covered.

The problem is that this leaves us little financial wiggle room. No funds for capital improvements. No "rainy day" slush fund to cover the unexpected. I have been tithing, meaning that 10% of our income goes right back out to people to care for them in the form of food, medical care, utilities and such. That amounts to almost exactly \$1,600.00 in the first eight months of 2007. This is reflected in the expense categories of "Groceries/Supplies."

Brother Richard and Stella oversee the physical property in terms of the day-to-day upkeep. Al Patterson will soon be ready to tackle the last phase of construction and repair on the chapel building - and he'll need some help. We have \$5000.00 remaining of a \$10,000.00 grant given to us for the chapel completion. Sandy Sanborn was originally going to carpet the chapel, gathering room, and upstairs for about \$2000.00. It seems that this project at that price is now in danger because of the loss of time. We are still trying to decide what windows we can use upstairs. And the siding repairs remain, such as they are.

Half the "labor" expense had to do with tractor repair. She's working well now, even in the extreme heat.

We will need about \$5000.00 in the Centre checking account at Christmas. This is because there will be a yearly insurance bill due in January (\$2,400.00); propane expenses will rise, even if we can keep the wood stove burning, which we did for 80% of the last heating season (before I wore out).

There will be only one additional person, Jamie, living here into the fall and winter months, by God's grace. He is Brother Richard's true right hand and will be trying to keep up with much of the daily labor here. I intend to add to his room and board for that season.

Now that you have the rest of the story, please, in your charity, continue to remember the Centre and help us to move along as our calling unfolds.

+Skip

### REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Please remember in your prayers the following people:

Deacon Tom North who is once more faced with cancer. May the Lord give him strength and healing.  
Linda Austin, whose mother recently died. May she rest in peace.

Julie Putnam who had surgery recently and then some complications following her surgery. May the Lord strengthen her and heal her.

Mike Marturello (who made our altar in the chapel for us), whose mother also died a few weeks ago. May she rest in peace.

Bonnie Kollen, whose husband Pietre died recently. May he rest in peace.

Pray for all those souls who have gone before us. May they rest in peace. Amen!

## Readings for July and August

Liturgical Date	Hebrew Bible Lection	Psalms	Epistle Lection	Gospel Lection
Proper 13 (18)				
August 5, 2007	Hosea 11:1-11 or Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23	Psalms 107:1-9, 43 or Psalm 49:1-12	Colossians 3:1-11	Luke 12:13-21
Proper 14 (19)				
August 12, 2007	Isaiah 1:1, 10-20 or Genesis 15:1-6	Psalms 50:1-8, 22-23 or Psalm 33:12-22	Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16	Luke 12:32-40
Proper 15 (20)				
August 19, 2007	Isaiah 5:1-7 or Jeremiah 23:23-29	Psalms 80:1-19 or Psalm 82	Hebrews 11:29-12:2	Luke 12:49-56
Proper 16 (21)				
August 26, 2007	Jeremiah 1:4-10 or Isaiah 58:9b-14	Psalms 71:1-6 or Psalm 103:1-8	Hebrews 12:18-29	Luke 13:10-17
Proper 17 (22)				
September 2, 2007	Jeremiah 2:4-13 or Sirach 10:12-18	Psalms 81:1-16 or Psalm 112	Hebrews 13:1-16	Luke 14:1-14

### Presiders for Liturgy For August & September

Date	Angola	Auburn	Ft. Wayne
8/5		+Skip	
8/12	+Skip	+Vincent	Cliff+
8/19	Bob+	John+	+Skip
8/26	Joan+	+Vincent	Cliff+
9/2		John+	
9/9	Joan+	+Vincent	Cliff+
9/16	Bob+	John+	+Skip
9/23	+Skip	+Vincent	Cliff+
9/30	Joan+	John+	Bob+
10/7		+Skip	

## Monday & Wednesday School - Something New is Coming

Our study groups continue to be held in Fort Wayne at Redwood Chapel on Monday evenings from 7:00 to 8:30 and in the Angola area on Wednesdays at Karen Ringler's home at 3420 Orlando Rd. from 6:30 - 8 pm. Both groups are reading the same book and it is taking a long time as the discussions are rich. The book under study at this time is The Creed: What Christians Believe and Why it Matters by Luke Timothy Johnson. Please join us if you have any interest. Don't feel you will

be far behind as it is a living discussion and all join in.

