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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...**



**Cross of Glory is Reaching & Serving...**

Council Contact: Beth Gervase

**Blood Drive at Cross of Glory – May 19<sup>th</sup>**

Get a Free Quart of Oberweis Ice Cream! Donate Blood on Tuesday, May 19<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 to 6:00 PM on Heartland's Mobile Coach. To schedule an appointment please contact the church. Walk-ins are also welcome!

**Pet Blessing at Cross of Glory on May 17<sup>th</sup>**

Join us next Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm as we celebrate the amazing gift that God has given us, our creatures. At 1:00 pm we will be having a Pet blessing at Cross of Glory. Come for a special prayer and blessing from Pastor PJ and some fun contests. The contests consist of owner/pet look alike and silly pet tricks. Be creative and we can't wait to meet all your loving pets!



**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 30<sup>th</sup> from 11:00am until 2:00pm.

A signup sheet is available in the Welcome Room. For more information, see page three or 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 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. We have not decided on a location. For more information, contact Cheryl Nabors.

### Landscape Ministry Update

We are excited to announce the beginning of a new team! We have started 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 have already cleaned up the beds in the front of the church and replaced some plants. We ask everyone to please protect our investment by staying out of the mulched areas.**

We will be having a Landscape Day on Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup> to spread new mulch and do other planting. 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? Any help you can offer would be 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](mailto:susanburner@gmail.com) or [onetraingirl@hotmail.com](mailto:onetraingirl@hotmail.com).

## CoG is Worshiping & Teaching...

Council Contacts: Della Bejlovec (Worshipping)

Tammy Mack (Teaching Youth)

Pete Knutson (Teaching Adults)

### VBS 2009 – Crocodile Dock



Registration is NOW open for this year's Vacation Bible School at Cross of Glory.

**Dates:** July 20<sup>th</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup>

**Time:** 9 am to Noon

**Who:** Children ages 4 thru 5th grade

**Cost:** \$10 per child with a \$25 Family Max

Click to <http://crossofglory.com/resources/forms> for a registration form or pick one up at the church. Spots are limited so please register early!

At Crocodile Dock, kids will keep an eye out for "God in action" in their everyday lives-and they'll discover how they can be a God Sighting by showing Christ's love.

To volunteer, you can contact Robin Gonzalez at [rgonzalez707@gmail.com](mailto:rgonzalez707@gmail.com) or Amanda Sandy at [amandarsandy@gmail.com](mailto:amandarsandy@gmail.com).

## CoG is Giving & Sending

Council Contact: Bill Nabors

### 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

### Spring Cleaning Recap

Thanks to everyone who stayed after worship last Sunday to help with our *Spring Cleaning* by 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. In addition, we cleaned the wildflower area and got a good start on the landscaping projects in the front of the church.

### 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.

## Saturday Service Project Details

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.

## Swine Flu Effects Local Blood Supply

“It is even more important today for all healthy, eligible blood donors to step forward and donate blood”, said Dominique Bazile, M.D., Medical Director for Heartland Blood Centers. “Heartland Blood Centers must be ready to respond to all routine and emergent blood product requests.”

In recent weeks, inventory levels of O positive, O negative, B negative and A negative blood types have begun to drop nationwide. Heartland Blood Centers has seen similar patterns in their blood collections. “As the summer months are fast-approaching, we ask everyone to make a renewed commitment to donating blood for others less fortunate”, said Ann McKanna, Vice President, Marketing and New Business Development with Heartland Blood Centers. “The gift you will have given patients in need through your blood donation is immeasurable for those whose lives depend on your kindness.”

While the four types listed above are in the greatest demand, blood donors of all types are asked to give as soon as possible. To find a donor center or blood drive near you, visit [www.heartlandbc.org](http://www.heartlandbc.org) or call 1-800-7TO-GIVE. **Cross of Glory's next quarterly blood drive is Tuesday, May 19<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 to 6:00 PM.**

Based on current knowledge and added safety precautions, donors with fever, cough, and/or respiratory infection are deferred. Donors reporting confirmed, probable or suspect swine flu influenza will be deferred for a period of at least 7 days from the onset of symptoms and must be symptom-free upon completion of treatment.

As always, to be a blood donor, individuals must be at least 17 years of age, or 16 with written permission; weigh at least 110 pounds; be symptom-free of cold, flu and allergies; and be in general good health.

## 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 5/3/09	Week of 4/26/09
General Fund: \$5,818	General Fund: \$5,343
Casa Offering: \$49.50	Casa Offering: \$19.50
Children's Offering: \$5	Children's Offering: \$10
Reading Tree MissionRaiser: \$135	Building Use: \$225
Worship Supplies: \$40	
Attendance: 160	Attendance: 202

## Upcoming Events for Cross of Glory

Saturday	05/16	Yoga Class - 8:00 am
Sunday	05/17	<b>Mission Market</b> Ministry Ordering
Sunday	05/17	Pet Blessing – 1:00 pm
Sunday	05/17	Will County Earth Day Fest – 10:00 am until 4:00 pm at Dellwood Park in Lockport
Tuesday	05/19	Blood Drive – 2:00 pm until 6:00 pm
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).

## Today's Baptisms

**Child:** Isabella Ristau  
**Parents:** Jaime & Lisa Ristau  
**Siblings:** Peyton  
**Sponsors:** David Morrison & Barbara Morrison

**Child:** Neve Christine Gervase  
**Parents:** Brian & Sue Gervase  
**Siblings:** Tessa & Owen  
**Sponsors:** Tessa & Owen

**Child:** Ryleigh Elizabeth Albers  
**Parents:** Derek & Maureen Albers  
**Sponsors:** Sue & Brian Gervase