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# 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent



## In Today's Readings...

First Reading | 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23

**"The wrath and the mercy of the Lord are revealed in the exile and liberation of his people."**

Second Reading | Eph 2:4-10

**"Through dead in your transgressions, by grace you have been saved."**

Gospel | Jn 3:14-21

**"God sent his Son so that the world might be saved through him."**

In today's gospel reading we hear that God loved the world so much that he gave us Jesus to show us how to live and to help bring us closer to God. These readings invite us to contemplate our own lives in light of God's enduring patience and willingness to forgive. They challenge us to recognize our transgressions, yet reassure us of the possibility of repentance and returning to God's grace.

## Lent Family Calendar! Week of March 10<sup>th</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

**Sunday** | During prayer, picture yourself meeting Jesus in a scene from the Gospels. Imagine your reaction and response.

**Monday** | Send a greeting card or a letter to a relative, friend, or fellow parishioner who is homebound.

**Tuesday** | Fast from eating food mindlessly, that is, from not even bothering to taste it.

**Wednesday** | Clean up a common area at work, in the neighborhood, or at home. Do it as a gift for the good of all.

**Thursday** | Invite a widowed neighbor to join your family for a meal.

**Friday** | Fast from worrying. Trust God instead.

**Saturday** | Plant a tree that will benefit future generations.

## Sunday Puzzle

R	S	T	I	S	G	Y	P	Q	E	Q	F	L	P	L
Z	V	K	G	H	P	S	K	N	U	K	I	Y	V	D
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S	A	V	E	T	N	Y	V	S	N	P	E	O	P	R
H	A	X	P	X	P	G	E	D	L	M	L	R	L	K
T	N	N	A	B	P	W	R	E	L	G	R	A	C	E
U	L	O	H	D	E	S	T	R	O	Y	F	V	O	Y
R	I	S	L	I	G	H	T	P	O	L	L	U	T	E
T	N	O	I	S	S	E	R	G	S	N	A	R	T	T
Z	W	N	Z	T	J	D	J	C	O	Z	Q	P	M	R

Wrath	Mercy	Lord	Reveal	Messengers	
Pollute	Temple	Compassion	Destroy	Mock	
Warning	Seventy	Rest	Belong	Dead	
Transgression	Grace	Gift	Live	God	
Sent	Son	Save World	Dark	Light	Truth

Complete the puzzle & submit it to the main office to win a prize!

Prize: \$20 Amazon Gift Card

Two winners will be picked every first Sunday of the month.

# PARISH NEWS

## ❖ Lent Confession Hearing

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be held on March 10<sup>th</sup> and March 17<sup>th</sup> during Sunday School hours for students in grades 3-12.

## ❖ Youth Group Bake Sale

The revenue for last week's Youth Group Bake Sale totaled \$2,090.90. Thank you for all your support!

## ❖ 2024 Rice Bowl

As Ash Wednesday concludes, join millions of people worldwide who are participating in the Lenten tradition of almsgiving. This is an opportunity to show gratitude for our blessings and share what we have with others.

**Your gift makes a direct impact on the lives of global family members in need.** Thank you!

*Return by: March 31 (Sunday) Easter Day*

## ❖ 2024-2025 Religious Education and Youth Group Registration is Open!

**Class Time:** Sundays 11:45 am - 12:45 pm (following English Mass)

**Registration Period:** 3/15/24 - 4/15/24

Further details regarding registration will be provided soon.



## ❖ Holy Fire 2024 Save-the-Date: November 2

The Archdiocese of Chicago is pleased to announce the return of Holy Fire this fall! Occurring every two years, Holy Fire gathers young people in grades 6 through 9 to experience a profound and personal encounter with Jesus Christ through His Church. Holy Fire features dynamic speakers and live musical performances, and engages participants in powerful moments of prayer, liturgy and worship.

· **WHEN:** This year, Holy Fire will occur as a one-day event on **Saturday, November 2**. Please note that consideration of All Soul's Day has been taken into account for scheduling and planning this event.

· **WHERE:** Holy Fire will again be held at **Credit Union 1 Arena** (formerly known as UIC Pavilion).

· **WHO:** Youth in grades 6 through 9. All parishes and schools across the Archdiocese (and beyond!) are invited and encouraged to join in this important moment of spiritual renewal in the life of our young Church. Young people preparing for the sacrament of confirmation are especially encouraged to participate as a milestone moment of encounter and communion during their sacramental journey.

## ❖ Alpha for Spring 2024

Got questions about Life?

St. Mary of the Annunciation Parish in Mundelein will be hosting another Alpha season beginning on Wednesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Here's what to expect at the sessions:

Alpha meets once a week for 9 weeks. Sessions begin with a meal, followed by a short talk, and time to discuss the topic. During the discussion, everyone is welcome to contribute their opinions and no question is considered hostile or too simple. Alpha is for everyone - no question is out of bounds and you are free to discuss as much or as little as you wish. We don't assume any background knowledge or belief in Christianity.

Full schedule is available at [www.stmaryfc.org](http://www.stmaryfc.org)

*Wednesday Evenings - 6:30 - 8:15 p. m.*

*April 3<sup>rd</sup> - May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024*

*Diantha Hall in the St. Mary Education Center*

## ❖ St. Emily Open House

St. Emily Catholic School will be hosting an open house for families to visit the classrooms, meet teachers, administration, and current families.

**Open House Date / Time:**

- PK & Kindergarten: Thur. April 18,  
6:00 p. m. - 7:00 p. m.

**Location:** 1400 E. Central Road, Mount Prospect

Visit [stemilyschool.org](http://stemilyschool.org) or call 847-297-3490 for more information.