



First Sunday

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LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETS
ON JANUARY 14th,
THURSDAY, 7:00 pm
AT THE CENTRE

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

CHRISTMAS AT THE CENTRE

For perhaps the first time in the years we've had Crosswood, the place was decorated with greens and lights for the Holidays. Wreaths. A couple of artificial trees. Red poinsettias. White poinsettias. Roping. More roping. Lights and more lights. Somebody even replaced the burned out porch light (though we can't figure out why the porch lights in the ceiling of the chapel porch won't work).

We celebrated the Divine Liturgy on Christmas Eve, and again on December 27. After both, we gathered in the house to enjoy a fellowship which is real. Someone remarked that this group moves on its stomach, and that's ever so true. That island in the kitchen and the counters behind it were groaning with delectibles and rich cakes and more rich pies. Yummy.

On the 27th, the gathered folk shared memories of Fr Skip--some from many, many years ago, and some from the time around his death in March. We were often in tears. We discovered that some of us have kept published things like Skip's little homilies and fervorinos, and someone else rescued the picture albums with photographs. Another person offered to collect and put together a compilation of Skip's writings. Photos will be put on to a disk for people who want a visual reminder.

About halfway through the conversation on Sunday, the question was asked, "What can we do to keep Skip's Spirit alive in this house and community?" With all the cleaning and painting, she said, much of what reminds us of him had disappeared. It needs to be replaced. And the conversation took off again. The Fort Wayne community has begun a program called "Skip's Gifts," and it was agreed that the Centre could be a place to gather, organize, and distribute things that are



needed by people. We have the start of a food pantry; it can be expanded.

And it was said that we can meet monthly, on a Saturday afternoon, to celebrate liturgy and then enjoy fellowship. That fellowship might involve sorting donations, or it may be just enjoying each other's presence.

There was healing and restoration on December 27th, and the genesis of a new direction for the Community's ministry and a task and mission for the Centre!

+Bob

YOGA CLASSES RESUMES

After taking a break for the Holiday season, the Yoga Class will resume on Wednesday, January 6, at 9:30 AM. Same place--Redwood Chapel. If you are interested in coming and have questions about the class give Rose Schamberg, a call at 260-420-1798.

TUESDAY SCHOOL RESUMES

We took a short Christmas/New Years Break but we will be meeting again on Tuesday evening at 7:00 to 8:30 at Redwood Chapel starting January 5. We are reading together *The Shack* by William P. Young. This book brings up extremely relevant issues for modern Christians - issues having to do with death and dying, pain and suffering, evil and evil-doers, redemption, images of God and all kinds of distorted ideas that may hinder our entering into a loving relationship with God and with each other. Join us at Redwood for some interesting discussion.
John+

LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING

The Leadership Team will meet on Thursday, January 14 at 7:00 PM at the Centre. Agenda items include budget as well as the uses of the Centre main house. As always, bring reports from North and South Communities. We will also get a report on progress from "Skip's Gifts" and plans for future.

TIDBITS FROM FR. TOM

I pray that you all had a Christ filled Christmas and a blest New Years Day.

In late November or early December, I told our Vicar, Father John, that I was interested in doing a monthly article for the Bulletin. He told me He was always looking for inputs and we agreed I would start one. As you can see by the heading, it is called: Tidbits From

Father Tom. Hopefully the article will contain spiritual thoughts, short stories, jokes, trivia and whatever strikes my fancy. If you have any comments or critiques let me know. Sooooo! Here goes.

I have learned to be satisfied with the things I have and with everything that happens.

