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Sunday July 5, Liturgy Only at Crosswood

Deacon Tom North will be ordained to the Presbyterate on July 5. This is a time for our community to celebrate his ordination together.

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

DEACON TOM NORTH TO BE ORDAINED SUNDAY, JULY 5

After prayerful reflection Deacon Tom North has decided to accept the call to the presbyterate and will be ordained a presbyter (priest) in the Orthodox Catholic Church of America. Tom has served the Community of the Cross as Deacon since June 3, 2001. The ordination ceremony will be held on July 5th as part of the Liturgy at Crosswood Centre in the Chapel of St. Mary Magdalen with Archbishop +Bob presiding along with Bishops David Katajarvi and Vince Cuestas. There will be no liturgies in Fort Wayne or Angola that Sunday so that all the clergy and the entire Community of the Cross can attend and celebrate with Fr. Tom and his family.

Liturgy and ordination will be followed by a reception in the gathering room. This will be a good time for everyone also to see some of the changes that are happening at Crosswood. Please plan on attending. Rides can be arranged for anyone who needs them. Please let your pastor know you need a ride as we are glad to help.
Fr. John

LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING UPDATE

The Leadership Team has been meeting every other week with two meetings in June. Progress is being made on the cleaning and painting in the house although this is still in process and certainly not yet completed. Due to using wood heat during the winter, there is quite a bit of cleaning of the walls to be done before the kitchen and reception area can be painted so Bill and +Bob started that process. Bill explained to me that removal of the vinyl wall paper trim in the dining room and reception area is taking a little more time and a lot more effort than originally thought but it is happening. There was some confusion about the work day that was scheduled originally for June 20 so it appears +Bob and Bill were the only ones that showed up. Needless to say we will have another work day scheduled and it will be July 11, a Saturday. We can start in the morning and will take a break at lunch for leadership team to meet for 1.5 hours at the max and then return to work.

Joan and Tom North are taking care of Isabelle's estate and her room will be cleared out eventually and become a living room and reading room area that can also be used for meetings. We will have no one living on the first floor of the house so that it can be more open to guests for retreats and other activities. +Bob is still in process of cleaning out +Skip's room and organizing the books that were there. His office is painted and he has moved in. Mother Maria, who will be serving as +Bob's assistant for OCCA will be using the room off the gathering space in the chapel for an office several days during the week. It will still be open for use when she is not there.

Our llamas have been relocated to a llama farm where they will be well cared for by people who know how to take care of llamas. This doesn't mean we won't have some animals in the future, but for now they are in a place where they will be taken care of properly. Some of the house cats are also being relocated gradually. Cyndi has taken Anastasia and Muffin to the SPCA for adoption and we are looking for a home for Angel.
Fr. John - from minutes by Mother Maria.

WE'VE GOT SOME WORK TO DO

Since the end of March, many of us have been struggling with the Crosswood Centre in Auburn. We've asked questions and had endless discussions. Several of us think that we need to make an effort to enable Crosswood Centre to become what Fr Skip dreamed for it--a place of hospitality, gathering, renewal, prayer. Others feel that it is too much for our small communities to manage. And still others don't have any feelings about the place.

The prevailing assertion is true that in order to make it a going operation along the lines of Skip's vision--that is, a working retreat and conference center--we have to clean it up, paint the interiors, finish the Loft library and bathroom. Some very good news. In three months, much has been done. Several of the animals have been relocated. Unneeded furniture has been removed. Paint has been bought for the rooms on the main floor, and prep work has begun. Fr Skip's clothing has been given away to organizations that can use it. The OCCA church work space and records have been relocated to a smaller room on the lower level (I call it the Patio Level) so that Skip's large room (which was office, living room and bedroom) can be painted and turned into a dorm for overnight guests. Fr. Cliff has built bookcases for the library. Al continues to work on the chapel upstairs.

At the same time, much remains. We still have furniture which needs to be either discarded or stored for reuse in the Centre after clean-up and painting. The Lower Level has been neglected and needs cleaning and some construction work. Skip's library needs to be tended to and moved, as does the Library in the Loft. The painting of the main floor is yet to commence. Outside, things need to be moved or relocated which have tended to be set down and left outdoors.

As this is typed, it seems that there's less on the "to do" list than on the "done" list; perhaps it seems like more because some jobs--like painting the main floor--is a big job. Clearly, though, we are not at the alpha point; we are in the middle somewhere. We ARE making progress.

I hope that we can honor Fr Skip's memory by pouring energy as he did into the Centre, and now giving the framework he erected the finishing it needs.

