



first Sunday JULY 2008 *Community of the Cross*

Liturgy Schedules

10:00 SUNDAY, Crosswood Centre, Chapel of Mary Magdalene, 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 Crosswood at our new location at 3472 North Wayne Street

Some Announcements from Fr. +Skip

THE DIXIE CHOPPER

Among our most loyal among a number of benefactors are Chuck and Jan Lake. Recently this generous couple donated a Dixie Chopper to Crosswood Centre--the gift was to the tune of \$7,000.00. We now have a machine that mows down the pastures in record time and is sturdy as an ox in the doing. Bless you!

THE NEW HEATING SOURCES

Our dear friends from Minnesota, Marilyn and Alan Youel, made pilgrimage here a few weeks ago and engaged me in a conversation about alternative fuels (given the price of propane and how much more we hope to use the chapel, upstairs and down). The result: Marilyn and Alan have blessed us with two new wood pellet/corn burning stoves. This gift was for \$6,000.00.

FR. AND AMANDA CANADA

Last week I received, unbidden, a check in the mail from Fr. Barney and Amanda for \$2,500.00. This check covers the most recent carpentry work and keeps us out of the financial hole as we try to finish up the chapel (paint and carpet) while hopefully leaving us with a bit to go into the fall.

IN WITH THE NEW/DOWN WITH THE OLD

Gail and Dean Kelly are once again helping us at the Centre. Never mind everything they've done to help out the North Community in Angola.... Last summer Gail strongly suggested we build a new garage off the animal barn and then pull down the present garage which sits just west of the chapel. This will make a huge difference in the looks of the place. I am hopeful that we can do this within the next month. It looks like the Kelly's will have invested another chunk of change (+/- \$10,000.00) in the process. Meanwhile, Gail has planted flowers and bushes in the front of the house--and we couldn't buy such care. Bless you!

STELLA'S DAUGHTER AND SON-IN-LAW

And bless them too! A lot of the work being done at the Centre is with the kindness of the Russells. Painting the fence has been a tedious task. And there have been dozens of other jobs they've done.

MARK AND JAMIE

I have asked Mark Coonan to move in with us at Crosswood. Jamie is here now more than a year. Both men are helpful as they can be given their own schedules. It takes a lot of pressure off me, believe me.

THE CHAPEL UPSTAIRS

Hopefully we will finish the work there within a few weeks. The closer we get to finishing it, the harder it seems to get done. The outside help we've hoped would come along just never seems to appear, or only appears briefly. This has left Al Patterson and his small crew a bit frustrated. In any case, we need to finish that work soon.

THE VIEW FROM THE STEERING WHEEL

In the past six weeks my mother and I have traveled from Chicago to Cincinnati, to New York City and, finally this past week, to mid-state Maine. The trips leave Mom exhausted but happy as a clam. She is and has always been the family wanderer. She loves to go to new places and see new things, new people, new everything. I figure we've traveled nearly 5,000 miles together. All of this has been on national church business of one kind or an-

other. After many years of being land-locked by family circumstances, it's been interesting to hit the road. I am grateful for all the folks with whom we have visited and grateful that we've made it safely home. Grateful too for Dick and Stella, Mark, Jamie, Gary, Cindy and Greg for watching things and taking care in our absence.

FINANCES TO DATE

I don't know how the finances are in Community South and Community North, but I can tell you that as of this date there is \$5,400.00 in the Community of the Cross Centre Account. I will be making a large purchase of wood pellets while summer prices are in effect, which should take us down to \$4,000.00, which will have to cover paint, carpet et al. for the chapel and leave us with some change. Please, anyone who is willing to help us is much appreciated.

SPEAKING OF "A BIT"

It appears that we have to spend money to save money around here! That's not a new concept, but I need to remind everyone that Crosswood Centre doesn't run on financial air. A close friend has promised to set us up so that the monthly expenses at the Centre--about \$1,600.00--will be completely covered, leaving the donations and monthly gifts from residents to go into a contingency fund for emergencies and such. This will be, therefore, a tremendous relief to this writer. I am about worn out with trying to balance income and outgo around here.

