

# In The Loop

February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2012

## Our Welcome Statement

**“Cross of Glory is Your Welcome Place! At Cross of Glory Everyone Is Welcome.** That is one of our Guiding Principles. And we mean everyone – people of every race, gender, class, denomination, ability, and sexual orientation are welcome here. You are welcome no matter who you are, where you’ve been, or what you’ve done. We promise to welcome you and make you feel right at home.”

We ask those of you visiting with us for the first time to please stop by the Welcome Table and pick up an information packet.

## Cross of Glory is Growing in Every Direction

### Our Vision

Like a tree, a healthy church is a *church that is growing in every direction...*

**DOWN** (roots) through *Worship*  
**UP** through *Discipleship*  
**TOGETHER** through *Fellowship*  
**OUT** through *Outreach*

## Cross of Glory is Moving Forward

Many of you have received the letter from Pastor PJ that he is resigning as the pastor of Cross of Glory. If you have not received this letter yet you can contact Laura in the front office for a copy.

The council is working with the Northern Illinois Synod on our next steps. The first thing will be to get an interim pastor as we start our Call Process for a new pastor. The council will also be putting together a Call Team to gather information on different candidates while working with the Northern Illinois Synod (NIS). More information on this whole process will become available as soon as possible.

Council Members: Dan Skowron, Sally Beller, Lori Anderson, Cheryl Nabors, Chuck Fisher

## Worship...Growing Down Roots

Council Member: Dan Skowron

### Ash Wednesday Worship

Join us for Ash Wednesday worship on February 22<sup>nd</sup> at Noon and 7:00 pm.

### Worship Volunteers Needed

If you would like to be a volunteer for worship please contact Laura at the church office or Dan Skowron.

## Discipleship...Growing UP

Council Member: Sally Beller

### Prayers for CoG and the Malins

The staff, council, prayer team, and other leaders have been praying for this congregation and the Malin Family. Please know you are being prayed for too and to contact any leader with questions and concerns.

## Fellowship...Growing Together

Council Member: Lori Anderson

### Bunko Women's Event

Friday, February 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm!

- Lots of fellowship and fun!
- \$5 to play which goes towards prizes
- If you'd like, you're welcome to bring a small snack or dessert to share and a beverage of your choice.

**We will be collecting for Cross of Glory's Protein Food Drive.** For every ten nonperishable protein product items you bring in, you'll get one raffle entry!

**No experience is necessary to play Bunko!** And of course you are very welcome to bring a friend. Contact Karin Knutson, Nicole Morin, or Laura Uzzardo for more information.

RSVP to Laura (hopefully by Feb 20th) at the church office at (708) 301-6998 or at [laura@crossofglory.com](mailto:laura@crossofglory.com). You can also sign up on the sheet in the Welcome Room.

The Women's Group is called C.L.I.M.B. (Christian Ladies Inspired by Meeting and Believing). We have regular opportunities for women to relax, connect, pray, learn, and have fun. From movie-nights to weekend retreats to Bible studies to service projects, there are always new and exciting opportunities for women to get involved.

## Outreach...Growing Out

Council Member: Caryl Hruska

### Blood Drive – February 28<sup>th</sup>

Receive a **“Cause and Effect: You Give. People Live.”** t-shirt for donating blood at our next blood drive.

The Heartland Mobile Coach will be at Cross of Glory on February 28<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 until 6:00 pm. You can schedule an appointment by signing up at church or calling the church at 708-301-6998.

Photo ID is Required! Questions on eligibility? Call 1-800 7 TO GIVE.

### Support the Lockport Resource Center

Be sure to check out and support the new **Lockport Resource Center Thrift Store.** There is a flyer posted in the Welcome Room. Proceeds supports the Lockport FISH Food Pantry as well as programs that assists those in need through scholarships, emergency relief, and no-interest loans.

You can help through prayer, donations, volunteering, inviting and referring others, and of course shopping at the store.

You may donate cash, new/used clothing, accessories, small appliances, and small furniture.

This group is supported by the Lockport / Homer Glen Ministerial Alliance. If you want to volunteer, Laura, in the Cross of Glory office, has a volunteer application.

944 N State Street  
Lockport, IL 60441  
815.846.1143

Hours: Tue – Fri, 10 am – 4 pm  
Sat, 10 am -2 pm

### Help us Feed 12,000!

To help meet the nutritional needs of the community, one of the biggest requests from food pantries is for foods with protein.

Our goal is to collect 12,000 servings by Easter! We have boxes on the altar for your donation. We are collecting the following foods:

Canned Chicken ▪ Canned Turkey  
Canned Tuna ▪ Canned Stew  
Pork and Beans ▪ Peanut Butter

**We have already taken 1000 servings to the FISH pantry in Lockport.** Additional servings collected:

## Book Club Update

Our next book is *The Warmth of Other Suns* by Isabel Wilkerson We will meet on Sunday, March 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm to discuss the book.

Other books we are reading include: *Heaven is for Real, Every Last One, The Glass Castle, Day After Night*, and *The Edge of Grace*. Everyone is welcome to read the books and join us for a great discussion.

