

Fr. Dan Brandt's Corner...

CPD officers swear to SERVE AND PROTECT. Here you'll see officers from O14 fulfilling the SERVE part of that oath... In the first picture, **Mike Edens** and **Tom McNamara** deliver Christmas gifts to hospitalized children. In the next picture, Mike and a crew of church volunteers serve meals to homeless and needy folks in Humboldt Park. Thank you, Mike and Tom, for making us proud and reminding the public that *the police are indeed their friends!*



An article in last month's FOP magazine highlighted the **police couples' retreat** hosted at a resort in Itasca by **Chaplain Kimberly Lewis-Davis**. It was a wonderful event which many CPD couples attended. If you and your significant other missed this opportunity or didn't register in time, please let Kim know and she'll put you on the list for the next retreat. She can be reached through our website. Retiree couples are also welcome.

Our monthly "**Upper Room Club**" continues to meet every first Wednesday of the month at **Pizano's** Pizza and Pasta in Wicker Park. More information is available on our website (below). This coming session (07 FEB), we'll talk about the season of Lent since it begins with Ash Wednesday the following week. We'll also host a Bible trivia contest with prizes that evening. All are welcome for food, drink and conversation.

Ash Wednesday is 14 FEB. In time-honored tradition, department chaplains will distribute blessed ashes at various locations throughout the city. The schedule will be posted in the Daily Bulletin and on our website.

If your new year resolution is to get some regular "Churchin' up," then please know you are most welcome at the **police Mass every 2nd and 4th Sunday**, 11:00 a.m., at Mercy Home for Boys and Girls (1140 W. Jackson Blvd). While this is a Catholic Mass, ALL CPD families are welcome. On-duty members, you'll be out in less than 30 minutes.

When looking for a business to patronize, be sure to check out the "LINKS" page on our website. There you'll find several police-owned and police-friendly businesses who would appreciate your support.

As the new year begins, please be assured of our prayers for you and your families. On behalf of CPD Chaplains Kimberly Lewis-Davis, Joe Jackson, Rabbi Moshe Wolf, Bob Montelongo and Hysni Selenica, I wish you a blessed, healthy and SAFE 2018.

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