The Congregation at Prayer

*A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer*

*for Invocabit*

*February 18, 2024*

*Pray and confess aloud as much from the order of meditation and prayer, as you are able, or as your family size and ages dictate. Learn by heart the verse, catechism, and hymn of the week.*

**Catechesis Notes for the week** **– Psalm 148: The Creation Praises the Lord –** How does the creation praise the Lord? What is praise? Praise gives all honor and glory to God. Psalm 148 extols “the Lord” – the great “I AM” and the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob as the only true God who is both the Creator of the heavens and the earth and the eternal Savior. The whole of God’s creation praises the Lord’s will. Psalm 148 teaches us to understand that the whole of God’s creation is in service to the Lord for His good and gracious purposes. Because of the song of praise throughout God’s creation, young men and maidens, old men and children, and every believer and faithful saint of Christ’s Church praises the name of the Lord and extols His salvation in all the earth.

***Invocation* -In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

**Verse:** 1 Corinthians 11:26 – For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

**Apostles’ Creed**

**Psalm of the Week: Psalm 148**

**Year II – Catechism Stories**

**Bible Readings for the Week**

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| Sunday | Invocabit OT – Genesis 3:1-21 |
| Monday | The People Crave Meat – Numbers 11:4-6, 10, 13, 18-23, 31-34 |
| Tuesday | The Feeding of the Five Thousand – John 6:1-21 |
| Wednesday | **Lenten Midweek – Christ Handed Over By the Father –**  **Romans 8:31-39** |
| Thursday | Jesus is the Bread from Heaven – John 6:22-44 |
| Friday | Jesus is Rejected by His Own – John 6:47-69 |
| Saturday | Invocabit Gospel – Matthew 15:21-28 |

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| **Catechism: Sacrament of the Alter** | **Grades** |
| *Where is this written?*  The holy Evangelists Matthew, Mark, Luke, and St. Paul write | 2nd+ |
| *Words of Institution:*  **Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My bod, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”**  **In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them saying, “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”** | K+ |
| *Who receives this sacrament worthily?*  Fasting and bodily preparation are certainly fine outward training. But that person is truly worthy and well prepared who has faith in these words: “Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.”  But anyone who does not believe these words or doubts them is unworthy and unprepared, for the words “for you” require all hearts to believe. | 2nd+ |