## Finance...Growing Generosity

Council Member: Andrew Kjos

## Update on Worship & Giving

**February 8<sup>th</sup>** (Attendance: 38)  
General: \$334

**February 12<sup>th</sup>** (Attendance: 172)  
General: \$5,003; Casa: \$30  
Kids' Offering: \$53.71

## Manna Ministry

Manna sells gift cards for many stores and restaurants. A percentage of each gift card goes to CoG. If you are thinking about purchasing gift cards, this is a gift that gives twice. There are order forms in the bookstore. You can give your order to Cheryl Nabors or Laura Uzzardo or place it in the Bookstore mailbox to the right of Laura's office.

## Baptisms Today

Celebrating the Holy Baptism of

Jayden J DeLgado  
and  
Donna S Gudgel

## Pastor PJ's Jams

I was challenged by many friends, family, and congregation members to make a new CD this year. Well, I am taking that challenge, but I need YOUR help.

I created a Music Blog called "Pastor PJ's Jams." You can find it at: [pastorjams.blogspot.com](http://pastorjams.blogspot.com). I will post a video of one of my original songs each week. I need you to share your feedback about which songs should go on the CD. So either join the blog, subscribe, follow by email, or visit the site every Monday and Friday for new posts.

It would mean a lot to me to have you participate in the project. Thanks!

**Pastor PJ Malin**  
[pastorjams@gmail.com](mailto:pastorjams@gmail.com)

## Congregational Resourcing Event

Check out the workshops being offered through the Northern Illinois Synod on Saturday March 10<sup>th</sup>.

Sponsored by the Northern Illinois Synod Congregational Life Committee, the Congregational Resourcing Event is one of this synod's finest yearly events. Church council members, teachers, musicians, staff, volunteers, and leaders--just about everyone in a congregation--can take advantage of this learning event to strengthen skills, gather resources, network with others, and discover new ways to enhance congregational and individual ministries. Come, experience and bring home new ministry tools.

Visit <http://www.nisynod.org/cre> for more information. If you are interested please contact Laura at the church office, or any council member.



Your Welcome Place

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[www.CrossofGlory.com](http://www.CrossofGlory.com)

## Services:

**Sunday: 9:00 am and 10:45 am**  
**Wednesday: 6:00 pm**

## Ministers:

**All Members of Cross of Glory**

## Staff:

**PJ Malin**, Senior Pastor (Ext 15)  
[PastorPJ@CrossofGlory.com](mailto:PastorPJ@CrossofGlory.com)

**Laura Uzzardo**, Parish Administrator  
[Laura@CrossOfGlory.com](mailto:Laura@CrossOfGlory.com)

**Mimi Pappas**, Nursery Attendant

**Bob Bejlovec**, Maintenance

## The Welcome Place Preschool:

**Jamie Knutson-Zahora**, Director  
[Jamie@TheWelcomePlace.org](mailto:Jamie@TheWelcomePlace.org)  
Phone: 708-301-3883

## Christian Care and Counseling Center

Phone: 815-485-2531

## Casa Hogar de los Angeles:

**Donna Quatham**, Missionary  
[youareanangel@gmail.com](mailto:youareanangel@gmail.com)  
Web: [www.casadelosangeles.org](http://www.casadelosangeles.org)

## Sermon Blog:

[pastorpjsermons.blogspot.com](http://pastorpjsermons.blogspot.com)

## Kids Klub Page

[crossofglory.com/kids-klub](http://crossofglory.com/kids-klub)

## Mission Statement:

To be a community of faith in which everyone lives life in the LOOP of God's saving grace by: reaching and serving, welcoming and nurturing, worshiping and teaching, and giving and sending.

## Guiding Principles:

Jesus Is Lord  
Everyone Is Welcome  
We Have What The World Needs  
Everyone Has Something To Offer  
Love Changes Everything

## Upcoming Events for Cross of Glory

([www.crossofglory.com/calendar](http://www.crossofglory.com/calendar))

Mon	02/20	<b>NO T.E.L.L. (President's Day)</b>
Mon	02/20	Men's <b>Bible Study</b> – 8:15 pm (Every Monday)
Wed	02/22	Wednesday Night Connection Group – 7:15 pm
Wed	02/22	Ash Wednesday Worship – Noon and 7:00 pm
Wed	02/22	<b>No S.E.E. or RISEN or Holy Communion Class</b>
Fri	02/24	CLIMB Women's Group Event – <b>Bunco</b> – 7:00 pm
Mon	02/27	<b>T.E.L.L.</b> – 6:30 pm
Tue	02/28	Blood Drive – 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm
Wed	02/29	Wednesday <b>Worship</b> – 6:00 pm
Wed	02/29	<b>S.E.E. / RISEN</b> – 6:00 pm
Sun	03/04	Book Club – 6:00 pm

The monthly newsletter can be viewed at [www.crossofglory.com/newsletters/](http://www.crossofglory.com/newsletters/)