



# *first Sunday* JUNE 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

### June 14th Retreat Community of the Cross

Let's come together for reflection  
Stepping apart from our business  
To share with each other:

What Prayer is  
What Prayer means for us  
What Prayer is in our Spiritual Journey

### Some Major Feasts for June

June is a month full of major feast days. On the 3rd of June, we celebrate the death of Charles Lwanga and 22 Ugandan martyrs, killed in 1886. June 9th is the feast of St. Ephrem, the only Syrian to be called a Doctor of the Church. Ephrem was a poet, musician, and orator. Ordained a deacon, he declined ordination to the presbyterate and feigned madness to avoid being made a bishop (certainly a wise man!). On June 11th, we have the feast of St. Barnabas, a companion of Paul and a very important person in the history of the church at Antioch. On the 22nd of June we celebrate the martyrdom of Sir. Thomas Moore, diplomat, Chancellor of England and counselor to the king. Perhaps a good time to rent "A Man for All Seasons" for a quiet reflection on the role of Christians in politics. Then, on June 24th, we celebrate the feast of the Birth of John the Baptist. At the end of June, on the 29th, we celebrate the feast of Sts. Peter and Paul.

### June 14th Retreat with Fr. Ron

As you read last month in the bulletin, we will have our spring retreat with Fr. Ron the last weekend before the Summer Solstice, that would be Saturday, June 14th. We'll begin at 9:00 AM and have a pot luck lunch at noon. The whole community is invited along with friends or family and certainly strangers. We will then continue in the afternoon until around 5:00. The retreat will officially end around that time. There will be a group of us going out for dinner, probably somewhere in town and all are welcome to join us if you are able. We will end the day with evening prayer in the chapel after dinner is over.

Fr. Ron sent the following Retreat Reflection Questions:

1. List 5 things you like to do in life.
2. What has been your best experience of God.
3. What has been your worst experience of God.
4. Identify the significant people in your life who shaped your view of prayer.
5. What is your view of prayer?
6. Where do you place prayer in your spiritual journey?
7. What has been for you a peak moment in prayer?
8. What failures have you experienced in prayer?
9. How do you pray?

Please join us, bring a friend and spend a meaningful spring day together.

**P.S.**

**Also please bring a dish for the pot luck at noon if you are able.**

### Fr. Cliff's Granddaughter Arrives!

Fr. Cliff is a grandpa! Be sure to congratulate Cliff+ when you see him. His granddaughter was born this week. Her name is Claire Laine McKay. But don't forget, another one is also on the way for Fr. Cliff. Let's hope he has the cradle's finished!

# Leadership Team

Present: Skip Carsten, Joan North, Josh Long, Bob Zahrt, Tom North, Cliff Polubinsky.

Retreat planning. Fr Ron cannot be with us on Friday evening, so the evening prayer and meal for clergy and leadership won't happen. On Saturday, the 9:00-5:00 schedule was affirmed, but it is recommended that the pot luck be a lunch, rather than a dinner.

Financial. \$2400 is in the community checking account, Skip reported. He expects a large gift from benefactors in Minnesota to arrive soon.

Skip reported that Don Schenkle and Jerry Jenry Jr. are putting together an effort which will guarantee a steady monthly income to Crosswood Centre to pay for its regular costs.

Stoves for house, chapel. Benefactors have bought two new stoves for Crosswood Center. One for the residence, the other for the chapel building. They will burn corn or wood pellets, and will save money on propane. The cost of corn is estimated to be \$2300/year and of wood pellets \$12-1400 a year. Skip may plant corn in the back acres to provide a fuel source.

Equipment. Skip reported that a donation of a barely used tractor will occur. The gift has a value of approximately \$14,000. The tractor now in use in Auburn will probably be taken to Angola for cutting the acreage there.

Building and grounds projects. Jim Armspaugh will resume working at Crosswood. He will erect a shed to be attached to the present barn. It will be erected on the east side of the barn, and be open to the parking lot. It will house vehicles and such that don't require more shelter. Once completed the garage will be demolished. The oil pit will be partially filled and turned into a fire pit/BBQ.

A load of gravel will be laid down in the driveways of both Auburn and Angola.

The fences have been scraped over the past few weeks and will be painted in the near future.

In Angola, improvement tasks seen for the property include removing the barn (possibly selling it and having it moved), increase the parking space for church, landscaping with trees, shrubs and flowers, and on the inside, doing something with the windows in the chapel.

In the Loft, the ceiling and east end wall have been covered with OSB sheets; work has begun on the west wall. Skip wants an estimate on what work needs to be done with electrical system, so that he can move on painting and carpeting the space. The lengthy time it has taken to progress on that project was discussed.

Church growth. 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.

Internet domain. Cliff has renewed the domain name for Crosswood. He is changing the primary ownership from Skip to Cliff with Barb as backup.

People. Jim Spink has offered to preside at the liturgy in Angola on June 1; Al Patterson has offered to homilize.

There are two new people living at the Centre. Jack Surguy is a doctoral student working with John Newbauer who will live there a few months; Mark Coonan will be living there for a few months; he is a friend of Skip's.

Skip will be away on OCCA business Memorial Day weekend through June 2; and June 26-30, and August 19 to September 1.

The Norths will be away July 4 weekend through the next weekend.

Finally, Skip expressed his gratitude for all the members of the Community of the Cross who provided support and friendship to him and his mother during Earls last days and during the funeral.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bob Zahrt

**NEXT LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING IS July 19th at 12:00. Please plan to attend if you are on the leadership team. If you are not on the leadership team and want to join us, please do.**

## 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.

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

*Evagrius of Pontus (4th Century)*

## Leadership Team

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## READINGS FOR JUNE

Date	Com of Cross Angola	Magdaline Chapel Auburn	Redwood Chapel Ft. Wayne	Open Door Chapel Ft. Wayne	Readings
<b>Proper 4 (9) June 1, 2008</b>	Jim+ Al	John+	Cliff+	Roland Maria+	Genesis 6:9-22; 7:24; 8:14-19 or Deuteronomy 11:18-21, 26-28 Psalm 46 or Psalm 31:1-5, 19-24 Romans 1:16-17; 3:22b-31) Matthew 7:21-29
<b>Proper 5 (10) June 8, 2008</b>	John+	+Vince	Cliff+	Maria+ Bob+	Genesis 12:1-9 or Hosea 5:15-6:6 Psalm 33:1-12 or Psalm 50:7-15 Romans 4:13-25 Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26
<b>Proper 6 (11) June 15, 2008</b>	John+	Bob+	+Skip	TBD	Genesis 18:1-15 or Exodus 19:2-8a Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19 or Psalm 100 Romans 5:1-8 Matthew 9:35-10:8, (9-23)
<b>Proper 7 (12) June 22, 2008</b>	Bob+	+Vincent	Cliff+	TBD	Genesis 21:8-21 or Jeremiah 20:7-13 Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17 or Psalm 69:7-10, (11-15), 16-18 Romans 6:1b-11 Matthew 10:24-39
<b>Proper 8 (13) June 29, 2008</b>	Joan+	+Skip	Bob+	Ruth	Genesis 22:1-14 or Jeremiah 28:5-9 Psalm 13 or Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18 Romans 6:12-23 Matthew 10:40-42
<b>Proper 9 (14) July 6, 2008</b>	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	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