

## 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 Reaching & Serving...

Council Contact: Beth Gervase

### Ministers:

All Members of Cross of Glory

### Staff:

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### Help Make Someone's Christmas a Little Brighter

The Angel Tree has just about 20 more Angels on it. Please pick up your Angel as soon as possible. All gifts need to be returned to the church by Sunday, December 20<sup>th</sup>. Please WRAP your gifts.

### Project Second Chance Ministry

This ministry exists to offer hope and help for those who are struggling, whether it is a struggle to survive day to day or a struggle to find a secure job or a struggle to get up in the morning.

To share areas where you need help or to discover ways that you can help, you can contact:

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Mike Uhrenbacher

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Lisa Talbot

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## CoG is Welcoming & Nurturing...

Council Contact: Nicole Morin

### December Women's Event

The women of Cross of Glory are invited for a Chocolate Party at Julie Malin's home on December 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm (hosted by Julie, Debbie Murtaugh and Mary Beth Randle). There will be an optional ornament exchange (please keep your ornament purchase \$10 or under). Please contact Julie, Debbie, or Mary Beth if you plan to attend.

### The Book Club

We selected our next book. It is *Christ the Lord: Out of Egypt* by Anne Rice. This is the first book in the **Christ the Lord** series. With a busy season coming up, we are planning to meet next year on Sunday, January 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 at Kathy Scanlon's house.

In February, we are planning to read *Three Cups of Tea* by Gregg Mortenson.

Everyone is welcome to read the books and join us for a great discussion. For more information, contact Cheryl Nabors.

### Naperville Area Christian Singles Event

*Cache Connections* is planning a New Year's Eve Party for December 31<sup>st</sup>. Call 309-550-5580 or visit [www.cacheconnections.com](http://www.cacheconnections.com) for more details.

## CoG is Worshiping & Teaching...

Council Contacts: Della Bejlovec (Worshiping)

Tammy Mack (Teaching Youth),

Pete Knutson (Teaching Adults)

### Coffeehouse Worship

On Thursdays, we have a Coffee House Worship service. From 6:00 to 6:30 pm every Thursday there will be coffee, snacks and conversation. A staffed nursery is available for children two and under. At 6:30, we transition into worship. Once a month, we have an extended time of music and fellowship after the Worship service.

### Children's Christmas Program

This year's program will be presented during worship on Sunday, December 20<sup>th</sup>. All the children are invited to join in.

There will be two practices (on Wednesdays), 12/9 and 12/16 from 6:00 to 7:00 PM.

### Christmas Eve Children's Choir

Cross of Glory will be assembling a Children's Choir for the 4:00 pm Christmas Eve service. This will be an exciting opportunity for our youth to be involved in this special day.

All ages up through 8<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to join the choir regardless of experience level. Anyone interested should contact Henry Garza in the church office (708-301-6998) or at [henry@crossofglory.com](mailto:henry@crossofglory.com). You can also contact Brooke Paluch, who is helping to direct the choir, at [brooke.paluch@yahoo.com](mailto:brooke.paluch@yahoo.com). There will be a sign-up sheet in the Welcome area on Sunday after church.

There will be three practices that will be held at church. Your child must be able to attend all practices. The practices are as follows:

- Friday, December 18<sup>th</sup> - 5:30-6:30 pm
- Monday, December 21<sup>st</sup> - 6:30-7:30 pm
- Thursday, December 24<sup>th</sup> - arrive at church at 3:00 pm for run-through with band, and then perform at 4:00 pm Christmas Eve Service

### Christmas Eve Worship Services

- 4:00 PM Family Friendly Service with a Children's Choir
- 6:00 PM Barn Service at the Konow Farm
- 11:00 PM Candle Light Service

### Advent Booklets Available

Did you and your family receive an Advent booklet? Help to celebrate the days before Christmas with your family. Cross of Glory has plenty still available. The Family Advent Booklet has daily devotions, stickers and a Christmas Tree.

