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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 This Tuesday – May 19th

Get a Free Quart of Oberweis Ice Cream! Donate Blood on Tuesday, May 19th 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 this Afternoon

Join us today, May 17th 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 – Spring Cleaning at Marycrest Village

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.

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 14th at 6:00 pm. We have not decided on a location. For more information, contact Cheryl Nabors.

Landscape Day Update

We will be having a Landscape Day on **Saturday**, June 6th to do edging, laying mulch, weeding and removing dead shrubs from the landscaping immediately surrounding the church. We will need people to bring some supplies with them including: wheelbarrows, spades to edge, shovels to move mulch, garden rakes to smooth mulch, and weeding tools. **We 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!) Signup sheets are in the Welcome Room so you can let us know how many people to expect and what tools we will have to work with. Walk-ins are of course very Welcome to attend!

Do you live near the church and can spend one hour per week (for 8 weeks beginning mid to end of May) watering new plantings by the front door? 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.

Whites Drive Results are in...

The Women's Ministry is excited to announce the results of the *February through April Whites Drive* results. Thanks to the great generosity of this community we were able to donate: 37 bath towels, 38 hand towels, 188 bath rags, 1 sheet set, 38 pillow cases, 210 loads worth of laundry detergent, 450

snack bags to dispense detergent in, 465 sandwich bags, and 171 gallon Ziplocs. GOD IS GOOD!!!! Guardian Angels have extended us a big "THANK-YOU" for all our support and said to tell you all how much good we are doing for the women they support.

Back to Basics Drive

The Women's Ministry will be starting our third quarterly supply drive for Guardian Angels for the months of May, June, and July. They have requested that we donate some of their basic supplies that they go through on a regular basis. The shopping list is for: Bath towels, pillow cases, paper towels and laundry detergent. Powdered laundry detergent is the biggest need. With 20 people there at any time with 3-4 loads a week each, detergent disappears in a hurry! Any size donation is greatly appreciated by the women at the shelter, and is put to very good use. Donations will be accepted through Sunday, August 2nd.

Holy Half Price Faith Nights!

Come out for a Joliet Jackhammers game on Monday, June 29th at 7:05 pm. Save the date for a great night of local fun and baseball at the Silver Cross Field in Joliet. There will be a pre-game devotional speaker, Christian music throughout, and post-game pictures with Jammer for the kids (or kids at heart). If you've never gone to a game here, it's a great experience. We all had a really great time last year! Every seat is good with close views of the field and games between innings to keep the whole family into it. Group tickets are only \$5 each if we round up a group of at least 20. Sign-ups sheets are in the Welcome Room. **Deadline to sign up is May 28th.** Money is due at time of sign up with check made payable to Cross of Glory with 'Jackhammers' in the subject line so it gets counted properly. Contact Nicole Morin for further details (708-326-4782).

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.

CoG is Worshiping & Teaching...

Council Contacts: Della Bejlovec (Worshipping)

Tammy Mack (Teaching Youth)

Pete Knutson (Teaching Adults)

Friday Night Discussion of *The Shack*

The Friday Night Bible Study Group will be leading a discussion of the national bestseller *The Shack* by William P. Young on Friday, June 26th at 7:00 pm. Everyone is invited to join us at Cross of Glory.

This book wrestles with the timeless question, "Where is God in a world so filled with unspeakable pain?"

VBS 2009 – Crocodile Dock

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

Dates: July 20th - 24th

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 or Amanda Sandy at amandarsandy@gmail.com.

CoG is Giving & Sending

Council Contact: Bill Nabors

Mission Market Ministry – Order TODAY!

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. 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 our mission and ministry.

Orders will be due the first and third Sunday of each month 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

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 to provide music during and after lunch.

Will County Earth Day Fest- Today

Citizens Against Ruining the Environment (C.A.R.E.) is sponsoring an Earth Day Fest event today, May 17th at Dellwood Park in Lockport from 10:00 am until 4:00 pm. (Admission is Free.)

Learn About...Solutions to your Carbon Footprint; Nuclear Energy; Toxic Consumer Prods; Radon Indoor Air Quality; Private Wells & Groundwater; Horticulture; Sustainable Agriculture; Conservation; Health; Energy Efficient Building Products

See... demonstrations on topics that protect your quality of life, family, home, community and our environment.

Bring... old computers, electronics, cell phones, bicycles, shoes, eyeglasses and batteries to be recycled or refurbished and given to impoverished areas in the United States and overseas by organizations such as E-Cycle Technologies, Working Bikes - Will County, Share your Sole, and Hopeline.

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 5/3/2009	Week of 5/10/2009
General Fund: \$5,818	General Fund: \$14,820
Casa Offering: \$49.50	Casa Offering: \$1,037.50
Reading Tree MissionRaiser: \$135	VBS \$30 T-Shirt (Outreach): \$10
Children's Offering: \$5	Building Use: \$24
Worship Supplies: \$40	Audio/Video: \$25
Attendance: 160	Attendance: 202

Upcoming Events for Cross of Glory

Sunday	05/17	Mission Market Ministry Ordering Day
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	05/23	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
Sunday	06/14	Book Reading Group – 6:00 pm (Location to be determined)
Friday	06/26	Friday Night Discussion of <i>The Shack</i> – 7:00 pm
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).

Check Out Our Web Site and Our BLOGS

Cross of Glory maintains two BLOGS to help keep everyone “in the loop”. Our latest sermons from the Seven Wonders series are up on the sermon blog (pastorpjsermons.blogspot.com). Articles from past editions of this newsletter are available at cogbloghg.blogspot.com. Our new web site is located at crossofglory.com.