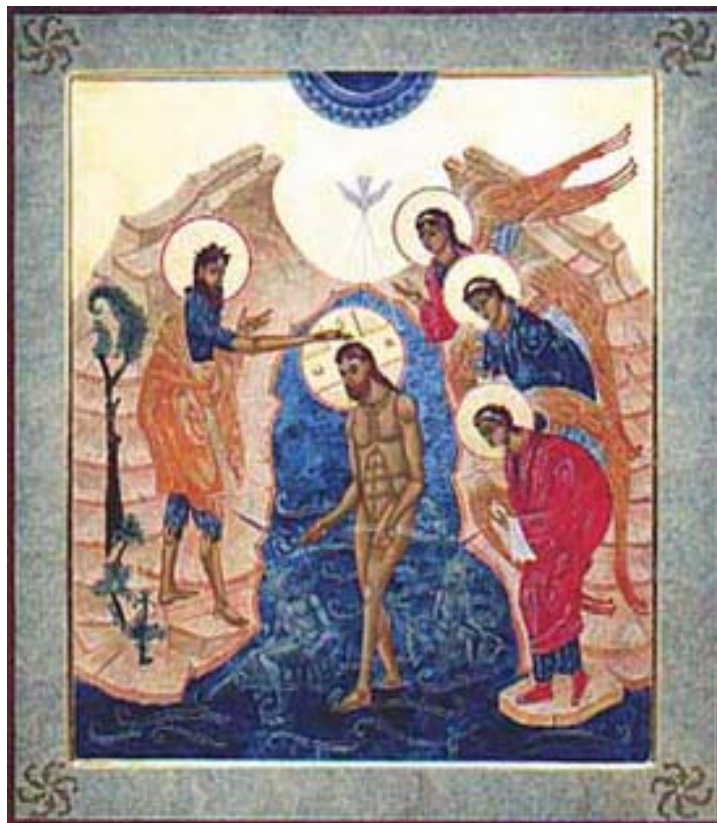
Philippians 4:11

Test this question: What if God's only gift to you were his grace to save you. Would you be content? You beg him to save the life of your child. You plead with him to keep your business afloat. You implore him to remove the cancer from your body. What if his answer is "My grace is enough." Would you be content? You see, from heaven's perspective, grace is enough. If God did nothing more than save us from hell, could anyone complain?

The way to make your children miserable is to satisfy all their desires!

The world is divided into good people and bad people and the good people decide which is which!

*God Bless,
Father Tom*



LU BRO'S ICON OF THE BAPTISM OF JESUS

"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.

Clergy Schedule January

Date	Angola	Auburn	Redwood
Jan 3	Tom	+Vince	John
Jan 10	+Vince	+Bob	Cliff
Jan 17	Joan	John	+Vince
Jan 24	John	+Bob	Cliff
Jan 31	Tom	+Vince	+Bob
Feb 7	+Bob	+Vince	John

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READINGS FOR SUNDAYS IN JANUARY

Second Sunday after Christmas Day January 3, 2010	Jeremiah 31:7-14 or Sirach 24:1-12	Psalm 147:12-20 or Wisdom of Solomon 10:15-21	Ephesians 1:3-14	John 1:(1-9), 10-18
*Epiphany of the Lord January 6, 2010	Isaiah 60:1-6	Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14	Ephesians 3:1-12	Matthew 2:1-12
*Baptism of the Lord January 10, 2010 First Sunday after the Epiphany	Isaiah 43:1-7	Psalm 29	Acts 8:14-17	Luke 3:15-17, 21-22
Second Sunday after the Epiphany January 17, 2010	Isaiah 62:1-5	Psalm 36:5-10	1 Corinthians 12:1-11	John 2:1-11
Third Sunday after the Epiphany January 24, 2010	Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10	Psalm 19	1 Corinthians 12:12-31a	Luke 4:14-21
Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany January 31, 2010	Jeremiah 1:4-10	Psalm 71:1-6	1 Corinthians 13:1-13	Luke 4:21-30
Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany February 7, 2010	Isaiah 6:1-8, (9-13)	Psalm 138	1 Corinthians 15:1-11	Luke 5:1-11

*The astute presider will notice that the Epiphany is actually on WEDNESDAY this year and the Sunday liturgy for January 10 calls for the Baptism of the Lord. This is a great time to celebrate Epiphany the way our Eastern brothers and sisters do, by combining the two feasts, as they are both epiphanies - manifestations of God's wonderful Incarnation. So, be creative in liturgical planning.

Remember in your prayers

We ask your prayers especially for Jan and Chuck Lake's son, Kristopher Gebert who has just been deployed to Baghdad and for his wife, Maricar, and their children, Kort, Kesten and Malia who wait for him to return home.

Remember also our brothers and sisters Ramona, Fr. Jim and Emma Spink, Al and Judy, Russell Riebe, Vicki Groves, Julie, Bro Richard and all those who are ill or in need of prayer. Pray for the leaders of our church, for Archbishop Bob and Bishop David as well as all our leaders. Remember those among us who are sick and in need of prayer. Remember also those who are unemployed or underemployed, for those who are alone and lonely, and for those who have no one to pray for them. Remember especially our benefactors, those who help us through their generous gifts of time, money and prayers.