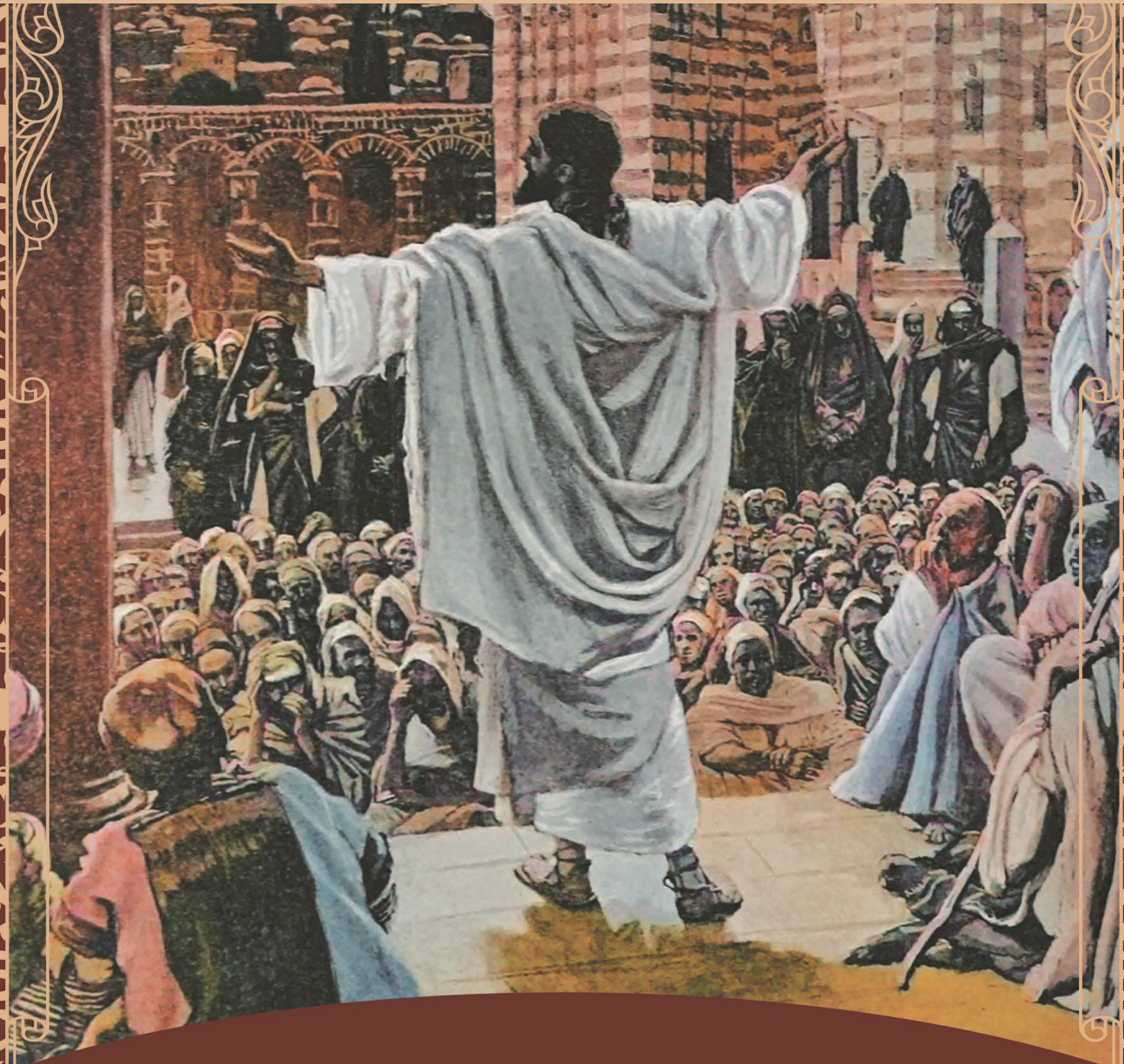


Welcome to St. Michael The Archangel Catholic Community  
August 17, 2025



• 20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME •

**“I HAVE COME  
TO SET THE  
EARTH ON FIRE!”**

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## SATURDAY LITURGY

Vigil: 5:00 PM

## SUNDAY LITURGY

7:30, 9:30 & 11:30 AM

LIVESTREAM 9:30 AM MASS

## DAILY LITURGY

Weekdays 7:00 AM

Saturday 8:00 AM

## HOLY DAY LITURGY

See page 9 of the bulletin

## CHAPEL HOURS:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday

8:00 AM-3:00 PM

Wednesdays

8:00 AM-4:00 PM

Saturday

9:00-3:00 PM

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Wednesdays

1:00-4:00 PM in the Chapel

## SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

**Sacrament of Penance...**Saturday

3:30 PM-4:30 PM

**Baptisms...**First time parents at

St. Michael must attend a Baptism Prep session before the baptism date can be scheduled. Please call Janice at ext. 8241 to schedule the prep session and/or baptism date.

**Marriage....**The bride, groom or their parents/grandparents must be active registered members of the parish for at least one year prior to reserving a date for the wedding. The diocese requires that arrangements must be made at least six months in advance of the wedding date in order for the proper personal, spiritual and liturgical preparations of the couple to be completed.

**Sacrament of the Sick...**Please call the office until 4:00 PM. After 4:00 PM, please call 322-6623 Monday-Friday and anytime on the weekend.

Names of the sick are placed in the bulletin for a period of four weeks after which time they are either removed or placed in the Book of Intentions in the Chapel.

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Website: [www.stmichaelparish.life](http://www.stmichaelparish.life)

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Faith Formation

Marriage Ministry

Marriage Preparation

Radiate

School Administrator

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Cemetery Committee

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## From the Pastor's Desk

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***We Are All Rescue People.*** Being rescued is something I would want to happen to me if I was in desperate, death-dealing, straights. I think we would all want to be rescued if it was necessary. But being rescued is far from a pleasant experience. Not only are we unable to fend for ourselves, but we might also be injured during the rescue. That is why there are “Good Samaritan Laws” that allow us to both rescue someone and to be rescued without worrying about how the rescue is accomplished.

