



# First Sunday

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## New Format

*By John+ Newbauer*

In working with the newsletter the past few years, I've tried a couple of formats to see how they work. We're doing it a little differently this time to see if we can make it more readable and easier to use and also easier for me to write.

You'll find some guidance on the left column as to what is inside this issue and where to find it. To find a particular article within this newsletter, refer to Inside This Issue, on page 1.

Since I haven't gotten too much news and have been gone a lot this summer I'm relying this month mostly on notes from the Leadership Meeting that was held in August. Fr. Bob does a great job of composing the minutes and usually they are very informative as to what has been happening in our community.

As always, I'm always interested in getting some articles from people in our community. First Sunday can be a great place to share news or insights,

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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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## The Loft, the Chapel, & the Garage!

*By Fr. Bob*

At the Leadership Team meeting in August, +Skip reported that carpeting of the first floor and Loft will begin on Monday, August 18 and continue through August 21. Furnishings on the first floor were moved, some into a truck rented for the purpose. The truck costs the community \$45/day rental.

Remaining tasks in the Loft are drywall/wallboard for the storage room and restroom, and some of the electrical work upstairs. The Loft door was marred during construction and needs touch-up, and the doors need to be stained and the hardware installed. The two "quiet rooms" are being fitted with acoustical ceilings. Carpeting from the building will be distributed to Dick & Stella, Skip, and to the parish community in Angola.

+Skip also noted that the carpenter is behind on the new garage and tear down projects. This person will also be responsible for finishing the wood/corn burner.

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

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*Next Leadership  
Committee  
Meeting will be  
Saturday,  
September 12 at  
noon*



*A building is not the Church. The people are the Church. The Parish Synod is the Church in action.*

*October 19 and November 30  
1:00 to 5:00*

## Finances and Winter Bills

*Continued from the Minutes of the Leadership Team by Fr. Bob*

**Finances.** +Skip reported that after current bills are paid by September 15, he expects about \$1,000.00 to remain in the checking account. Skip also begged a friend for a gift of \$3,000.00. He said we need \$4,000 in the Centre accounts to get us through the winter. Insurance is due January 15, and will be \$2,150.00. Winter heating will be about \$350.00/month during winter.

**Wood Pellets** for the new stoves. Ten tons of pellets have been purchased and will be delivered to the Centre soon. These will provide us with the bulk of winter fuel, so electric bills, as noted, should be about \$350.00/month in winter in addition to the ten tons of wood pellets we now have.

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reflections or favorite prayers or even jokes with each other. In addition, some good pictures now and then help make it all the more worthwhile. So give some thought to what you might send in or donate to the newsletter. I'd even consider printing notes from local pastors if I got hard up for copy.

John+

## Our Own Synod

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

**The Parish Synod.** The Synod will be a two-day event. Maria presented the concept and schedule of activities for both days.

### **Session I on October 19, 1:00-5:00 PM.**

- Dedication Service for the Loft and Wellness Centre
- Introduction and Welcome to the afternoon
- 3 short small group sessions
- Large group session
- Break
- 2 Discussion groups
- Closing and Charge by Skip
- Pot luck meal

### **Session II on November 30, 2008-08-16 starting at 1:00-5:00**

- 1:00 Opening Prayer and reflection using Icons
- Small group brainstorming activity
- Group activity
- Large group activity: taking ownership & looking ahead
- Evaluation
- Closing and Blessing by Skip
- Pot luck meal

## Personnel Changes

There were three personnel changes announced. First, +Skip proposed that beginning with the first Sunday of October, he be the pastor of the Centre Community in Auburn. After a discussion the leadership group agreed. He will be scheduled for every Sunday for Auburn, and when he wants or needs someone else to preside or preach (not necessarily the same function) he will invite someone to do that ministry. His presence will assure that there is a contact for the Wellness Centre on site; there is a demonstrated desire for a consistent liturgical leader; and the desire to help a congregation grow at that location. Fr. John Newbauer will no longer be pastor in Auburn. He will continue to be President of the Leadership Team for the time being.

