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Sunday July 5, Liturgy Only at Crosswood

Our very own 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

UPDATE ON SOME CHANGES

In this bulletin you'll find several updates on things that are changing at Crosswood. Nothing drastic at this point but we are trying to clear the way for use of Crosswood Centre as a wellness retreat and conference center. In order to do that, the Leadership Team is working on "committees" in order to get some work accomplished over the next couple of months. We are busy and want you all to know that. There are also some things that we could use some help with and we will let you know about those things also in the near future (and also in this bulletin). So, if you have a chance and can lend a helping hand, please check out some of the ways that you could help us. And, just a short "Thank You" to those who have already done so much for us. We remember you always in prayer.
John+ Newbauer



BISHOP ZAHRT ELECTED METROPOLITAN

The Orthodox Catholic Church of America's synod of bishops elected Fr. +Bob Zahrt as the Metropolitan Archbishop to follow Fr. +Skip in this position. As Metropolitan Archbishop, Fr. +Bob will be the chair of the synods of bishops and clergy and the arbiter of questions and problems within our jurisdiction. The Metropolitan Archbishop is the Church's chief executive officer and president, who acts to build consensus as the chair of the Synod of Bishops. Fr. +Bob follows a line of Archbishops dating back to 1892 when Timotheus Vilatte was consecrated Archbishop and

Metropolitan of the Archdiocese of America with the approval of Ignatius Peter III, Patriarch of the Ancient Syrian Orthodox Church of Antioch and the East. Following Archbishop Timotheus were Archbishops Sherwood, Hyde and Lankenau. Fr. +Skip became Archbishop and Metropolitan in 2000. Fr. +Bob will be installed as Archbishop and Metropolitan later this summer. This will be another big event at Crosswood for OCCA. As when +Skip was Archbishop and Metropolitan, Crosswood will remain the official Chancery of OCCA.

ON THE PATIO LEVEL

Fr. +Bob Zahrt
You never heard it called that, did you? How many of us have ever seen it? Yet it is there--the downstairs, the basement, the lower level. None of those has any charm, so while sorting through Fr Skip's clothing, I started referring to the space as the Patio Level. There is, you know, a patio out there. Currently it is inhabited by a llama, but patio nevertheless. There was also once a porch swing. It must be around, somewhere.

Over the past few weeks, we have gone through Fr Skip's clothing, and bundled them up for distribution to people who serve the needy in Angola and Fort Wayne. Everything from socks to caps and all in between. Even ties! Did anyone ever see Skip wearing a tie--a clip-on tie? Hmmm.

Recently, Skip's files for the Orthodox Catholic Church have been moved into another room, and a small office set up there for handling church business since the Chancery will be remaining at Crosswood.

Last week, Tensha and Cindy, joined by Mother Maria, cleaned and reorganized the kitchen cabinets. We're now at a point where we can use some volunteers for the following tasks.

1. The ladies don't climb ladders, so we need someone or some two who does climb ladders to clean and reorganize the tops of the kitchen cabinets. There are things which will go into storage, and probably 4 years worth of dust up there.
2. Are you good at painting? We'll provide the paint and supplies if you supply the human power to paint the living room. This is a good task for a team of people or a couple who love to decorate.
3. The same for the kitchen and entryway. We need to paint walls which haven't been painted since we moved into the building.
4. We need some volunteers to help move furniture, put up bookshelves and general cleaning.
5. Then, we need folks to paint what used to be +Skip's bedroom, the closet and hallway outside the room, and the bathroom.

All supplies will be provided. You contribute your time and talent. None of this needs to be done the same time--but we should be done within the next couple of months! So that we have some degree of organization and can keep track of what is being done, please contact Mother Maria at 260-385-3707 to see what still needs to be done and set up a time to do it.

Community of the Cross

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Remember in your prayers

We ask your prayers especially for Isabelle, 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.

THOUGHTS FOR REFLECTION:

"Abba Poimen said, 'If three people meet and one of them is keeping inner peace, the second is giving thanks to God in sickness, and the third is serving others from an unselfish motive, those three are performing the same work.'"

Sayings of the Desert Fathers, Poimen, 19

"Our struggle is to live the Trinitarian life: nurturing diversity and strengthening unity."

Fr. +Skip, "Monday School Discussion"

Deacon Tom North to be Ordained Priest

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. 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 pot luck brunch so fix something to share with everyone. This will be a good time for everyone also to see some of the changes that have happened at Crosswood in the past several months. 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 Update

The Leadership Team has been meeting every other week because of the need for communication in this time of transition. Rather than publish the minutes as they were written and submitted, I thought I would try to summarize our work.

The Leadership Team has divided into committees with each having a task. Mother Maria is our secretary and Emma Spink has taken on the responsibility of being our treasurer. There is much to do in terms of learning the bookkeeping system that +Skip used and translating it into a workable budget plan. Emma is also working with Ken Erlenbaugh to get the vehicles licensed, insurance paid, and other "nitty-gritty" details of operation in order. Mother Joan+ and Fr. Tom+ North are coordinating with Stella and Mark on the care of Isabelle. She requires quite a bit of care and her health has fluctuated repeatedly.