In the first reading, Jeremiah, unjustly condemned, is thrown into a muddy well. He sinks in the mud. This is truly a desperate moment and he needs to be rescued. And so, he is. But we can be sure that the strain and stress of pulling him from the grasping mud caused many bruises and scrapes and perhaps even a broken shoulder.

Jesus is the one who pulls us from the grasping mud of sin. The mire that can drag us under. But in our rescue, there is some danger. In the gospel, Jesus relates the danger of being saved and following him. In confessing our sinfulness to God in the Sacrament of Penance we ask Jesus to raise us up, once again, to the purity of our baptismal day. This process is life-saving for us but also involves some difficulty. Not a difficulty set up by God, but one set up by you and me. The grasp of mud that holds us down in the well can make us leery about our rescue.

It can be painful, like stretching a muscle that has gone limp, but the stretch is necessary for health and movement. So too is it with our need to confess to God in the Sacrament of Penance. Our brief discomfort produces for you and me a peace and security that cannot be gained in any other fashion. To hear the words “and I forgive you of your sins...” as Christ speaks them to us in the sacrament are priceless and make the discomfort of the rescue worth it.

Not everyone wants to follow Jesus, not everyone wants to be reconciled to him even as he calls and looks for everyone. This is why he honestly warns us not to look for false unity, his rescue brings division all too often. Many will tell you and me to forgo the confessional, to try to save ourselves from the muddy pit. Yet, in all the history of the world this has not been possible. We simply sink deeper into the mud. We should not be fooled by these voices who think following Jesus is without difficulty or risk.

In the history of the Church, fathers have been turned against their sons and daughters against their mothers and even husbands against their wives all because of a simple call to love as Jesus loved. People who take Jesus' command to love seriously often set themselves up for ridicule, rejection and even hatred.

