

Welcome to Cross of Glory!

We are glad you have joined us for worship today. 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 Statement



Cross of Glory is a Community of Faith...

Landscape Work Day

Landscape Work Day is May 22nd at 8:30 a.m. Help is needed to spruce up our landscape. All ages and abilities welcome to pull weeds, edge the beds, and refresh the mulch. **Please bring tools (weeders, spades, shovels, wheel barrows, & gloves).** If anyone who has machinery that can assist in moving mulch around the property, we would greatly appreciate if you can make that available to the volunteers.

Your help is especially needed this year because budget constraints require us to use volunteer labor in this effort. Questions? Contact Susan Burner @ (630) 257-1323.

Casa de Los Angeles Benefit Dinner

(5/02)

Join us for a dinner and silent auction for the support and endowment of CASA. The cost is \$75 per person.

When: May 22, 2010

Where: Drury Lane – Oakbrook Terrace
100 Drury Lane, Oak Brook Terrace, IL 60181

5:30 pm Cocktails and Silent Auction

7:00 pm Dinner and Recognition Ceremony

See the web site at <http://casadelosangeles.org/dinner> or contact Andrew Kjos for more information.

Services:

Sunday: 9:00 am & 10:45 am
Wednesday: 6:00 pm

Ministers:

All Members of Cross of Glory

Staff:

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Bob Bejlovec, Maintenance

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Casa Hogar de los Angeles:

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InTheLoop@CrossofGlory.com

Sermon Blog

pastorpjsermons.blogspot.com

Kids Klub Page

crossofglory.com/kids-klub

CoG is Reaching & Serving...

Council Contact: Beth Gervase

Blood Drive – May 18th

Give blood and receive a certificate good for \$11 at Oberweis. Appointments available between 2:00 pm and 6:00 pm. Sign up in the Welcome Room or call the church office to reserve a time slot..



CASA Jovenes Tres

(5/16)

Once again Cross of Glory will be sending a group of excited youth volunteers to CASA this summer! There will be various opportunities to support CASA Jovenes Tres in making this life changing trip. Continue to check the COG website for fundraising activities! Your spiritual and financial support is vital to the success of the team and is greatly appreciated!

CoG is Welcoming & Nurturing...

Council Contact: Bonnie Marszalek

Baptisms Today at 9:00 Service

Child: Julianne Erin Rafacz
Parents: Martin and Ann Marie Rafacz
Siblings: Edward and Derrick

Child: William Richard Jirek
Parents: Janet Sorley and Charles Jirek
Sponsors: Ann Marie Rafacz and Jason Jirek

Book Club Update

(4/18)

The next book we are reading is *The Thirteenth Tale* by Diane Setterfield. We will meet on Sunday, May 23rd at 6:00 to discuss the book. The location is yet to be determined. Everyone is welcome to read the books and join us for a great discussion. For more information, contact Cheryl Nabors.

Men's Group Meets Weekly

(5/02)

Our Men's Ministry gathers every Monday evening from 8:15-10:00p.m for weekly Bible Study and fellowship. The men also perform general maintenance around the building during this time.

Coffee Moms Small Group

(4/25)

Coffee Moms ministry at Cross of Glory is an opportunity for moms and kids to come together in fellowship on Thursday mornings at 9:30. Moms get to enjoy copious amounts of coffee, along with conversation with other moms, and a chance to take part in a Bible study. The kids are provided with snacks and a chance to work on social skills as they interact with other children. All moms are welcome to join. Each week we meet at a different members house. It is not a requirement to host if you join, just come and enjoy! Please contact Julie Malin to get the information for the week. We hope to see you soon!

Pastor's Bible Study

(4/25)

Pastor PJ leads a Bible Study on **Wednesday nights from 7:15-8:15pm**. The Bible Study is open to all people at all levels of reading the Bible. If you need childcare, let us know so that we can have that available. All you need to bring is yourself.

Friday Night Group – Update

(5/02)

The Friday Night Group has finished reading *The Purpose Driven Church*. We will be taking a break for a few weeks before resuming with monthly meetings in the summer. We meet from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. Contact Tom Waller for more information or come to our next meeting.

CoG is Worshiping & Teaching...

Council Contacts: Brian Gervase (Worshipping)

Terri Niemeyer (Teaching Youth),

Dan Malone (Teaching Adults)

Sermon Blog

(4/4)

Cross of Glory sermons are available online at crossofglory.com/worship/sermons. This site includes a link to sermons and graphics at Pastor PJ's sermon blog (pastorpjsermons.blogspot.com) as well as links to our Podcasts on iTunes.com and PodBean.com.

Preschool Registration Open Now

(5/02)

Registration applications for the Fall 2010 semester are now being accepted for the 3yr and 4yr old programs. Limited space is available so call today for more information: 708/301-3883.

Congratulations to our Confirmands...

Dorothy Baker, Rachel Budz, Connor Ganzer, Zachary Marszalek, Katherine Oles, Nicholas Oles, Amanda Parker, Scott Schroeder, Andrew Tanrikulu, and Alex Wilmsen

Get Ready for Vacation Bible School! (5/02)

This year VBS will be July 19th to July 23rd from 9:00 am until Noon. Registration will close on July 5th. Register early! Space is limited!

The cost for VBS will be \$10 per child or \$30 max for a family. Registration for children and for volunteering is easy!