We are working hard toward the goal of opening as a wellness retreat and small conference center. In order to do that we made a decision that we need to re-arrange the main house as well as finish off the upstairs in the chapel - a process that has gone on for eternity it seems. Al Patterson will continue to work on finishing the upstairs including the bathroom as well as other fix-it-up type projects.

Maria, Cyndi and Tensha have been working on cleaning up the kitchen and organizing it so that everything has a

Please continue to pray for the Holy Spirit to guide us in this time of transition. Remember that the Fr. Tom's ordination as a priest will be celebrated on July 5 with Divine Liturgy and Pot Luck Dinner at Crosswood. All are welcome! Please join us.

place (and I believe Tensha has even labeled where some of those places might be). In addition, +Bob is working on rearranging the "patio level" (see the story on page 1 - I don't think too many jurisdictions have an archbishop who cleans). In addition, Maria and +Bob have been rearranging the furniture on the first floor with some input from a design person at Loews (no cost to us). The dining room, which was our entrance from the porch, is being turned into a reception area and the table along with a couple of other tables have been moved into the living room, making it a large dining room. Fr. Craig Dunn will be coming soon for his grand piano and that will give us a very nice place for sitting down to dinner together.

Another decision that was made was to relocate the cats in the house due to the fact that so many people are allergic to cats. We have several people including Cyndi and Joan looking for homes. If anyone is interested in adopting Angel, Anastasia or Muffin, call either Cyndi 483-9278 or Joan at 833-3412. In addition to the cats, we have decided to relocate the llamas as well. We believe we have found two good homes for them and are working out the details over the next couple of weeks.

Bill, one of the guest residents at Crosswood, has been working at tearing down the old garage so that this area can be used as a patio area, complete with a fire pit and perhaps some other features yet to be determined. Bill has also been working consistently with Mark Coonan to maintain the outside grounds. They have been mowing and doing their best to keep things looking neat.

We also have quite a bit of work to do that is more foundational in nature and that has to do with our Articles of Incorporation and ByLaws which are sorely out of date. John, Cliff, Maria and Ken are working on these slowly but steadily and will have them ready for approval at the Annual Meeting in November.

All in all, we have been busy and there is still lots to do. As was mentioned in the "On the Patio Level" article by Fr. Bob, we have some specific tasks that could use some volunteers almost any day of the week. Just to coordinate things, it would be good to call Maria and let her know you are able to give some time to some tasks at the center. She can let you know what has been done and what remains to be finished. If you are more of the builder-construction type person, give Al Patterson a call when he gets back next week and he can let you know how you can help on some other projects. Thanks for continued support.
Fr. John Newbauer

READINGS FOR SUNDAYS IN JUNE

<u>Trinity Sunday</u> June 7, 2009	<i>Isaiah 6:1-8</i>	<i>Psalms 29</i>	<i>Romans 8:12-17</i>	<i>John 3:1-17</i>
<u>Proper 6 (11)</u> June 14, 2009	<i>I Samuel 15:34-16:13 or</i> <i>Ezekiel 17:22-24</i>	<i>Psalms 20 or</i> <i>Psalms 92:1-4, 12-15</i>	<i>II Cor 5:6-10; 14-17 or</i> <i>II Cor 5:6-17</i>	<i>Mark 4:26-34</i>
<u>Proper 7 (12)</u> June 21, 2009	<i>I Sam 17:(1a, 4-11,19-23),32-49</i> <i>or</i> <i>Job 38:1-11</i>	<i>Psalms 9:9-20</i> <i>(opt. with I Sam 17:57-18:5, 10-16)</i> <i>or</i> <i>Ps.107:1-3, 23-32</i>	<i>II Corinthians 6:1-13</i>	<i>Mark 4:35-41</i>
<u>Proper 8 (13)</u> June 28, 2009	<i>II Samuel 1:1, 17-27</i> <i>or</i> <i>Wis. of Sol. 1:13-15, 2:23-24</i>	<i>Psalms 130 or</i> <i>Psalms 30 (opt. with Lamentations 3:23-33)</i>	<i>II Corinthians 8:7-15</i>	<i>Mark 5:21-43</i>
<u>Proper 9 (14)</u> July 5, 2009	<i>II Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10 or</i> <i>Ezekiel 2:1-5</i>	<i>Psalms 48 or</i> <i>Psalms 123</i>	<i>II Corinthians 12:2-10</i>	<i>Mark 6:1-13</i>

Clergy Schedule June

Date	Angola	Auburn	Redwood	Open Door
June 7	John	+Vince	+Bob	Maria
June 14	Joan	+Vince	Cliff	Maria
June 21	+Bob	+Vince	Cliff	Maria
June 28	Joan	+Vince	Cliff	Maria
July 5		Pentecost +Bob		Maria

Open Door Chapel Invitation

Open Door Chapel would like to invite the members and clergy of the Community of the Cross to our Annual Pride Picnic. The picnic is held at the pavilion in Rockhill Park at 12 Noon on June 28, 2009. We provide the hot dogs and cold drinks and ask that each household bring a dish to share with others.

For those of you from out of town, Rockhill Park is located just south of West Jefferson Street between Catalpa and Freeman Streets. There is a viaduct on Jefferson Street after you pass Main Street and Catalpa is the first street after the viaduct.