



# First Sunday

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## Morning & Evening Prayer at

### Magdalene Chapel

9:00 AM and 9:00 PM  
Saturdays and Sundays

## Liturgy Schedule

10:00 Sunday

Crosswood Centre  
Chapel of Mary Magdalene  
5535 Co. Rd. 35  
Auburn, IN 46706-9717

10:00 AM Sunday

Redwood Chapel  
2425 Redwood Avenue  
Fort Wayne, IN 46803  
(Thanks to Rose & Stan)

9:00 AM Sunday

Angola Crosswood  
3472 North Wayne St.  
Angola, IN 46703

## Synod Summary

The last meeting of the Community Synod was held on November 30. After laying a solid theological and prayerful basis, we made plans for the community and its future. Below are some of the plans we made and some of the people who were assigned to them. One of the most meaningful outcomes of the process was our choice to affiliate the community with OCCA, a sure sign that praying and thinking together made decision making easier, even if it did not make it pain-free. Living the life of Christ in a community always requires love, laughter and courage, so I repeat what the opening letter said: Remember the Community of the Cross is not a community without all its members and friends. Thank you and God Bless!

Mother MariaAlene

The following things are Happenings - already underway

Volunteers are needed to clean each of the worship spaces.

If you can help in Angola, call Tom+ at 833-3412. If you can help in Fort Wayne, call Cyndi at 483-9278. Currently Stella and +Skip are taking care of Auburn, however if you can help let them know. Work is still ongoing on the Loft, volunteers should contact Doyle.

When a member of the community is ill or in need, please contact Cliff+ who will send out an email notification of whatever information is needed.

Project Hope is the current outreach activity of the Angola community. Joan+ is the contact person.

The Forth Wayne community is collecting food as their current outreach activity. Cliff+ is the contact.

The following have people assigned and are underway as well.

Parish Directory	John+ Maria+
Mission Statement	Vickie Tencia (+Skip will provide previous one(s))
Annual Goals	Ken
Business Cards (maps)	+Bob Maria+
Updating Website	+Skip Mark
Flyers	John+ Maria+
Visibility Outreach	+Bob Doyle Carolyn

Vickie is checking into whether Angel Food Ministry still needs sights, and what is involved. As the need arises Mark has volunteered to help with press releases and related items.

The following items were referred back to the leadership team and will be on the agenda for this month's meeting. Accessibility in Fort Wayne (long term difficulty) House of Prayer, Transportation to Auburn, Children, and a Community Garden.

## **Remember in your prayers**

*Those among us who are sick and in need of prayer. Remember also those who are unemployed or underemployed and those who are alone and lonely.*

*We ask your prayers especially for Isabelle, Ramona, Fr. Jim and Emma Spink, Vicki Groves, +Skip, the father of Dean Kelly, who passed over this Christmas season, Don Cramer, and all those who are ill or in need of prayer.*

*Pray especially for our country at this time of transition and difficulty. We face some difficult challenges ahead.*

## **Community of the Cross Leadership Committee Contact Info**

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*Fr. Robert Zahrt, 471-6573*

*Team members also include:*

*Scott Rutsey, Fr. James Spink, Stan Gephart*

## **Monday & Wednesday Schools Begin Again**

I've been told vacation is over and it's back to work for all those who are interested in continuing their religious education with some of the liveliest and best discussions this side of the globe. Meetings are Monday at Redwood Chapel, 2425 Redwood Avenue in Fort Wayne starting at 7:00 to 8:30 and Wednesdays at at Karen Ringler's home at 3420 Orland Rd. from 6:30 - 8 pm. I've not been told what the topic is for this next series but I know Skip has received several suggestions and always has his own. Join us Monday or Wednesday evening and enjoy learning more about God, the Church, and yourself.