Following the way of love is not about giving everyone everything that they want. Following Jesus' way does not presume peace, rather it presumes division. Not everyone is open to growing in love. Some people, even some people we love dearly, are quite content to nurse their prejudice, revel in gossip and find fulfillment in being rude. This should not deter the faithful follower. We should know that many people did not accept our leader and his way of doing things. What makes us think that all people will accept our urging to follow the same way of living today? They won't, and they don't. But it still remains for you and me to point the way by our life that we live in Christ.



Through trials, choosing  
His way...



# Ministry Outreach

## Meet Kathleen!



Kathleen Mance  
Music Ministry

Kathleen Mance has been a devoted member of St. Michael Parish since marrying her husband, Tom, there in 1995. Though not Catholic at the time, she converted in 1999. Kathleen and Tom have two children, Jennifer and RJ. Kathleen is employed as a Library Acquisitions Specialist at a law firm in downtown Chicago. She joined the Bell Choir in 1998 after seeing an announcement in the bulletin and brought prior experience from her youth in Illinois. In 2000, she was invited to lead the Bell Choir. Although hesitant at first—being new to the Church and unfamiliar with leadership roles—she embraced the challenge and learned along the way with support from others. Playing the handbells is something she looks forward to—it's a simple way to bring beauty to the liturgy.

*She encourages others to join, assuring them that musical experience is helpful but not required—just a willingness to try.*

## All Those 50+ Parishioner or Non-Parishioner

Senior Gems are going for a third time charm when we try to go on the Cedar Lake cruise on August 20th at 1pm. Please call the office for information. Our last two adventures included the Art Institute and Navy Pier. Come join the fun. Next meeting is August 26th at 10am in the SE meeting room.



## Eucharistic Adoration

The best kind of friend is one you can simply be with in silence, enjoying the moment together.

That's the kind of quiet, deep connection you share with Jesus in Eucharistic Adoration.

**Come and Spend Time with the Lord**  
**August 20th, 1:00 - 4:00 PM in the Chapel**

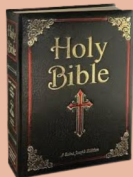


Join us in Marion Devotions on Sunday, August 20th at 8:00 PM in the cemetery at the Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine.



## Catholic Bible Study will be learning about the Book of Revelation this fall.

**Registration: Weekends of September 13 & 14 and 20 & 21 after 5:00, 7:30 and 9:30 Masses and BEFORE 11:30 Mass. If you want to join us after September 21, you will have to secure your own book.**



**You may pay \$20 at registration and we'll order your book for you (we have to cover shipping) OR you can save money and purchase your own book through Amazon.**

**For more information, call Linda Hansen @ 219-682-7072 or Deacon Ron Pyle @ 219-742-8263.**

Dates: Tuesdays from 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm; starting Sept 30 through Dec 2.



**August 19th**  
**10:00 AM in**  
**St. Patrick Hall**



## BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE



### SCHOOL SUPPLIES NEEDED...CAN YOU HELP??

The Good Samaritans are having their annual school supply appeal for children in need. Pencils, crayons, folders, back packs, printing paper, notebooks, glue sticks, pens, scissors, hand sanitizer, children's scissors and learning to print lined paper are just a few items needed. We sincerely appreciate your generosity and support.

## Welcome the Newly Baptized

Bruno James Canada  
James Stanford Lickert, Jr.  
Zayn Thomas Pastrick  
Benjamin Ryan Pastrick



All High School Teens are invited to be a part of Radiate! Help us plan for the year with YOUR ideas! Come join us this month. Have a great start to your school year. We will be praying for all of you!



**DON'T FORGET--NCYC forms and payment due this weekend! THANK YOU!**

**Sun, Aug 24** – PLANNING NIGHT – We want to hear from you as we begin to plan for our upcoming year. Serving snacks. Meet in St. Patrick's Hall from 6-8pm.

