



# First Sunday

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## Community of the Cross Synod, October 19

*By John+ Newbauer*

Sunday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2008 will be the first Community Synod. It is a time for all of us to come together and reflect, discuss and make some important decisions. The Synod will start out by blessing the new upstairs loft of the chapel and then move into the heart of the matter. There will be an introduction and overview of the afternoon and then we will move into discussion groups. As far as we know, everyone has been contacted by letter or phone call or probably both to make sure that you are aware of the meeting. If you have not been contacted, let Fr. Cliff or Mother Joan or Fr. Skip know so that they can make sure you are on the list. It is very possible that we don't have your correct phone number or address. At this point, that seems to be about the only reason that you haven't received a notice.

The Synod will conclude in the afternoon with a pot luck dinner so make sure you plan on bringing something to share. Fr. Skip will do a "send off message

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## Liturgy Schedule

10:00 SUNDAY  
Crosswood Centre  
Chapel of Mary Magdalene  
5355 Co. Rd. 35  
Auburn, IN 46706-9717

10:00 AM SUNDAY  
Redwood Chapel  
2425 Redwood Avenue  
Fort Wayne, IN 46803  
(Thanks to Rose and Stan)

9:00 AM SUNDAY  
Angola Crosswood  
3472 North Wayne St.  
Angola, IN 46703

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## Local News

*By Fr. Bob (ala Fr. John)*

At the Leadership Team meeting in September, Bob took copious notes and I am "editing" them together to report on the happenings in the north, the south and at Auburn.

### Crosswood Centre

Having been the people doing much of the work, you know that the Loft project is nearly completed. That is to say, the walls are mostly painted, the carpeting has been laid, window-surrounds are being built as this is being typed, and some furnishings have been put in place. The western façade is being finished. There is more to do, and +Skip has focused efforts on having the wiring checked by a registered electrician, and is pushing to have the unfinished walls covered, mudded, and painted. (This editor was also informed that the "proper color" for what he referred to as "plum" carpet in the chapel is "aubergine" – what some of us call "eggplant" – but it is pretty).

Please see *Local News* on page 3

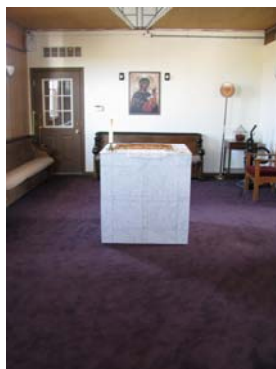
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*"We need \$4000 in the Centre accounts to get us through the winter."*

*STILL TRUE*

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*Don't Forget,  
Community  
Synod will be  
Sunday, October  
19 from 1 to 5*



*This Sunday's readings are about the vineyard. While we don't have a vineyard, we have a lovely chapel that needs "tending" – if you have time or can make time, please call Mother Maria and join her in the vineyard this Saturday.*

## Finances and Winter Bills

We are moving into winter and our propane tank is almost full and we have 10 tons of wood pellets for our new stove. Hopefully these will get us through most of the winter. As you all probably have heard before, January is when we have to pay our insurance and it would be great to have enough money on hand to cover these expenses. Whatever you can do to help out is appreciated.

We appreciate sincerely our generous benefactors. Please know that you are in our prayers.

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and send us on our way. Maria reported that the mailing to people on the list went well, with only one letter being returned. Letters went out to 55 households, to 2 benefactors, and 3 out-of-town clergy. Her preparations for the first session are completed.

I was informed that the Fort Wayne Community will join the Auburn Community for Liturgy Sunday the 19<sup>th</sup> to make it easier for all to attend the synod.

The second session of the Community Synod will be held on November 30, 2008 again in the afternoon. This will be our formal annual meeting and will start at 1:00 and end around 5:00 also. We will have a pot luck dinner that evening as well. Please save both dates and join us for the synod.

## Workers Needed Saturday, Oct. 4

*By Fr. Bob – continued notes from Leadership Team Meeting*

**As was mentioned (or will be mentioned depending if you are reading the pages in order) on page 3, Mother Maria has received the foam and other material for covering the pews in the chapel. This Saturday, Mother Maria is planning a work-day in the chapel to remove the old cushions and install new cushions. She estimates that with a team of four it could be done in a short period of time.**

**Please call her if you can help. If you can't, please do some brainstorming with her for names of people in your parish or circle of friends who may help. The goal is to get this completed before the parish synod.**

## Personnel Changes

The only addition to the changes announced last month is that Doyle Wilhelm, a longtime friend of Skip's, is making an extended retreat at the Centre, and considering applying for admission to candidacy for Deacon studies. Doyle has been a wonderful addition to our Sunday liturgical celebration.