## **Leadership Team Meeting Notes from December 13, 2008**

**Next meeting: 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday, January 10, 2009**

**We will begin with the Panikhida at 12:00 followed by the meeting**

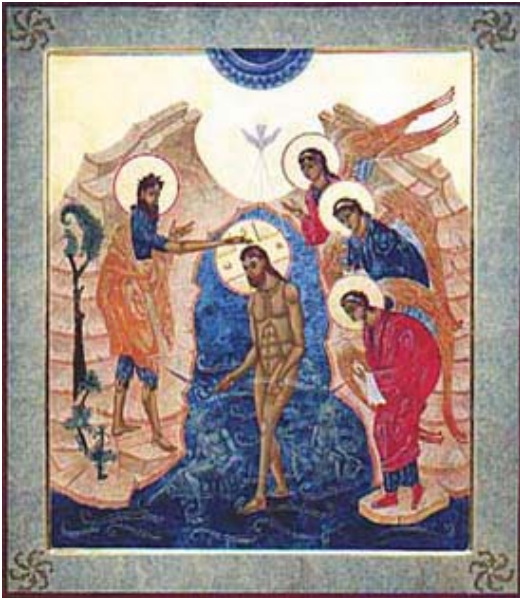
Present: John (Chair), Cliff, Cindi, Stella, Ken, Josh, Doyle, and Bob (Secretary)

Please remember the Norths, as Tom recently fell and broke two ribs.

1. The recommendation that Angel Network be explored as a possible ministry of the community was discussed. After a long conversation, it was decided that such a ministry would be left to the local parishes. It was noted that both communities (Angola and Fort Wayne) are engaged in collecting food or other efforts.
2. Discussed setting aside a portion of each week's offering and when it reaches a chosen amount, for example \$50.00, the amount would go to a chosen charity.
3. Parish Directory is under way. John and Maria are working on it. It will be formatted in a way compatible with Cliff's computer storage system and a copy forwarded to him when it is done.
4. Goals for the community were discussed briefly. The topic was postponed to the new year.
5. Outreach has not been acted upon yet. It will also be taken up in the new year.
6. The progress in the Loft. Stella reported that work is coming along in the bathroom area, and Doyle reported that it may be possible to put a shower in the building. Members encouraged that Doyle doublecheck the local building codes, and if it is possible to put it upstairs rather than down stairs. One goal is to reduce people passing through the chapel any more than necessary.

The dry wall needs to be muddled, sanded, and painted. The heat duct needs to be installed in such a way that it provides heat for the upstairs. A railing is needed for the stairway.

The bookshelves are coming along. Cliff brings parts of them to the Centre as he completes them. They will be primed and painted by Doyle. A slightly darker shade of gray paint was chosen for the shelves.



**Baptism of Christ by Iconographer Lu Bro**

*“And straightway coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens opened, and the Spirit like a dove descending upon him: and there came a voice from heaven, saying, ‘Thou art my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.’” (Mark 1:10-11)*

*In accordance with the Gospel, the segment of the circle in the upper portion of the icon symbolizes the heavens opened and the dove represents the Holy Spirit descending. In the symbolic language of iconography the Savior stands against the background of water, suggesting immersion of His entire body and foreshadowing His burial in the cave. With His right hand, Christ blesses the waters of the Jordan River and sanctifies them by His immersion. Through this blessing and sanctification, the waters come to symbolize spiritual birth and renewal.*

*St. John the Baptist, precursor of the Messiah, officiates at the baptism while the Archangels Michael, Gabriel and Raphael hold cloaks ready to cover the body of the Lord as He emerges from the waters.*

*Christ’s baptism revealed the truth of the Trinity, presenting the Father through the voice from heaven, the Son in the person of Christ and the Holy Spirit as the dove.*

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After a lengthy discussion, it was decided to paint the upper part of the Loft ceiling. To this end, disposable drop cloths will be purchased and ladders borrowed from Ken, to drape and protect the painted walls and carpeting. The existing walls will be used to support planks for painters, so only in the Library, Lounge, and stairwell areas will a scaffolding or ladder system be needed.

The question of workman was discussed at length as well. It was agreed that the volunteers used to build the space aren’t the best option. It was decided that we will hire out of work painters for this task. We will not recruit people or work release or court diversion. We learned a lesson last time, when workers in the house didn’t really want to be there, nor did they paint carefully. There was a mess left to clean up afterward.

