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News

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Welcome to Cross of Glory!

We are glad you have joined us for worship. We ask those joining us for the first time to please stop by the Welcome Table (at the door) and pick up an information packet and CD to learn more about us. **Our mission...**



Spring Cleaning – Today

Spring is just about here and it is time to spruce up the church again with our second annual Spring Cleaning Day – Today, May 3rd after worship. We will be washing walls, scrubbing carpets, cleaning windows and screens, fixing the run-off problem from the roof across the landscape, and picking up the garbage from our grounds.

Cross of Glory is Reaching & Serving...

Council Contact: Beth Gervase

Saturday Service Sponsored by the Women's Group

Saturday Service is Cross of Glory's ministry of worship through service to the community. The next service project is open to everyone and will be led by our Women's Group. It will consist of *Spring Cleaning Assistance*, lunch and music at *Marycrest Village Community* on Saturday May 30th from 11:00am until 2:00pm.

Marycrest is an apartment building that has 57 units with approximately 60 residents who are 62 years old and up. Volunteers are needed to help residents clean and to help prepare lunch for the residents and volunteers. While there may be some lifting involved; nothing will be too heavy. We would also like to bring musicians with us to provide music during and after lunch.

A sign up sheet is available in the Welcome Room. For more information please contact Tamara Chaffin at 815-744-7668.

CoG is Welcoming & Nurturing...

Council Contact: Nicole Morin

Book Reading Group Update

We have selected 2 very different books to read for our next meeting. With the Angels and Demons movie coming to the theaters on May 15th, we thought we would read *Angels and Demons* by Dan Brown. When the movie comes out, we will try to plan an afternoon or evening outing to see the movie.

The other book is *The Sugar Queen* by Sarah Addison Allen.

Read one or both and join us for a great discussion. We are planning to get together on Sunday, June 14th at 6:00 pm. We have not decided on a location. For more information, contact Cheryl Nabors.

Landscape Ministry Beginning

We are excited to announce the beginning of a new team! We are starting up a Landscape Ministry to help give the church exterior a face-lift and then keep us looking good as we welcome our community in through our doors. Susan Burner has accepted the post as leader of this ministry and many items in need of doing are already in the works.

We will be having a Landscape Day on Saturday, June 6th to get the stumps removed, re-edge the beds, and spread new mulch. We will need a lot of labor to get this project done. By donating a bit of your time and sweat we will save the church over \$900!

We do request that all ideas for our landscape be cleared with Susan before they are acted upon. This will keep our landscape healthy and cohesive. Do you live near the church and can spend one hour per week (for 8 weeks beginning mid-May) watering new plantings by the front door? The plants are being donated but can't be installed until we have a plan to ensure their survival. Any number of weeks you can offer are appreciated.

If you would like to donate your time and talents to this new ministry, please contact Susan Burner or Nicole Morin at church or by e-mail at susanburner@gmail.com or onetraingirl@hotmail.com

CoG is Worshiping & Teaching...

Council Contacts: Della Bejlovec (Worshipping)

Tammy Mack (Teaching Youth)

Pete Knutson (Teaching Adults)

VBS 2009 – Crocodile Dock

VBS at Cross of Glory will be the week of July 20th-24th. If you are interested being a VBS volunteer this year, please contact: Robin Gonzalez at rgonzalez707@gmail.com or Amanda Sandy at amandarsandy@gmail.com.

CoG is Giving & Sending

Council Contact: Bill Nabors

Mission Raiser - Ice Cream Social

Cross of Glory is teaming up with Cold Stone Creamery in Lockport to throw an Ice Cream Social on Cinco de Mayo (Tuesday, May 5th). Cold Stone is located on 159th St. & Farrell. This will be a party you won't want to miss! You can try out Cross of Glory's original ice cream creation (or any one of your favorites) and meet some of our members who will be scooping and serving ice cream. There might even be some singing involved if we get tips. Our celebrity scoopers will be scooping from 4-8pm. Pastor PJ will be scooping from 7:00-7:45pm.



We are distributing vouchers for the Cinco de Mayo Ice Cream Social. 25% of the proceeds raised from those who bring in vouchers (between 1:00 and 10:00pm) will go to support the mission and ministry of Cross of Glory. You can get your voucher at church, at the CoG [web site](#). Bring your voucher and your friends and family to what will be the coolest Cinco de Mayo celebration ever!

Mission Market Ministry

We have exciting news to share about a new ministry at Cross of Glory. It's called Mission Market. This ministry will allow everyone to support CoG while we shop. You can put your everyday shopping dollars to work and support CoG without spending anything additional.

Here's how it works. **The Mission Market Team** will collect orders for gift cards that can be used for groceries, gasoline, clothing, entertainment, and household goods at local and national retailers. Some

of the nationally known retailers include: Wal-Mart, Jewel, Dominicks, JCPenney, Kohls, Best Buy, Shell, Speedway, Starbucks, The Home Depot and Subway. These retailers have agreed to sell gift cards to our organization at a discount. Families like yours will buy the gift cards at full face value, and the difference will go to support the mission and ministry of Cross of Glory.

Orders will be due the first and third Sunday of each month (Beginning TODAY) at worship. The Mission Market Team will have a table set up in the Welcome Room with a list of vendors. The cards will be ready for pick up after worship on the second and fourth Sunday, respectively. For your convenience, orders can also be dropped off during the week in the front office.

