



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

Want to win a Police Chaplains Ministry challenge coin? Send an email to the address below, with the name of at least one of these two PO's with whom I celebrated the marriage of PO Matt Gill last month. If you get it right, I'll send you a challenge coin.





On 23 MAY, I had the pleasure of meeting with the board of directors of the Scandinavian-American Police/Fire Association. As they say, “TALTAV: Take A Liking To A Viking!” How could you not?!?!

If you happen to see this before 18 JUN... As always, we will celebrate a special **Fathers' Day Mass** at Gold Star Memorial and Park at 10:00 a.m. Sunday, 18 JUN. Being an outdoor venue, if the weather looks questionable, please call (773)550-2369 that morning to make sure the Mass is on. You are welcome to bring folding chairs or a blanket...and even a picnic lunch for after Mass.

On Monday, 19 JUN, our [Upper Room Club](#) will convene at 6:00 in the northwest-side back yard of one of our “Regulars.” We’ll enjoy sharing faith over a barbeque meal and drinks. For the exact address, email or call me.

This month Police Chaplains Ministry hosts our beloved **Gold Star Families** on their 26th annual luncheon cruise aboard the Spirit of Chicago. If you would like to help underwrite the cost of this outing, feel free to [donate via our website](#) or

by mailing a check to Police Chaplains Ministry, 1140 W. Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, IL 60607.

A [Blue Mass](#) will be offered on Sunday, 16 JUL 2023, at 10:30 a.m. at St. Giles Church in Oak Park. As always, we invite all to pray with and for our officers at the Blue Masses!

Please support the St. Jude League by purchasing a **St. Jude sticker** from your district/unit St. Jude League representative. A donation of \$7.00 per sticker is requested. Buy some for your friends' and family members' cars! Funds raised benefit a host of worthy charities, and make possible the ministry of St. Jude Chaplains who lead prayer services at CPD family wakes/funerals. For more information about obtaining a sticker, or if you don't know who your rep is, please contact me.

I leave you with a prayer that a CPD shared with me...they recite it together every day:

*God, I know that You are good, even if I cannot see the good right now.*

*I know that love me, even though I don't feel you right now.*

*God, please come closer to me. Fill me with your Spirit.*

*Rid my heart of the fear and hurt I have.*

*Surround me with comfort, strength, and wisdom.*

*Pour your love into me, into my spouse, and into my marriage.*

*Help me to wait. And please be with me in the waiting.*

*- Amen*

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

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