**Sun, Sept 21** – Meet in St Patrick's Hall (6-8pm)

**Sun, Oct 12** – Meet in St Patrick's Hall (6-8pm)

**Sun, Oct 26** – Meet in St Amand Room (6-8pm)

Any questions about Radiate? Please feel free to contact Mrs. Jeannine Quigley 219-775-5356 or Mrs. Marisa Richardson 219-730-4735.

## Faith Formation News

### Important Dates

Sept. 9th/10th: First Class/Parent Orientation in SMS gym, 6 -7:30 PM

Sept 14th: First Family Class/Parent Orientation in SMS gym, 9:30 -11 AM

Sept 16th/17th: Traditional Classes, 6 -7:30 PM in SMS Classroom

Register your child **now** for Faith Formation classes for grades 1-8.

## Welcome Back!



### Looking for a young adult community?

*The St. Michael's Young Adult Group is the answer!*

Inspired by Roman's Chapter 1 verses 11-12.

We young adults, ages 18 to 35, strive to build friendships, to encourage each other to live out our faith, and to support one another through prayer.

Text or call AnnMarie Hemmerling at 219-798-3248 for more info and to join our GroupMe!



Wanting to know more about the process of OCIA as a catechist? We have a *great* opportunity for you to do just that! Come spend time with Fr. Marty, who will share an OCIA 101 introduction Session for those interested. A catechist is someone who will share their faith life and break open the Gospel Messages weekly with our OCIA Candidates and Catechumen. (Those wishing to seek a full Catholic faith life)

This process is NOT a classroom setting, but rather a personal faith journey, exploring and living out the Gospel Message.

**When:** September 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>

**Where:** St. Michael Parish~ St. Patrick Hall

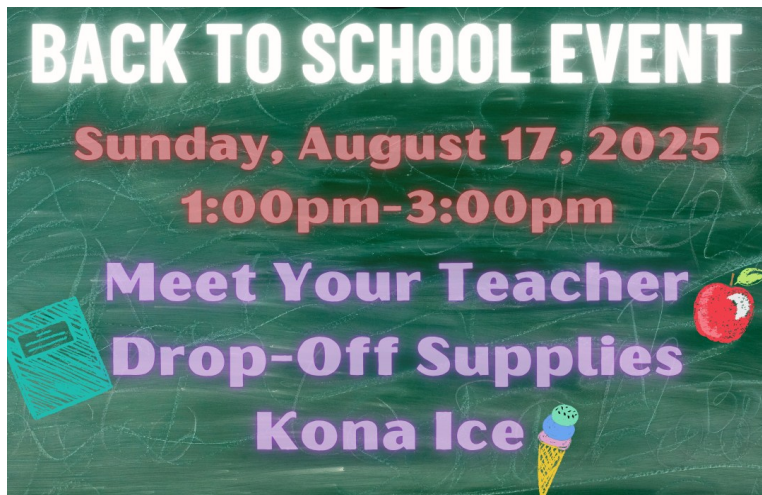
**Time:** Friday, September 5<sup>th</sup> - 6:30 PM- 8:30PM &

Saturday, September 6<sup>th</sup> - 9:00 AM- 1:00 PM (Starting with Mass at 8:00 AM)

# BACK TO SCHOOL EVENT

**Sunday, August 17, 2025**  
**1:00pm-3:00pm**

**Meet Your Teacher**  
**Drop-Off Supplies**  
**Kona Ice**



**WE'RE  
HIRING!**  
**JOIN OUR TEAM**



## MIDDLE SCHOOL SOCIAL STUDIES

We are seeking an energetic individual  
 who is ready to dive in and teach a  
 wonderful group of students!

send your resume to: [mbiscan@smswarriors.org](mailto:mbiscan@smswarriors.org)

16 W. Wilhelm Street Schererville, IN 46375

<https://stmichaelparish.life/school/>



Please join us at Redar Park on the first day of school  
 Wednesday, August 20th at 7:30 am

Donuts, juice, milk, play, & friendship!  
 Students will walk as a group from the park to the school at  
 7:55 am - or parents can drive them over

This is not a drop off!  
 Students must be supervised by a parent or guardian

NEW families are encouraged to join - this is a great way for  
 students to calm those back to school nerves and make  
 friends before they walk into their classroom.