Later in the fall, we will change our strategy a little bit and begin a series of video tape studies on the history of Christianity from the apostles to the protestant reformation. This should be an exciting program of adult education. Please plan on joining us at any point.

### Leadership Team

If you need to contact the Leadership Committee, here are their numbers:

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## **SOME HELP NEEDED .**

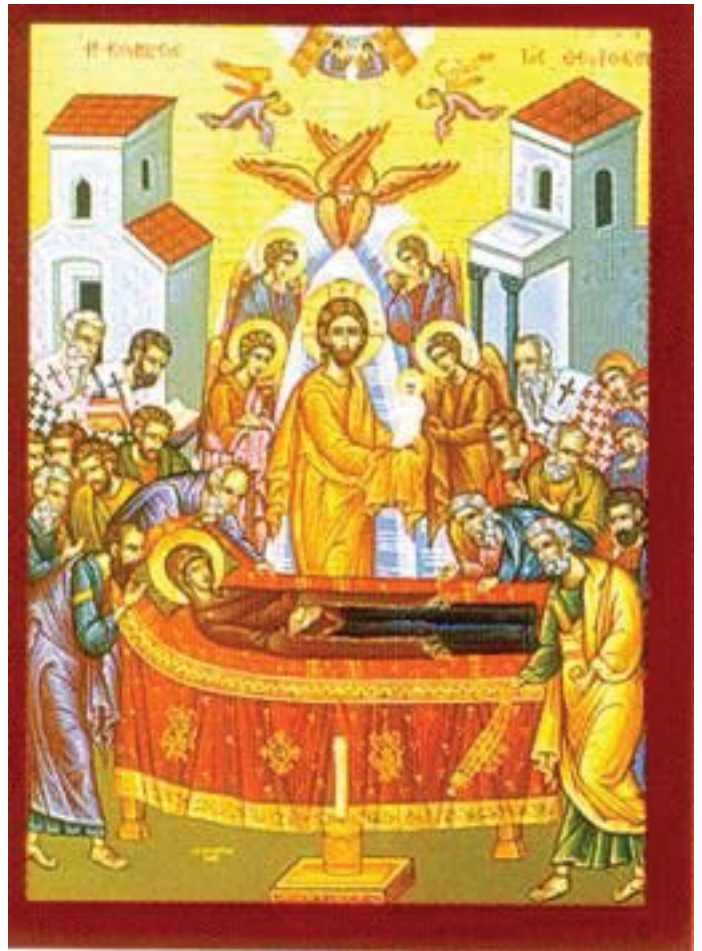
As soon as I had finished putting together the first three pages of the bulletin, my phone rang and Fr. Skip was calling regarding a situation that needs our attention. Patti Faurote was calling asking for some assistance in getting to her son, Dustin, who was in a hospital in the south. Some of you may remember Patti and Dustin. They came to liturgy occasionally and last spring, in April, Dustin was injured in a swimming accident. He had been a star on the Northrop swim team and had an accident over spring break in Texas causing a broken neck.

+ Skip was told by Patti that Dustin's condition has worsened because of some infections and she needed help in getting to him. Skip was able to get a ticket for her and was rushing her to the airport as he was telling me about this on his cell phone.

These kinds of situations are part of what our "tithing" and other donations go toward. Just so you know, we can use some help with additional donations for these kinds of situations. +Skip took this particular plane ticket out of his own credit card. If you are able to help, please send some money to +Skip or give it to your local pastor for him.

None of us like making these kinds of requests and I think this is especially true of the people who need help. If you are able to help, it will be greatly appreciated.

John+



## **August 15 Feast of the Dormition (Assumption) of the Mother of God**

Christianity holds forth a surprising happiness and promise of joy. It describes and offers a mystery of life that is full and forever. The magnificent Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary celebrated on August 15 proclaims the deepest and most profound of these Christian mysteries and promises. Virgin Mary--the Bearer of God who was the first and best disciple of her Son--lived a long life in the presence of God. She experienced a resurrection after falling asleep in death (called Dormition) and a transport to Heaven (called Metempsychosis, Assumption). Remarkably, this is the joy that lies in wait for all other disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ whose bodies will rise at the end of time and be with God in Heaven forever.