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NOTE: Pentecost Day is May 31
and we will meet as a full community at Auburn that morning for Liturgy and Pot Luck. There will be no Liturgy in Angola or Fort Wayne that Sunday.

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

SINCERE THANKS AND APPRECIATION

Meister Eckhart, the 12th century Mystic of the Rhine once said, "If the only prayer you ever say is "thank you," it is enough." Somehow, it doesn't seem to be enough sometimes. Especially at this time of mourning and regathering. Nevertheless, a big heartfelt "Thank You" goes out to all of our benefactors and friends who donated so generously in helping in so many ways over the past month. We had wonderful people who helped us with the funeral, with the dinner after the funeral, with monetary donations, with time spent at Auburn helping with various tasks that needed to be done. In addition, we have had offers of help from many people who knew of our need and came to us out of the kindness of their hearts. Some of these people we haven't been able to get involved yet but we know they will be willing to help in the future.

John+ Newbauer

UPDATE FROM LEADERSHIP MEETING ON APRIL 28

The leadership team met with the trustees of +Skip's estate, Jan and Chuck Lake and Dave and Mary Pat Nichols. The trustees explained their role which was to settle +Skip's personal debts and get his affairs in order. They explained that there were several outstanding bills and they needed to get some files from his office to finish their work. They discussed the vehicles at Crosswood and indicated that they were in +Skip's name and would go to the trust to assist in settling any debts and then to +Skip's named beneficiaries. The Buick Rendezvous was in +Skip and Chuck Lake's name and a benefactor was making payments on a regular basis. Chuck will title it over to the Community of the Cross for our use for transporting Isabelle or for whatever other needs we have.

The trustees discussed some of the issues and problems that they are facing and assured us that they would let us know when they have all the information they need. We thanked them for their work on behalf of Crosswood and also for all their generosity over the past several years.

A couple of questions came up including whether or not the deed to Crosswood was in +Skip's name or the name of the Community of the Cross. Emma Spink located a copy of the deed during the following week and it was in the name of the Community of the Cross as we had thought.

+Bob reported on memorials to Crosswood Centre given on behalf of +Skip. At that point we had received \$2055 in donations. There is \$50.33 left in our petty cash fund at this time. We also have additional money in the checking account which can be accessed by us once +Skip's estate is settled and even prior to that if necessary.

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Mother Joan reported on Isabelle along with Stella. They both reported that she was seeming to get tired and weaker. Mother Joan had arranged for Isabelle to go to Cameron Hospital for 5 days for respite care. She has since returned to Crosswood and is quite tired. Please keep her in your prayers.

It was announced that Bill, one of the temporary residents at Crosswood, was going to take the garage apart and reassemble it later. This was an agreement made by +Skip some months ago. Al Patterson agreed to disconnect the electricity from the garage so that the wiring would still be usable.

Next meeting was set for May 9 at 12:00.

Lost

Where has he gone?
We lost our shepherd
The man who kept us in line
Who dried our tears and gave us hope.

His twinkling eyes and all his warmth
His clever humorous empathy,
That tender hug
What will we do without him?

With jumbled thoughts we sought him,
He could always unwind our mess
His love to those in need was endless
Even in his hard times he came to us.

His patience and persistence
Will be remembered
His kindness to the dying
What will we do without him?

His offer of a coffee, or a kitty,
A listening ear, a big shoulder
Or himself totally, he gave so freely
What will we do without him?

Rose Schamberg

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Remember in your prayers

Pray for all those who mourn for +Skip and who will most surely miss his wonderful, loving care and concern.

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 Orthodox-Catholic Church of America as they begin the process of electing a new Metropolitan Archbishop. May the Spirit give them wisdom and courage.

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.

Pray especially 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.

***The person who is united to God by prayer and by love acquires wisdom, goodness, power, beneficence, generosity . . . in a word, that person bears the attributes of God.
Maximus the Confessor (Centuries on Charity)***

NOTES FROM THE FUNERAL

Bishop Bob wrote a very nice summary of the funeral in a brief letter to the priests and clergy of OCCA. I thought I would borrow from it here so that those of you who could not make it to the funeral would have some information about the funeral.