## Donut Sunday

Join us after each  
 mass on Sunday!



## SHOP, SHOW, and SUPPORT Back-to-school shopping at Southlake Mall!

St. Michael School is participating in Shop for  
 Schools, a fun and rewarding program that gives  
 back to our school. Families simply shop at  
 Southlake Mall July 15-August 25 2025 and  
 submit their receipts-online or in person.

A percentage of those purchases will be donated  
 directly back to our school! The more our  
 school community shop, the more our school  
 earns.

The following retailers count for double towards  
 our school's total: JCPenney, Macy's, DTLR,  
 H&M, PINK/Victoria's Secret, Buckle, Foot  
 Locker/Kids, PacSun, BoxLunch, & Journey's.

Scan the QR code to submit your receipts!



## Bless a Classroom!



Link can be found at [stmichaelparish.life/school](https://stmichaelparish.life/school)







## ***LIFE IS PRECIOUS; HANDLE WITH PRAYER***

**Mary Ann Adam, Pat Matz, Karen Dezarn, Rose Ilgin, Jerry Palko, Marcie Rose, Joan Hamnik, Michele Lamb, Noah Buchler, Bob Gabor** and all those in need of the healing touch of God. Please call 219-322-4505, ext. 8220 to place a loved one on the Prayer List. Please see page 2 for guidelines regarding Pray for the Sick List.

*St. Michael's parishioners are in bold, italic print.*



## ***Young Mothers Group***

For New & Young Mothers with Children Under 5 yrs of age. Join us for a peaceful morning of companionship, conversation, and encouragement with other moms who understand the joys and challenges of this season.

**Wednesday, August 27, 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM, St. Patrick Hall**

Whether you're a first-time mom or simply looking to connect, you're invited to come as you are — little ones and all!

For more information, contact Vanessa Merkle at [vmerkle85@gmail.com](mailto:vmerkle85@gmail.com).



## ***Calling all St. Michael School Alumni!***

We'd love to hear from you and reconnect. Share your memories, updates, and milestones with us as we celebrate the amazing journey of our school community. Your story is an important part of our history—let's celebrate it together!

***Thank You!***



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# **St. Michael Catholic School** **125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration** *faith, tradition, and academic excellence*

**Friday, September 26<sup>th</sup> at Innsbrook Country Club**

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KOFC Coats for Kids  
Soles 4 Souls

### **Cursillo Retreat —**

which means "short course in Christianity" in Spanish with daily prayer, Mass, Spiritual Direction, and group discussions. Open to Catholics 18+.

**Women's Weekend: Sept 11–14**

**Men's Weekend: Oct 23–26**

*Location: Camp Lawrence, Valparaiso*  
*Contact: Carol Slager, 219-765-8600*

Already attended? Join **Ultreya** every 2nd Tuesday at Holy Spirit Parish.



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## STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

"For where  
your treasure is,  
there your heart  
will be also"  
Matthew 6:21

**August 10th, 2025**

Adult	\$ 15,629.00
Children	\$ 82.00
EFTs	\$ 4,279.01
Loose	\$ 352.00

**Total Weekly Offering  
\$20,342.01**

**Thank you for your generosity!**

**Join us for Chair Yoga!**

**August 15th 8:00 AM**

St. Patrick Hall. Please call

Ursula at 219-741-3276

## Weekly Schedule

GS-Gathering Space

SPH-St. Patrick Hall

### SUNDAY AUGUST 17

125th Anniv Celebration Ticket Sale, 8AM - 1PM, GS  
OCIA, 9:30 AM-12:00 PM, SE and SW Rooms  
EC and PK Orientation 12:30-1:00 PM, Gym/School  
Lector Meeting, 1:00-2:00 PM, SE and Church  
Welcome Back/Supply Drop Off, 1:00-3:00 PM, School  
Building/Gym and Parking Lot  
Blood Pressure Readings after 5 PM, 7:30 & 9:30 AM  
masses, Cloak Room  
Sunday, Coffee and Donuts after all masses, SPH  
Vietnamese Confessions 5:00-5:45 PM, Church  
Vietnamese Confessions Mass, 6:00-7:00 PM, Church