We hope we can count on your support! Start shopping today! If you have any questions, please feel free to call Barb Taskay at 815-263-4658.

Thanks & Special Announcements

Easter Signs

Thanks to everyone who helped us reach out to our community for Easter by putting up our CoG sign in your yard. If you took one of our signs, could you please bring it back cleaned? This will help us to store the signs and use them again.

Organic, Fair Trade Coffee in Bookstore!

The Cross of Glory Bookstore has just received a new batch of coffee. Organic Love Buzz is a full bodied coffee. Organic Sister's blend is produced by women coffee growers in Nicaragua and Peru. Stop by and check out our new coffee blends. It's great coffee that's good for the earth and good for the coffee growers.

Lions Club Eyeglass and Hearing Aid Donation Box

There is a box in the Welcome Room for donations of old eyeglasses and hearing aids. The Worth Lions Club will be collecting these items for distribution to people who need them.

From Fear to Fun (from CoG Member News)

Hi Cross of Glory. This is Pastor PJ. There has been a lot of buzz lately about the H1N1 flu (swine flu). I wanted to let you all know how Donna and the people at Casa are doing, as well as share a few reflections.

As you might know we are partners with Casa de los Angeles, a free daycare for children and families in San Miguel, Mexico. Many public places in Mexico have been closed as fear spreads regarding the H1N1 flu. Unfortunately, this has meant Casa has had to shut down operations for a week. Neither Donna nor any of the Casa staff, children, or families has been infected with the H1N1 flu. Sadly, it is the fear and panic that has had the most negative affect. Because Casa is closed for operations, they are not able to serve the children on a daily basis. For many of the children, the meals they receive at Casa's daycare are the only meals they receive. Donna, however, is maintaining a positive attitude. She has been using the time to get the teachers from both buildings together for prayer, conversation, planning, and breakfast.

My hope is that we in America do not allow fear and panic to become a bigger problem than the H1N1 flu. In no way do I want to minimize the potential threat of this illness, but we do need to keep a healthy perspective. Each year in our country about 35,000 people die of the regular flu virus. Now that we have had one unfortunate death in the United States attributed to H1N1, we have a long way to go to reach the yearly average of 35,000 deaths. Those who have contracted the illness in the U.S. are becoming the first to tell others not to be afraid. While the affects of the H1N1 flu are not pleasant, like with the regular flu, the chance for full recovery is extremely high. We are fortunate to live in a country of vast resources and medical capabilities. Because of 9/11 and Katrina, we have better systems in place to address disasters. Our ability to communicate almost instantly enables various officials around the world to constantly track the progress of the illness and to take steps to respond very quickly. Our scientific community has lots of experience in addressing a variety of flu strains and we have good manufacturing capabilities to produce different kinds of medicines.

Rather than responding with fear and panic, our congregation can use this as a reminder to pray and to lead healthy lives. We can pray for those suffering from the flu, for their families, for those who care for the ill, for those who make decisions, and for those who search for a cure. We can also make sure we are getting enough rest, eating a nutritious diet, staying physically active, and washing our hands before eating or touching our face. These are good practices any time of the year.

CoG's Five Guiding Principles...



- Jesus is Lord
- Everyone is Welcome
- We Have What the World Needs
- Everyone has Something to Offer
- Love Changes Everything

Update on our Worshiping and Giving

Week of 4/19/09	Week of 4/26/09
General Fund: \$4,542	General Fund: \$5,343
Casa Offering: \$5.50	Casa Offering: \$19.50
Holy Week: \$50	Children's Offering: \$10
Hot Water Tank: \$100	Building Use: \$225
T-Shirts (Outreach): \$10	
Worship Snacks: \$25	
Attendance: 223	Attendance: 202

Upcoming Events for Cross of Glory

Sunday	05/03	<i>Mission Market</i> Ministry Begins
Sunday	05/03	Spring Cleaning Day – After Worship
Tuesday	05/05	<i>Mission Raiser Ice Cream Social</i> – Cold Stone in Lockport – 1:00 – 10:00 pm
Friday	05/08	Bible Study of Hebrews – 7:00 pm (Last Session)
Saturday	05/10	Yoga Class - 8:00 am
Saturday	05/30	Saturday Service – Women's Group Spring Cleaning at Marycrest Village – 11 am
Saturday	06/06	Landscape Day
Monday	07/20	Vacation Bible School Week Begins

Help Our Preschool Get FREE Merchandise!

You can help The Welcome Place Preschool earn free merchandise such as computers, reference books, musical instruments and physical education equipment, by collecting Campbell product proofs of purchase and depositing them in the bin located next to The Welcome Place Preschool door.

For more information on how to be a part of The Welcome Place Preschool Label's for Education collection drive, contact the school director, Jamie Knutson at 708-301-3883.

Help Loyola Children's Hospital – Bring in Tab Tops

Please save your tab tops (from cans such as pop, soup and fruit) for Loyola Children's Hospital. We have a decorated container in the welcome area for you to deposit your tab tops.

Prayer List

If you would like prayers this week for yourself or for someone else, you can write them in one of the Prayer Journals (at the left-front and left-rear of the *Worship Area*) or call the Ministry Center Office at (708.301.6998).