The people of Fairview Missionary Church in Angola opened their arms and the facility to us, and provided for our every need. To them we extend our heartfelt thanks. They were magnificent hosts!

The church has a huge vestibule, and the casket was in the middle, against a brick wall with a cross figured in the brickwork. The circle around the cross was filled with stained glass. Isabel Carsten sat next to the coffin, receiving and greeting people. The presence of mourners was continuous throughout the afternoon. I have no idea yet how many people signed the book, and many of course couldn't stay and wait for the liturgy; at the liturgy Mother Maria estimated a congregation of at least 600 people. There were about 30 OCCA seminarians, deacons, priests and bishops present, and numerous clergy from other households of faith.

The Divine Liturgy began with the wailing of a bagpiper escorting Skip's body into the sanctuary. We celebrated, using the Anaphora of the Beatitudes, one of our newer anaphoras composed by a member of our jurisdiction, and edited by Skip.

The liturgy was all about music. Mr. Jim Didier, a lifelong friend who told us that he had heard thousands of his homilies over the years, put together a team of musicians that was just wonderful! We all sang him into Paradise. The piper piped Skip from the church again

--always a haunting but comforting sound, and an honor guard of fire, sheriff, and police folk provided an honor guard, as well as pall bearers.

Following the Liturgy, food was available as a gift from three restaurants in Angola, with sweet things provided by members of our local community and friends. People lingered and talked at round tables; old friendships were rekindled, and new ones made.

PS.

There were some video tapes made of the funeral. Fr. Deacon Tom North is the person to contact if you would like to purchase one or borrow one to view. Tom's phone number is 260-833-3412.

Please pray for the Holy Spirit to guide us in this time of transition. Remember that the feast of Pentecost is celebrated on May 31 with Divine Liturgy and Pot Luck Dinner at Crosswood. Everyone come!

Highland Song

Now who will lead our Carnival?
And who will make us stronger?
Who will mend our broken sleep?
When he is here no longer?

For whose part do we stand and bow?
What stories do we tell?
And will we memorize the day,
When great and greatness fell?

Will this valley overcome?
And will these shadows fade?
And will we lift our eyes to see,
The beauty that he made?

The disappearing last of him
That leads to worlds unknown,
Has left a path to softly tread,
When sadness wanders home.

I'll meet thee where the highland winds
Divide wild mountain thyme
Where I will be forever yours...
And you forever mine.

Sheryn Camp



READINGS FOR SUNDAYS IN MAY

<i>Fourth Sunday of Easter May 3, 2009</i>	*Acts 4:5-12	Psalm 23	I John 3:16-24	John 10:11-18
<i>Fifth Sunday of Easter May 10, 2009</i>	*Acts 8:26-40	Psalm 22:25-31	I John 4:7-21	John 15:1-8
<i>Sixth Sunday of Easter May 17, 2009</i>	*Acts 10:44-48	Psalm 98	I John 5:1-6	John 15:9-17
<i>Ascension of the Lord* May 21, 2009</i>	*Acts 1:1-11	Psalm 47 or Psalm 93	Ephesians 1:15-23	Luke 24:44-53
<i>Seventh Sunday of Easter* May 24, 2009</i>	*Acts 1:15-17, 21-26	Psalm 1	I John 5:9-13	John 17:6-19
<i>Day of Pentecost May 31, 2009</i>	*Acts 2:1-21 or Ezekiel 37:1-14	Psalm 104:24-34, 35b	Romans 8:22-27 or Acts 2:1-21	John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15
<i>Trinity Sunday June 7, 2009</i>	Isaiah 6:1-8	Psalm 29	Romans 8:12-17	John 3:1-17

**If Ascension not observed on Sunday, May 24*

Clergy Schedule May

Date	Angola	Auburn	Redwood	Open Door
May 3	Joan	John	Cliff	Maria
May 10	John	Vince	Cliff	Maria Bob
May 17	Bob	Vince	John	Maria John
May 24	Joan	Vince	Cliff	Maria
May 31		Pentecost +Bob		Maria
June 7	John	Vince	Bob	Maria