

God has designed Christian education to happen in the context of family as parents pass along a legacy of faith to their own children. The process begins as they bring their children for Baptism and continues as they model the faith to them and see that their children have opportunities to “keep on growing in the grace and knowledge of the Lord, Jesus Christ.” (2 Pet 3:18) It involves many faith conversations along the way. This important task is not to be delegated to others, but to be owned by the parents themselves. It is perhaps the most important responsibility of being a parent. May the Lord bless you in the vocations He has given you (examples: parent, child, brother/sister, and neighbor)! [Deut 6:1-9; 2 Tim 1:5; 3:14-17; Mt 28:18-20]

The Order of Meditation and Prayer for Daily Use

(Pray and confess out loud as much of the Order of Meditation as possible)

Theme for the week: Christian Education

Invocation (*spoken while making the sign of the cross to remember your baptism*)

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit; Amen.

Apostle’s Creed

Learn By Heart Verse (Practice saying this verse word for word, out loud, throughout each day)

Mark 10: 7-9 “A man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh”; so then they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate.

From the Catechism (Read together and discuss briefly)

Third Commandment <i>You shall remember the Sabbath Day by keeping it holy.</i>	Pre K +
What does this mean? <i>We should fear and love God so that we do not despise preaching and His Word, but hold it sacred and gladly hear and learn it.</i>	Second Grade +
Fourth Commandment <i>You shall honor your father and your mother</i>	Pre K +
What does this mean? <i>We should fear and love God so that we do not despise or anger our parents and other authorities, but honor them, serve and obey them, love and cherish them.</i>	Second Grade +

Daily Themes for Prayer: Second Sunday of the Month

Sunday: Pray for those who help lead us in worship: our Pastors, our Elders, our organists. Pray that God's people are actively engaged as they worship. Pray for those who serve in our military and for our chaplains as they proclaim the Gospel.

Monday: Pray for the unemployed and underemployed; pray for the homeless in our community; pray for the ministries of DayBreak and MorningStar in our community; pray for the ministry of Feed My Starving Children.

Tuesday: Pray for our CrossRoad Life Recovery ministry and its leaders. Pray that this important ministry would continue to expand among us and through us. Pray that it might impact other congregations and communities around the country.

Wed: Pray for the ministries of our congregation: Braille, CrossRoad Life Recovery, DayBreak, Operation Christmas Child, Quilters, Sunny Hill, Spiritual Vitamins. Pray that new ministries might be developed among us that will impact lives through our serving.

Thursday: Pray also for ministries in our community: Guardian Angel Home, Joliet Area Hospice, Lambs Fold, Living Alternatives, Stepping Stones, Trinity Services.

Friday: Pray for our communities and neighborhoods; for our words of witness and acts of mercy to our neighbors.

Saturday: Pray that people would see the need to come to worship this weekend. Pray that we would be a welcoming, non-judgmental community of faith for them as they come.

Lord's Prayer

Going with God's Blessing: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Looking Ahead (Take a look at the readings for next Sunday)

Jer. 11:18–20

James 3:13—4:10

Mark 9:30–37