+Skip

Monday and Wednesday School Continues

We are continuing our video series on the history of the Church from Apostolic Times to the Reformation. We've got a long way to go to the Reformation but the material is very interesting and informative. You won't ever read the scriptures again in the same way.

We had a little break the past couple of weeks in Fort Wayne but our discussion 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 Orland Rd. from 6:30 - 8 pm.

JOIN US and BRING A FRIEND! This will truly be looking at the Church from many different angles.

COMMUNITY MEETING August 16, Auburn

At the last Leadership Team Meeting, the question of Church growth came up and +Skip asked the question, "What do we have to offer people that the RC or Protestant churches cannot? The dialogue led to agreement that a membership meeting of all Community of the Cross members be held in the summer (possibly July 12 or August 16) to address the issue among the entire membership; that a facilitator will be sought to help with that process so that we don't simply repeat previous discussions and make no forward motion.

Meeting will be August 16, Saturday and exact times will be given in the next bulletin (August's). Please save that date and plan to join us.

Leadership Team

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

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God is a mystery, unable to be
grasped.
Otherwise, God would not be God.

Evagrius of Pontus (4th Century)

Presbyter Joan & Deacon Tom were in the NEWS

News Sentinel, that is. "Thomas C. and Joan D. North of Angola celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. They were married June 14, 1958, at St. Patrick's Catholic Church. Their children are Mary A. Stone of Pleasant Lake, Thomas C. North Jr., Lisa M. Kurtz and Joseph D. North, all of Fort Wayne, and Cynthia A. Paris of Huntington. They have 11 grandchildren. Thomas North is retired from North American Philips. Joan North is retired from Hughes. They met at Central Catholic High School."

They had a lovely picture in the Neighbors Section of the News Sentinel on June 25, 2008. I tried my best to copy the lovely picture that was in the paper but it just wouldn't copy well. Even on the internet, the picture was too small to use.

We all know there's a lot more to this story. Be sure to wish them a Happy Anniversary, even if it is late.

Editor on the Move

Just temporarily. I'll be leaving tomorrow, July 4th, for Ireland to teach for a few days at the Adlerian Network of Ireland Conference. Then I'll be off to Gyor, Hungary to work at the International Congress of Adlerian Summer Schools and Institutes. These international institutes are a chance to meet with folks from 20+ different countries and discuss the applications of modern psychology to is-

sues of concern around the world. My course is one on Adlerian Spirituality, applying some of Adler's concepts to the area of spirituality and applying spirituality to psychology as well. The fun part is that people are coming from all different world views and backgrounds, religious, nonreligious, atheist and believer. It has been a very enriching journey in the past. Pray that it may be this year as well. John+

READINGS FOR JULY

Date	Com of Cross Angola	Magdaline Chapel Auburn	Redwood Chapel Ft. Wayne	Open Door Chapel Ft. Wayne	Readings
Proper 9 (14) July 6, 2008	+Skip	Bob+	Cliff+	Maria+	Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67 or Zechariah 9:9-12 Psalm 45:10-17 or Song of Solomon 2:8-13 or Psalm 145:8-14 Romans 7:15-25a Matthew 11:16-30
Proper 10 (15) July 13, 2008	+Skip	+Vince	Cliff+	Maria+	Genesis 25:19-34 or Isaiah 55:10-13 Psalm 119:105-112 or Psalm 65:(1-8), 9-13 Romans 8:1-11 Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23
Proper 11 (16) July 20, 2008	Bob+	Maria+	+Skip	Maria+	Genesis 28:10-19a or Isaiah 44:6-8 Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24 or Wisdom of Solomon 12:13, 16-19 or Psalm 86:11-17 Romans 8:12-25 Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43
Proper 12 (17) July 27, 2008	Joan+	+Vince	Cliff+	Maria+ Cliff+	Genesis 29:15-28 or I Kings 3:5-12 Psalm 105:1-11, 45b or Psalm 128 or Psalm 119:129-136 Romans 8:26-39 Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52
Proper 13 (18) August 3, 2008	Joan+	+Bob	Cliff+	Maria+	Genesis 32:22-31 or Isaiah 55:1-5 Psalm 17:1-7, 15 or Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21 Romans 9:1-5 Matthew 14:13-21