**The Rosary is said after 7:00 AM weekday Mass  
except Tuesday-after OLPH Devotions**

### MONDAY AUGUST 18

Centering Prayer, 6:00-7:00 PM, SW Room

### TUESDAY AUGUST 19

Mass and Our Lady of Perpetual Help and Devotion,  
7:00-8:00 AM, Chapel  
Labors of Love 10:00 AM-12:00 PM, SPH  
Young Adult Group 6:30-8:30 AM, SW Room

### WEDNESDAY AUGUST 20

HSA Donuts in the Park, 7:30-8:00 AM, Redar Park  
Eucharistic Adoration, 1:00-4:00 PM, Chapel  
New Faith Formation Families Gathering, 6:00-8:00 PM,  
SPH

### THURSDAY AUGUST 21

Catechist Retreat, 6:00-8:00 PM, SPH  
Cantor Practice, 7:00-8:00 PM, church

### FRIDAY AUGUST 22

Chair Yoga 8:00-9:00 AM, SPH

### SATURDAY AUGUST 23

Confessions, 3:15-4:30 PM, Chapel  
125th Anniv. Celebration Ticket Sale, 4:30-6 PM, GS

### SUNDAY AUGUST 24

OCIA, 9:30 AM-12:00 PM, SE and SW Rooms  
125th Anniv. Celebration Ticket Sale, 8 AM- PM, GS  
Radiate, 6:00-8:00 PM, SPH  
Marion Devotions, 7:30-8:00 PM, Cemetery





# Mass Intentions

## FOR THE WEEK



### SATURDAY AUGUST 16

5:00 PM ✦ Joseph Heintz

### SUNDAY AUGUST 17 20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30 AM ✦ Rupert Leluga

9:30 AM End to Abortion  
✦ Joanne Janowski  
✦ Andrew Panega

11:30 AM St. Michael Parish

### MONDAY AUGUST 18

7:00 AM ✦ Maria Elia Alvarez

### TUESDAY AUGUST 19

7:00 AM ✦ Sophie Pawlicki

### WEDNESDAY AUGUST 20

7:00 AM ✦ Deacon Jack Krol

### THURSDAY AUGUST 21

7:00 AM ✦ Cecilia O'Donnell

### FRIDAY AUGUST 22

7:00 AM ✦ Greg Mis

### SATURDAY AUGUST 23

8:00 AM ✦ Charles Thiel  
Marybeth Burczyk  
✦ Norma Jean Dobrzynski

5:00 PM ✦ Mary Marsh

### SUNDAY AUGUST 24 21TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30 AM St. Michael Parish

9:30 AM ✦ Margaret "Patricia" Fischer

11:30 AM ✦ Leonard and Len Lula  
✦ Andrew Panega  
✦ William Gerl

✦ indicates deceased



## reflections...

### THE WORD

*(Readings for August 24, 2025, Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time)*

I. *Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10*

The princes were eager to kill Jeremiah because he constantly challenged them to follow God's law. The king allowed them to throw Jeremiah into a cistern. A friend interceded with the king and rescued Jeremiah.

II. *Hebrews 12:1-4*

Let us repent of our sin and fix our eyes on the Lord. Jesus gave us an example of endurance and courage in the midst of struggle. In that way He inspires and perfects our faith.

III. *Luke 12:49-53*

Jesus announced to His disciples that He came to bring a hard message indeed, and some have not listened to it. That is why friends and families divide.



## STEWARDSHIP

*Managing God's Gifts To Us*

## Stewardship in Action





Pray with a compassionate heart for those from whom you are divided.

*-submitted by Conchita Bryner*

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