

# In The Loop

November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2011

## 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.

## Baptism Today

Today we welcome Ella Jean Pompilio into the Cross of Glory family through baptism. Her parents are Angela and Tuccio Pompilio. Her sponsors are Tina Pimpilio and John Darlington.

## 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*

### Worship...

#### Growing Down Roots

Council Member: Dan Skowron

### Community Thanksgiving Worship

Cross of Glory will be hosting the **Community Thanksgiving Service on Wednesday, Nov 23 at 7:00pm.** Every year churches in the area partner together for a Thanksgiving service. It is a time when we all work together for the glory and praise of God. We hope you can all join in the celebration.

## Christmas Programs & Services

We have set the dates and times for our Christmas Eve Services, Visit with Santa, and the Children’s Program. Mark your calendars.



- Visit with Santa – Dec 10<sup>th</sup> 10am-1pm
- Children’s Program – Dec 18<sup>th</sup> 10:00 am (one service)
- Christmas Eve Worship  
4:00 pm  
6:00 pm (Barn Service)  
11:00 pm
- Christmas Day Worship Service  
Sunday 10:00 am with Hymns and Prayers

## Children’s Christmas Pageant and Worship Service

On Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup> we will be having our annual Children’s Christmas Pageant. This will be our one and only worship service for that Sunday at 10 am. We would love to have your child participate in this program. There will be 2 practices and they are mandatory. They will be Wednesday’s, Dec 7 & 14 from 6-7 pm. There are speaking parts, non-speaking parts, and there will be a few to sing too! Something for all children of all ages. BUT, we truly ask that you fill out the signup form letting us know your child(ren) will be participating and turn it in by Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>.

### Volunteers Needed!

Jr. and Sr. High Youth are Needed as Narrators and for a Musical Solo.

### Fellowship...Growing Together

Council Member: Lori Anderson

### Book Club Update

The next book we are reading is *The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo* by Stieg Larsson. You are welcome to read the book and join the discussion. We will meet at Cheryl Nabors’ home at 6:00 pm on Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup>.

### Free Calendars

Free 2012 Cross of Glory Calendars are available at the back of the worship room.

## Cross of Glory Cookbook

Hey, good lookin’!

Whatcha got cookin’?

If you can give Rachael Ray a run for her money, CoG needs your recipes in the following categories:

- appetizers & beverages
- desserts
- soups & salads
- cookies & candy
- vegetables & side dishes
- vegetarian dishes
- main dishes
- this & that
- bread & rolls



You can either submit your recipes electronically to [cog.cookbook@yahoo.com](mailto:cog.cookbook@yahoo.com) or put them in the box located at the back of the worship area. Please limit your recipe submission to one per category. If you submit a recipe for each of the nine categories, you can also select a prize from our kitchen gadget mystery basket. Submit those recipes now! We are collecting them for a limited time only!

Questions? Team members are Debbie Murtaugh, Melissa Murtaugh, Chris Quemeneur, Michelle Kruse, Jim Sotzen, Lora Livingstone, Cheryl Nabors and Lori Anderson.

## Outreach...Growing Out

Council Member: Cheryl Nabors

### Thanks for the Box Donation

Thank you to Coca Cola and Tom Bonick for the donation of 50 boxes we will be using for the Thanksgiving Food Baskets.

### Thanksgiving Food Baskets

The food baskets will be assembled after 10:45 worship on November 20<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions, please contact the church office at 708.301.6998.

Suggested items (take this list shopping with you!): Canned Gravy or Gravy Mix, Instant Potatoes, Canned Sweet Potatoes, Stuffing, Canned Cranberries, Bread Mix, Canned Vegetables, Cookies & Candies, Jell-O’s and Puddings, Juice, Jewel or Dominick’s Gift Certificates.

## Visit with Santa

Our 2nd Annual Visit with Santa is on Saturday, December 10th from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. Children will have a chance to meet Santa, have their picture taken, make some crafts, and eat some snacks. Join us for some fun and fellowship as we celebrate the Christmas season.



**Volunteers and donations are needed for the Visit with Santa.** See the volunteer and donation signup sheets in the Welcome room.

## Christmas Angel Giving Tree

Each year we get over 90 children's names from DCFS so we can bring them a little joy at Christmas. This last Sunday we were able to get out 51 names and only had 2 names left at the end of service. We will be getting at least 40+ more children's names. If you are able to help a child please be sure to take an Angel, but be sure to sign out any name you pick so we can keep tabs. On each Angel is the age of the child and some suggested gift ideas for them. Return the gifts by Sunday, Dec 18th. Each gift must be wrapped and have the Angel, with their assigned number, attached to each gift. Or you can place all the wrapped gifts in a bag with the Angel attached to the bag. Any questions please ask Laura in the church office.

## Cross of Glory Car Magnets

Let's spread the word about CoG. Be sure to pick up your car magnet. They were donated by a church member to help us outreach to our community.

## Finance...Growing Generosity

Council Member: Debra Waller

## Manna Ministry

By purchasing gift cards, you help support the church. It's not too early to begin accumulating gift cards for **Christmas**.

Dominick's and Jewel gift cards are available today.

If you are interested in learning more about this program or placing an order, please contact Cheryl Nabors.

## Update on Worship & Giving

**November 9<sup>th</sup>** (Attendance: 23)

General: \$170

**November 13<sup>th</sup>** (Attendance: 119)

General: \$7,295

Casa: \$50

Kid's Offering: \$17.50

## Facilities...

## Growing Buildings and Grounds

Council Member: Chuck Fisher

## Volunteers Needed

We are looking for people with larger vehicles to help pick up the Christmas tree and other decorations from the storage unit.

This will be either Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup> (after worship) or Monday the 21<sup>st</sup>. If you are in able to assist in any way, please contact Laura.

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## 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)

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## 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))

Sun	11/20	Thanksgiving Baskets Assembled after 10:45 Service
Sun	11/20	Book Club at Cheryl Nabors' home at 6:00 pm
Mon	11/21	TELL – 6:30 to 8:00pm
Mon	11/21	Men's Bible Study – 8:15 pm (Every Monday)
Wed	11/23	Community Thanksgiving Worship – 7:00 pm
Thu	11/24	Laura will be out of the office until 12/04
Wed	11/30	Wednesday Worship – 6:00 pm
Wed	11/30	Pastor PJ's Bible Study – 7:15 to 8:15 pm (Every Wednesday)
Sat	12/10	Visit with Santa – 10:00 am to 1:00 pm

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