Mrs. Joyce Giroux, Principal

2021 Family Advent calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 Make and bless an Advent wreath. Light the first violet candle tonight and each night this week.	29 Read about Elizabeth and Zechariah's special blessing in Luke 1:5-25.	30 Ask a family member you have hurt in the past year for forgiveness. Offer it to one who hurt you.	December 1 Set up your family Nativity scene, but leave out the Holy Family.	2 Make cookies to bring to a nearby nursing home.	3 Cut and paste pictures from old Christmas cards into ornaments for this year's tree.	Attend Confession as a family and go out for a treat afterward to celebrate forgiveness!
5 Light two violet candles in the Advent wreath each night this week. Sing "O Come, O Come Emmanuel."	6 Show love on St. Nicholas Day by filling an old shoe with treats and leaving it outside someone's door.	7 Read about the angel's visit to Mary in Luke 1:26- 38. Talk about ways we can also say "yes " to God.	8 In honor of Mary's Immaculate Conception, attend Mass and pray a family Rosary tonight.	9 Send Christmas cards to your pastor, priests, and religious or ordained ministers who are important to your family.	10 Together, write your Christmas cards. Let older kids address the envelopes and younger ones seal them.	11 Clean out your closets of unwanted clothes or toys in good condition. Donate them to a shelter or other charity.
12 Light two violet candles and the rose one for joy. See who can sing loudest at Mass today.	13 Pick a Christmas card you've received this week and pray for the person who sent it.	14 ^{Place} Mary and Joseph figures of your Nativity set across the room from the scene.	15 to Baby Jesus telling him that you look forward to his coming. Read them aloud on Christmas Eve.	16 ^{Put a lamp or} electric candle in a window to welcome the Christ child. Light it each night until Christmas Day.	17 Family Movie Night: Make some popcorn and watch a Christmas movie.	18 ^{Put up} decorate your family Christmas tree. Stand back and admire your work.
19 Light all four candles in the wreath tonight and all week.	20 Move Mary and Joseph closer to the Nativity scene. Try to imagine what it was like to travel to Bethlehem by donkey.	21 Decorate a "Jesus Candle" "Swith symbols of Jesus. Light it at Christmas dinner.	22 Take a drive or walk around your home to look at the Christmas decorations or displays.	23 Place Mary and Joseph in the Nativity scene. Add grass or straw to the manger to get it ready for the Baby.	24 Gather friends and neighbors and go Christmas caroling at a nursing home or homeless shelter.	25 ^{Put} the Baby in the manger and read the story of Jesus' birth in Luke 2:1-20.