When at the Centre for Fr Tom's priestly ordination on July 5, take some time before or after the ceremony to wander through the

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Remember in your prayers

We ask your prayers especially for Ramona, Fr. Jim and Emma Spink, Vicki Groves, Don Cramer, Julie, and all those who are ill or in need of prayer.

Pray for the leadership team as they try to continue the ministry at Crosswood Centre.

Pray for the Fr. +Bob as he begins his ministry as Archbishop and Metropolitan of the Orthodox-Catholic Church of America. May the Spirit give him wisdom and courage that he may serve with love and compassion.

Remember 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.

Continue to pray for the Open Door Community who are looking for a new home at this time. May they find a place for worship that is centrally located and accessible.

Loft and the House, visit the Barn, and notice the demoltion (now almost done) on the garage. Get a sense of where we are with this task, and speak to one of the leadership team about how you might lend your talents to the rehabilitation project.

Feel free also to visit the Centre anytime just to revitalize yourself - not to work, perhaps to pray, think, walk, study. That's why its there.

+Bob

WORK DAY - 7/11 - YOU REMEMBER THOSE

Saturday July 11 (mark it on your calendar now) will be one of those work days. We have things to do such as painting, window washing, tidying up things around both the chapel and the house. Bring a paint brush with you if you have one available and perhaps some cleaning rags. We will have some jobs ready to be undertaken when you arrive. Please join us and try to be there by 9:00 if you can and we'll try to get some tasks completed. Leadership Team will need to meet at noon, over lunch, but time will be limited to 1.5 hours at most. Then we can finish up in the afternoon.

Clergy Schedule July

Date	Angola	Auburn	Redwood	Open Door
July 5		+Bob		Maria John
July 12	Tom	+Vince	Cliff	Maria
July 19	Joan	+Vince	+Bob	Maria
July 26	+Bob	+Vince	Cliff	Maria
August 2	Tom	+Bob	Cliff	Maria

READINGS FOR SUNDAYS IN JULY

Proper 9 (14) July 5, 2009 <i>PRAYER</i>	<u>2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10</u> or <u>Ezekiel 2:1-5</u>	<u>Psalm 48</u> or <u>Psalm 123</u>	<u>2 Corinthians 12:2-10</u>	<u>Mark 6:1-13</u>
Proper 10 (15) July 12, 2009 <i>PRAYER</i>	<u>2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19</u> or <u>Amos 7:7-15</u>	<u>Psalm 24</u> or <u>Psalm 85:8-13</u>	<u>Ephesians 1:3-14</u>	<u>Mark 6:14-29</u>
Proper 11 (16) July 19, 2009 <i>PRAYER</i>	<u>2 Samuel 7:1-14a</u> or <u>Jeremiah 23:1-6</u>	<u>Psalm 89:20-37</u> or <u>Psalm 23</u>	<u>Ephesians 2:11-22</u>	<u>Mark 6:30-34, 53-56</u>
Proper 12 (17) July 26, 2009 <i>PRAYER</i>	<u>2 Samuel 11:1-15</u> or <u>2 Kings 4:42-44</u>	<u>Psalm 14</u> or <u>Psalm 145:10-18</u>	<u>Ephesians 3:14-21</u>	<u>John 6:1-21</u>
Proper 13 (18) August 2, 2009 <i>PRAYER</i>	<u>2 Samuel 11:26 - 12:13a</u> or <u>Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15</u>	<u>Psalm 51:1-12</u> or <u>Psalm 78:23-29</u>	<u>Ephesians 4:1-16</u>	<u>John 6:24-35</u>

ICON OF MARY MAGDALEN

Mary Magdalen is the patroness of our chapel. Her feast is celebrated on July 22.

This Icon was painted by Lu Bro and is a different image of Mary Magdalen than the one we have in our chapel. Here is a portion of his Narrative on this icon:

The first we know of Mary of Magdala is that she was healed by Jesus. It is said that He expelled seven demons from her. Mary then became a follower of Christ and ministered to Him. She was believed to be as close to Jesus as were the disciples. Later, she was one of the women who stayed with Jesus at the foot of the cross after the disciples had fled. Most notably, it was to her that Christ first appeared after His resurrection and instructed her to inform His disciples. Mary was reportedly a woman of means and met with Caesar after Jesus' death and resurrection.

In this icon she holds a red egg in her hand. After the resurrection, Caesar doubted that it was possible for Jesus to have risen from the dead and likened it to an egg turning red. Mary then picked up an egg which quickly turned red. This is why still today many Orthodox Christians use red for easter eggs.