Ken will loan us the necessary ladders, and when we are ready to start he will obtain the drop cloths needed. Doyle will see to obtaining sufficient primer (he is using two coats) and the correct color top coat. Bob will contact agencies which may have unemployed painters on their workload.

Financing of this project is undecided. But however it is financed, it won’t be initiated until the Loft is sufficient complete so that the space can be prepped by us, and painters won’t have to work a round half-ready projects.

7. The Panakita was celebrated in sung mode following the meeting. Especially remembered were Patriarch of Moscow and All Russia Alexy II, and American theologian Cardinal Dulles, SJ. John is considering moving the service to noon, with the Leadership Meeting to follow.

Respectfully submitted,  
Robert M. PETER Zahrt

**Leadership Team Meets the 10th of January at 12:00 with Panikhida.  
Meeting will follow.**

The Leadership Team will meet on Saturday January 10th at the chapel gathering space in Auburn at noon. Topics will include review of the recommendations of the parish synod and meeting held November 30 and progress to date.

We will start with the Panikhida at noon. This is a memorial service for the dead, which will be celebrated monthly at the Chapel of St. Mary Magdalen. Anyone wishing to have their family or friends remembered in our monthly prayers, please contact one of our clergy or leadership team. Eventually we will have a memorial book to write their names in for continued prayers of our community.

All are welcome at the Panikhida and at our leadership meeting.

## READINGS FOR SUNDAYS IN JANUARY

<a href="#">Epiphany of the Lord</a> January 6, 2009 Celebrated on January 4	Isaiah 60:1-6	Psalms 72:1-7, 10-14	Ephesians 3:1-12	Matthew 2:1-12
<a href="#">Baptism of the Lord</a> January 11, 2009	Genesis 1:1-5	Psalms 29	Acts 19:1-7	Mark 1:4-11
<a href="#">Second Sunday of Epiphany</a> January 18, 2009	I Samuel 3:1-10 (11-20)	Ps. 139:1-6, 13-18	I Corinthians 6:12-20	John 1:43-51
<a href="#">Third Sunday of Epiphany</a> January 25, 2009	Jonah 3:1-5, 10	Psalms 62:5-12	I Corinthians 7:29-31	Mark 1:14-20
<a href="#">Fourth Sunday of Epiphany</a> February 1, 2009	Deuteronomy 18:15-20	Psalms 111	I Corinthians 8:1-13	Mark 1:21-28

### Clergy Schedule

#### MONEY NEEDED NOW

**January is the time to pay our insurance for our property at Auburn. We are currently short and need donations very badly to meet our \$2000 bill. Please send money to +Skip if you are able to help with this necessary expense.**

January					
DATE	Ordo	Angola	Auburn	Redwood	Open Door
4/6	Epiphany	Joan	Skip	Bob	Maria
11	Baptism of Our Lord	John	Skip	Cliff	Maria
18	2nd Sun of Epiphany	Bob	Skip	John	Maria
25	3rd Sun of Epiphany	Joan	Skip	Cliff	Maria Bob
February					
1	4th Sun of Epiphany	John	Skip	Cliff Josh	Maria

#### FRUIT BAKED PORK CHOPS: A RECIPE FROM DEACON TOM'S KITCHEN

- 6 boneless pork chops
- 1 box chicken flavored stove dressing
- 1 cup or so of Chicken broth (could also use Turkey broth)
- 1 can Margaret Holmes O-Sage peaches 29 oz.
- 2 large apples, cored and sliced in 8ths
- Brandy

Season pork chops with seasoned salt and 6-pepper flakes. Brown in skillet with olive oil. Place in 9x13 baking dish sprayed with oil. Heat chicken broth and combine with dressing and mix until consistency is spreadable on top of pork chops.

Open can of peaches and place 6 top 8 peach halves on top of dressing. Place apple slices also on top of dressing. Combine 1/3 cup peach juice with about 2 tablespoons of brandy (to taste). Drizzle over fruit. Cover with foil and bake at 350 degrees for about 15 minutes, remove foil and bake 25 minutes longer.

Enjoy!