## Read *The Purpose Driven Church* with Us

The Friday Night Group is studying Rick Warren's book, *The Purpose Driven Church*. We meet from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. Contact Tom Waller for more information. (Our next meeting will be Friday, December 11<sup>th</sup> where we will discuss chapter 7.)

## CoG is Giving & Sending...

Council Contact: Bill Nabors

### Manna Express Ministry

We will announce our November raffle winner next week. We are also stocking a limited number of cards for immediate delivery. (Chipotle, Chili's, Jewel, Panera, Caribou, Penney's, ...). See the list at the Manna Express display.

Manna Group informs us that Max & Erma's has filed for *Chapter 11* protection. As a result, their cards are no longer being offered and while the cards are still being accepted, anyone holding them may want to redeem them as soon as possible.

Vendors offer limited time bonus opportunities which means that we receive additional money from them while you enjoy the full purchasing power of the card.

#### Bonus Offerings (through 12/31/2009)

Bath & Body Works – 19% (5% bonus)

Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory – 15% (2% bonus)

Express - 13% (2% bonus)

Staples - 11% (5% bonus)

Lou Malnati's - 10% (2% bonus)

The Manna Express Team collects 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 us at a discount. We buy the gift cards at full face value, and the difference will go to support the mission and ministry of Cross of Glory.

Orders are collected at every worship service or can be dropped off during the week in the front office. Cards are ready for pick up the following week.

### Special Gift Offering

Thank you to everyone who has made a special gift offering. Special Gift envelopes are still available for anyone wishing to help eliminate our budget deficit.

## Special Announcements



### New Casa Products Available Now

New calendars and note cards are available now in our bookstore.

Both feature sketches of Casa children created by our own Paul Niemeyer!

All proceeds go to Casa de los Angeles.

### You Can Help the Hungry!

Help us Support the FISH Food Pantry in Lockport. Please help us fill the food donation barrel in the Welcome Room.

These donations help those who are struggling in these difficult times.



### Council Meeting Minutes

The meeting minutes for November have been posted in the folder on the information table located to the left of the soda machine.

### Barn Service Help Needed

Can you help set up the Barn Service the week of Christmas? This will be done during the day and if you think you can assist please contact Henry Garza.

## CoG's Five Guiding Principles...



- J**esus is Lord
- E**veryone is Welcome
- W**e Have What the World Needs
- E**veryone has Something to Offer
- L**ove Changes Everything

## Update on our Worshiping and Giving

Week of 11/22/2009	Week of 11/29/2009
General Fund: \$3,872	General Fund: \$4,442
Casa Offering: \$15.50	Casa Offering: \$35
Building Use: \$125	A/V: \$25 Recycling: \$21.41
	Building Use: \$50
Window Repair: \$10	Special Gift: \$50
Attendance: 175	Attendance: 162

## Upcoming Events for Cross of Glory

Monday	12/07	Men's Bible Study – 8:15 pm (Every Monday)
Wednesday	12/09	Christmas Program Practice – 6:00 to 7:00 pm
Thursday	12/10	Coffee House Worship – Fellowship at 6:00pm; Worship at 6:30pm (Every Thursday)
Friday	12/11	Women's Event - Chocolate Party & Ornament Exchange at the Malin's – 6:30 pm
Friday	12/11	Friday Night Group - <i>The Purpose Driven Church</i> – 7:00 pm (Chapter 7).
Saturday	12/12	Yoga Class - 8:00 am
Sunday	12/13	Worship Every Sunday at 9:15 am
Wednesday	12/16	Christmas Program Practice – 6:00 to 7:00 pm
Friday	12/18	Children's Choir Practice – 5:30 to 6:30 pm
Monday	12/21	Children's Choir Practice – 6:30 to 7:30 pm
Thursday	12/24	Children's Choir Practice – 3:00 pm
Thursday	12/24	Christmas Eve Worship – 4:00 pm, 6:00 pm (barn), and 11:00 pm

## 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 this 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).