



From Your Directing Chaplain, Fr. Dan Brandt...

Good news for all who attend the police Mass at Mercy Home on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month. Covid restrictions have been lifted, so we are able to return (from the indoor soccer field) to the beautiful 100+ year-old chapel. This change is effective Sunday, 09 JUL, 11:00 a.m. Hope to see you there!



Thank you to all who support Police Chaplains Ministry and our outreach to Gold Star Families. On Sunday, 04 JUN, we took over Navy Pier's *Spirit of Chicago* as hundreds of Gold Star Family members enjoyed a luncheon cruise with spectacular views, great food, and an amazing DJ who kept the dance floor hopping. Most important, these families had the opportunity to support one another.

Enclosed with a donation check we received last month was a beautiful handwritten note from a long-retired PO named John D., now living in Grayslake. It reads:

I pray every day for my brothers and sisters in blue. These are troubling times in the city where I was raised and served for over 40 years. May this donation help you tend to our Gold Star Families and the most wonderful flock of human beings: THE CHICAGO POLICE.

Thanks, also, to Chuck and Lois, who hosted last month's Upper Room Club gathering. What a nice opportunity to gather and share faith, laughs, and food/drink with like-minded folks. Please let me know if you'd like to be added to the Upper Room Club invitation list.

I recently had the privilege of blessing the new home of PPO Alex Rodriguez. He and his lovely wife are seen here after we asked God's protection over their beautiful residence. Notice the US flag proudly displayed!



And on 10 JUN, I had the pleasure of joining a couple of brothers at a family graduation party on the northwest side. Here you'll see Sergeant John and Explosives Tech Mike Curry. You can always catch both of them at CPD Enforcers football games. Thank you, Curry Family, for your generations of proud CPD and CFD service!



Finally, congrats to the many folks who won Chaplains Ministry challenge coins after identifying correctly the officers in the mystery picture in my column last month. These officers are Melissa Nelson and Mike Brown, both keeping the streets totally crime-free in 019.



A Blue Mass will be offered on Sunday, 16 JUL 2023, at 10:30 a.m. at St. Giles Church in Oak Park. Another Blue Mass will be celebrated Sunday, 17 SEP 2023, at 11:00 a.m. at St. Terrence Church in Alsip. As always, we invite all to pray with and for our officers at the Blue Masses!

Finally, on Tuesday, 12 SEP 2023, from 12:30 to 4:00 p.m., the Chaplains Section hosts a screening of the movie *Sabbath*. *Sabbath* is an interfaith documentary by award winning filmmaker Martin Doblmeier. It will take place at Park Community Church, 1001 N. Crosby Street. The movie focuses on the topic of something from which we would all benefit: making rest and relaxation a priority in our lives. This special screening is for active and retired CPD members, along with a guest. There will also be healthy discussion after the documentary. Space is limited. For more information, please contact Chaplain Kimberly Lewis-Davis at 312-771-6638 or Kimberly.lewisdavis@chicagopolice.org. Please RSVP by 05 SEP 2023.

May God bless you and keep you safe and healthy! Thank you for doing God's work.

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