



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

Thanks to Pizano's Pizza and Pasta at 21st and Indiana for hosting our Upper Room Club last month. Pizano's LOVES the police. *Please love them back.* If you'd like to add your name to the Upper Room Club invitation list, please email me. It's a wonderful opportunity to share faith, learn about the Divine, and enjoy a meal with like-minded folks.



Thanks, also, to the folks at St. Mary of the Woods Parish for hosting a recent Blue Mass. It's always nice to pray with members of different communities who respect and appreciate the vital work done by the police.

In case you are reading this before then, Ash Wednesday is 14 FEB. In keeping with time-honored tradition, CPD Chaplains will distribute blessed ashes at various locations throughout the city. The schedule will be posted on The CPD Wire and our website.



During this season of Lent, many people try to pray more intentionally. So, just a reminder: every Friday at 1:00 p.m. the Chaplains Section continues to facilitate a Bible study/prayer/faith-sharing group at the police academy. No matter your faith tradition, ALL are welcome to share and hear words of encouragement at these brief Christian-based gatherings.

A similar (though more intimate in size) non-denominational Christian prayer opportunity is offered every Wednesday at 12:30 p.m. in the multi-purpose room at Public Safety Headquarters.

And Muslim (Jumma) prayers are offered every Friday at 1:00 p.m. in room 202 of the academy.



To confirm times, or if you'd like more information, please email Joseph.Jackson@ChicagoPolice.org, Kimberly.LewisDavis@ChicagoPolice.org, or Hysni.Selenica@ChicagoPolice.org.

In addition to our regular 2nd and 4th Sunday Masses at Mercy Home (11:00 a.m. at 1140 W. Jackson Boulevard), we'll gather for Mass on Easter morning (31 MAR) at 10:00...note the difference in time for the holiday. More information can be found on the "Police Mass" link at www.ChicagoPCM.org



Please mark your calendar: On Saturday, 27 APR 2024, from 3:00-7:00 p.m., we'll be taking over The Klairmont Kollections auto museum (near Belmont/Cicero). This is a fundraiser for Police Chaplains Ministry. There will be a grand raffle...so please shake the tree if you have any friends who own restaurants, car washes, bars, clothing stores, whatever! Please ask for gift certificates. We would appreciate your help!

Keep up with all of the above and LOTS more on our FaceBook page or website (www.ChicagoPCM.org).

Finally, during the brutal cold snap in mid-January, I received a text message out of the blue from my boss, Blase Cardinal Cupich (Archbishop of Chicago). It read, "Please let the troops know I'm keeping them close in prayer, knowing the demands on them with this bitter cold." So there you have it!

Thank you for doing God's work,

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