Visit www.vacationbibleschool.com/crossofglory for more information and to register! If you have any questions please contact Amanda at vbs@crossofglory.com. We look forward to seeing you at Hero's Headquarters!!

CoG is Giving & Sending...

Council Contact: Bill Nabors

Cross of Glory Recycling Program (4/25)

Yesterday's Earth Day Fest was the start of our new recycling program that will continue year-round. We will be helping you Reduce, Reuse and Recycle by serving as a drop-off point for the following:

- Recycle Paper
- Aluminum Cans
- Empty Juice Pouches
- Empty Elmer's Glue sticks and bottles
- Mars & Wrigley Candy Wrappers
- Empty Scotch Tape dispensers

Earthkeepers Challenge (5/02)

We can all be a part of taking care of our earth. To find out more about how you can be involved, visit our website and sign up for the **Earthkeepers Challenge**. You can find complete information at www.crossofglory.com/earthkeeper.

Thank You!

We would like to put a big thank you out to the person who donated a new computer for staff member Laura. She is very pleased and appreciative!

Financial Update from Pastor PJ (5/09)

Hi Cross of Glory,

I am writing to give you a financial update. The congregation asked to be kept up-to-date on the financial status of our congregation. **This is a really tough financial time for us.** I think we are feeling the effects of the economy. Just to give you a sign of the times, this Easter we had more people than last year but almost half of the offering. Yikes! Bill Nabors, our council member for Giving & Sending, wrote a detailed letter in our contribution statement outlining the comparison of giving from last year to this year. Please take a look at this letter. And please prayerfully consider your ability and willingness to propel the ministry of our congregation through your financial giving.

If this is a hard financial time for you, let us know. We have a wonderful program called Project Second Chance whose aim is to offer help to those in need. In turn, we want to share our need with the congregation and ask those who are able, to give with generous and grateful hearts.

God bless you!

Pastor PJ

Lockport FISH Food Pantry Neighborhood Block Party

Sunday May 23, 2010 3pm
Shepherd of the Hill Lutheran Church

The Lockport FISH Pantry provides food for approximately 260 local households. In the past year they have experienced an increase of 36% in clients and are projecting to serve over 10,000 individuals in 2010. With the increase of clients due to the bad economy and unemployment, they are constantly looking for ways to provide for much needed food in our community. Join Cross of Glory's own **Soul Destination** as they perform at the FISH Pantry's Praise Concert on Sunday May 23, 2010. Non-perishable food items will be collected to stock the pantries shelves. There will be food, games and other fun for all ages. Music starts at 3:00 pm. For more information on this event please call Henry at the church office.

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

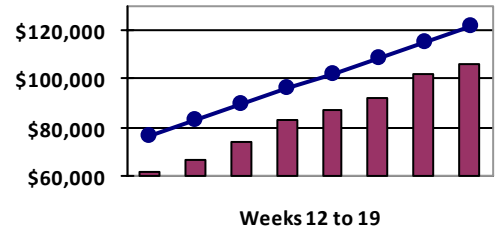
Update on our Worshiping and Giving

May 5, 2010
General Fund: \$725
Attendance: 19

May 9, 2010
General Fund: \$4,015
Casa Offering: \$38
Building Use: \$50
VBS: \$230
Attendance: 236

2010 Budget
Weekly Donations: \$6,393

YTD Donations (bar) vs Budget (line)



Upcoming Events for Cross of Glory

Monday	05/17	Men's Bible Study – 8:15 pm (Every Monday)
Tuesday	05/18	Blood Drive – 2:00 to 6:00 pm
Wednesday	05/19	Mid-Week Coffeehouse Worship – 6:00 to 7:00 pm (Every Wednesday)
Wednesday	05/19	Pastor PJ's Bible Study – 7:15 to 8:15 pm
Friday	05/21	Friday Night Group Bible Study will not Meet
Saturday	05/22	Yoga Class - 8:00 am
Saturday	05/22	Landscape Work Day – 8:30 am
Saturday	05/22	Casa Angeles y Milagros Dinner at Drury Lane in Oakbrook Terrace
Sunday	05/23	Worship Every Sunday at 9:00 and 10:45 am
Sunday	05/23	Neighborhood Block Party & Praise Concert at Shepherd of the Hill – 3:00 pm
Sunday	05/23	Book Club – 6:00 pm

Adventure Through the Bible

Cross of Glory has embarked on an *Adventure Through the Bible* in 2010. Our goal will be to read through the Bible in a year! Every week we will post readings for each day that should take around fifteen minutes. The sermons will be based on passages from the weekly readings. This week's readings are...

Sunday, May 16	Acts 21:37 - 22:29	Judges 17 - 18	Psalm 43
Monday	Acts 22:30 - 23:22	Judges 19	Psalm 44
Tuesday	Acts 23:23 - 24:9	Judges 20	Psalm 45
Wednesday	Acts 24:10-27	Judges 21	Psalm 46
Thursday	Acts 25	Ruth 1-2	Psalm 47
Friday	Acts 26:1-18	Ruth 3-4	Psalm 48
Saturday	Acts 26:19-32	1 Samuel 1:1 – 2:10	Psalm 49

To read or listen to *Today's New International Version* (TNIV) Bible...
<http://www.biblica.com/bibles/tniv>.

If you have a question about a reading, write it on *Pastor PJ's Facebook Wall*...
www.facebook.com/pastorpj.malin.

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).