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Sunday – May 24th, 2009

In The Loop

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

Saturday * May 30th *** 11:00 - 2:00 PM**
Saturday Service & Women's Group May Project

Men and Women are Invited to Help for the Event!

Location:

Marycrest Village Apartments (Senior/Disabled Housing)
 2115 Marimon, Joliet IL 60436
 (815-744-7668)

Schedule:

11:00 - 12:00	Spring Cleaning Assistance in Apartments
12:00 - 1:30	Lunch in Community Room... Casseroles, Salad, Bread, Beverages & Desert Table
11:00 - 1:30	Music & Fellowship in Community Room
1:30 - 2:00	Clean Up

Project Coordinator:

Tamara Chaffin Cell - (815-557-3010)
 Service Coordinator, Marycrest Village

Volunteers are needed for cleaning, music and bringing food for lunch. Please sign-up for the event.

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.

Join Us for A Jackhammer's Game - \$5

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).

Women's Group- *Chicago* Musical

The next Women's Group event will be a trip to Lewis University to see their production of "*Chicago*" on Sunday July 19th at 2pm. Tickets are \$11.00. Please call Amanda Sandy for more information. 815-212-1023

CoG is Worshiping & Teaching...

Council Contacts: Della Bejlovec (Worshiping)
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?". For more information, contact Tom Waller.

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 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

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 are due the first and third Sunday of each month. 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 following Sunday. Orders can also be dropped off during the week in the front office.

Special Announcements

Team CASA Seis Mexican Fiesta

Friday, June 12th is our Mexican Fiesta dinner, DJ and silent auction. We will be serving a Mexican meal, a DJ for dancing and a night of fun for a good cause. Doors will open at 6:00 p.m. to start the silent auction bidding. Then at 7:00 pm the food will be served. We have a great menu planned so come join us. (Purchase refreshment tickets as you come in.) Piñata's will be available for the children.

Tickets go on sale Sunday, May 24th and will be available every Sunday until June 7th. They will also be available from any of the team or the church front office. Cost is \$15 per person, \$5 for children under 10, with a \$40 Family Max! If you have anything you would like to donate for the Silent Auction please contact Laura Uzzardo.

Suggestion Box at the Welcome Table

Your Cross of Glory Council is actively seeking your suggestions for improving the look of our interior space. Please forward your suggestions to any council member or write them up for our Suggestion Box.

Organic, Fair Trade Coffee in Bookstore!

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 coffee blends. It's great coffee that's good for the earth and good for the coffee growers.

Homer Parade Needs Volunteers!

Homer is in need of volunteers for the fest that follows the parade on June 27th. Adults or Teens can call Gail Skroboten of Homer Glen at (708) 301-0632.

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 5/17/2009	Week of 5/10/2009
General Fund: \$4,398	General Fund: \$14,820
Casa Offering: \$15.50	Casa Offering: \$1,037.50
VBS: \$180	VBS \$30
T-Shirt (Outreach): \$10	T-Shirt (Outreach): \$10
Attendance: 169	Building Use: \$24
	Audio/Video: \$25
	Attendance: 202

Upcoming Events for Cross of Glory

Thursday	05/28	Ordering Deadline for Jackhammer's Game
Saturday	05/30	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	06/07	Mission Market Ministry Ordering Day (1 st & 3 rd Sunday)
Friday	06/12	Mexican Fiesta Dinner / Team Casa Seis Benefit – 6:00 pm
Sunday	06/14	Mission Market Pickup
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
Sunday	07/19	Women's Event – Chicago at Lewis University
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.