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

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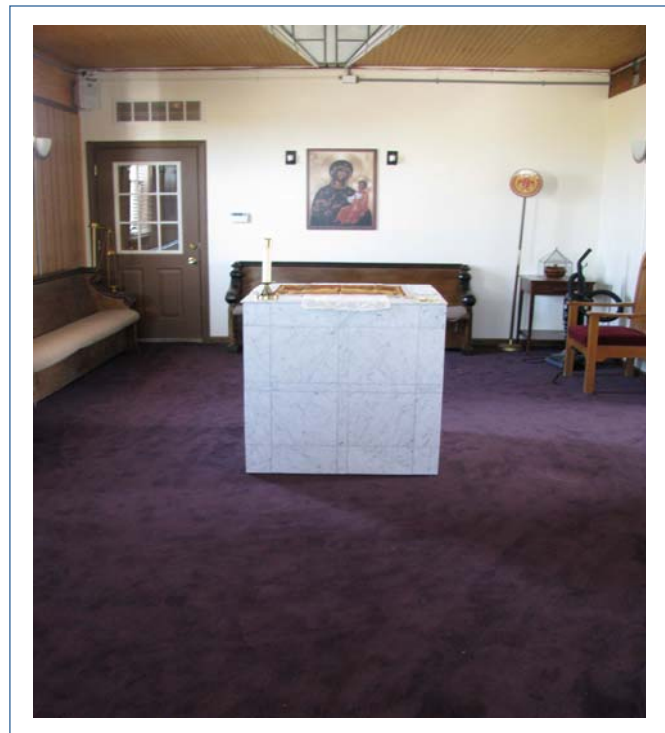
Secondly, Jamie Short has left the Center Residence. He is no longer living at there.

And thirdly, a new resident attended the meeting and met with us for the first time today. He is Mark Coonan, a longtime friend of Skip’s. Welcome to Crosswood Centre.

### ***The Loft, the Chapel & the Garage*** from page 1

+Skip is hoping to have a “come-to-Jesus” talk with him before leaving for the west. The Kellys are paying for the teardown and building of the new shed. This will greatly enhance the appearance of our property from the road and give us the storage space we need for our vehicles in winter.

(Editor’s note: the carpet has been laid in the chapel and gathering space along with some beautiful ceramic tile. We still have to finish the carpet in the loft and then the furniture can be moved upstairs from the gathering space. Progress is being made in the loft. Instead of one color, the rooms are being carpeted in different colors. Blue. Red. Eggshell, etc. Will let you know more next newsletter.)



*The new carpet was laid last month in the Chapel. Also, white ceramic tiles were laid in the entrance way leading from the front door to the chapel. It’s very beautiful. Fr. Bob tells me that the color is “plum.”*

## Readings for Sundays in September

From the Revised Common Lectionary – Vanderbilt University

<b>Proper 18 (23)</b> September 7, 2008	Exodus 12:1-14 <b>or</b> Ezekiel 33:7-11	Psalm 149 <b>or</b> Psalm 119:33-40	Romans 13:8-14	Matthew 18:15-20
<b>Proper 19 (24)</b> September 14, 2008	Exodus 14:19-31 <b>or</b> Genesis 50:15-21	Psalm 114 <b>or</b> Exodus 15:1b-11, 20-21 <b>or</b> Psalm 103:(1-7), 8-13	Romans 14:1-12	Matthew 18:21-35
<b>Proper 20 (25)</b> September 21, 2008	Exodus 16:2-15 <b>or</b> Jonah 3:10-4:11	Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45 <b>or</b> Psalm 145:1-8	Philippians 1:21-30	Matthew 20:1-16
<b>Proper 21 (26)</b> September 28, 2008	Exodus 17:1-7 <b>or</b> Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32	Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16 <b>or</b> Psalm 25:1-9	Philippians 2:1-13	Matthew 21:23-32
<b>Proper 22 (27)</b> October 5, 2008	Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20 <b>or</b> Isaiah 5:1-7	Psalm 19 <b>or</b> Psalm 80:7-15	Philippians 3:4b-14	Matthew 21:33-46

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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. Now that Labor Day is behind us and +Skip is home from his many meanderings around the country, we will be back at it in full swing starting Monday.

If you haven't been to Monday or Wednesday School, try it. Bring a friend. It's a treat. It is truly an adult religious education experience.

### CLERGY SCHEDULE

September				
Date	Angola	Auburn	Fort Wayne	Open Door
7	John+	+Skip	Cliff+	Maria+
14	Joan+	John+	+Skip	Maria+
21	Bob+	+Skip	Cliff+	Maria+
28	Joan+	Maria+	Bob+	Maria+
Oct.				