Skip acknowledged the huge amount of work done by Greg and Cindy Russell, which includes scraping and painting the fence, painting the porches on the Residence and Chapel building, framing in the windows in the Loft, and much more.

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*+Skip will be scheduled for every Sunday for Auburn" – beginning October 1, 2008*

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**Fr. Cliff** has a tidy pile of wood in New Haven; they assemble into the new bookshelves for the library. He will assemble the units at home, then transport them a couple at a time up to the Centre, where they will be primed and painted. Downstairs, the carpeting and tile for the Gathering Room and Chapel is complete. And it looks lovely! Mother Maria has accepted the task of researching and purchasing the fabric and foam to cover the benches. Those supplies have arrived. She is now negotiating for volunteers to remove the old and attach the new. See announcement on page 2.

The completed Loft will enable the Community of the Cross to engage in a ministry (ministries) in the Auburn area. There is a plan for a "Wellness Centre," for example, which will provide counseling to persons who are uninsured or marginally insured. It will also provide a meeting place for parish groups and committees, and room for visitors to get away and enjoy some privacy. There will be a half bath upstairs as well as down.

#### Angola Community

The folk who gather in the new chapel in Angola could not be happier. The chairs in the chapel have been recovered and new blinds installed on the windows, with valances above them. The *store room* was cleaned out, carpeted (with the grey rug from the Centre) and is now a *waiting room* for the weekday people who come there. Deacon Tom and Mother Joan North are talking about a dedication ceremony and open house at the new location. Stay tuned.

Fr. Jim Spink has decided to preside at the Divine Liturgy once in a while. He was "on tap" for September 28<sup>th</sup>, with Tom North doing the preaching honors. This is terrific!

*Note:* Mother Joan had surgery toward the end of September. She is at home, and recovering well, Deacon Tom reports. Please continue to hold Joan and Tom in your prayers.

#### Redwood Chapel

The folk at Redwood seem to enjoy keeping below the radar! Our own **Deacon Josh** has been preaching there lately, as well as at the Centre, and receives positive reviews. Stan and Carolyn are no longer serving on the Leadership Team. Cyndi Smith is the new representative from Fort Wayne.

## Readings for Sundays in September

From the Revised Common Lectionary – Vanderbilt University

<a href="#"><u>Proper 22 (27)</u></a> October 5, 2008	Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20 <b>or</b> <i>Isaiah 5:1-7</i>	Psalm 19 <b>or</b> <i>Psalm 80:7-15</i>	Philippians 3:4b-14	Matthew 21:33-46
<a href="#"><u>Proper 23 (28)</u></a> October 12, 2008	Exodus 32:1-14 <b>or</b> <i>Isaiah 25:1-9</i>	Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23 <b>or</b> <i>Psalm 23</i>	Philippians 4:1-9	Matthew 22:1-14
<a href="#"><u>Proper 24 (29)</u></a> October 19, 2008	Exodus 33:12-23 <b>or</b> <i>Isaiah 45:1-7</i>	Psalm 99 <b>or</b> <i>Psalm 96:1-13</i>	I Thessalonians 1:1-10	Matthew 22:15-22
<a href="#"><u>Proper 25 (30)</u></a> October 26, 2008	Deuteronomy 34:1-12 <b>or</b> <i>Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18</i>	Psalm 90:1-17 <b>or</b> <i>Psalm 1</i>	I Thessalonians 2:1-8	Matthew 22:34-46
<a href="#"><u>All Saints Day</u></a> November 1, 2008	Revelation 7:9-17	Psalm 34:1-10, 22	I John 3:1-3	Matthew 5:1-12
<a href="#"><u>Proper 26 (31)</u></a> November 2, 2008	Joshua 3:7-17 <b>or</b> Micah 3:5-12	Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37 <b>or</b> Psalm 43	I Thessalonians 2:9-13	Matthew 23:1-12

### Community of the Cross Leadership Committee

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### Monday & Wednesday School Continues

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 for some fine, adult discussions of religious topics. Always thought provoking!

### CLERGY SCHEDULE

Date	Com. of the Cross Angola	Magdaline Chapel Auburn	Redwood Chapel FW	Open Door Chapel
	9:00	10:00	10:00	7:00
<b>October</b>				
5	John	Skip	Bob	Maria
12	Joan	Maria	John	Maria John
19	Bob	Skip	Vince	Bob Bob
26	Joan	Skip	Cliff	Maria
<b>November</b>				
2	Joan	Skip	John	Maria