

Advent Family Activities

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- **Enjoy this list of very simple activities to celebrate the season of Advent and Christmas!** These activities are all *completely optional*.
- **Share with us!** Send us photos of your family working on these activities! Email them to e.hagen@sjsricelake.org and we'll include in the Thursday weekly news and/or on our school Facebook page. Use the hashtag - #SJSfaithathome
- **Find links** for each of these resources on our school website – sjsricelake.org OR scan the QR codes below with your mobile camera app.

Formed.org – So many great resources for Christmas! Formed.org also includes short movies for kids and adults alike. Sign up by typing in “Four Parish Cluster.” Click below on “Four Parish Cluster: St. Joseph Church.” Follow the prompts and enjoy hundreds of FREE Catholic resources.



FORMED.ORG

[Lifeway kids](#) - Four weeks of Advent activities

Silent Starry Night - Make hot chocolate and go on a Starry night walk. During this walk, you can share the story of how the three wise men followed the star to find baby Jesus. Resource: www.catholiceducation.org > search “the magi”.



LIFEWAY KIDS

[Celebrate Feast Days during Advent!](#)

- St. Andrew Nov. 30
- St. Barbara Dec. 4
- St. Nicholas Dec. 6
- St. Ambrose Dec. 7
- Immaculate Conception Dec. 8
- St. Juan Diego Dec. 9
- Our Lady of Loretto Dec. 10
- Our Lady, Queen of Angels Dec. 11
- Our Lady of Guadalupe Dec. 12
- St. Lucy (Santa Lucia) Dec. 13



CELEBRATE FEAST
 DAYS DURING
 ADVENT

- St. John of the Cross Dec. 14
- St. Thomas Dec. 21

Christmas Card Prayers – Save your Christmas cards from each year and pray for those families at dinner time during Advent. Let those families know you are praying for them.

Make a Birthday Card for Jesus



MARY ON A
MANTEL



SHEPHERD'S
TREASURE

Start new traditions!

- [Mary on a Mantle](#)
- [Shepherd's Treasure](#)



PRAYER TREE

Make a Prayer Tree - Tie ribbons on a tree and say a prayer for each ribbon. example here of how it started but you could use a Christmas tree, a branch, or even a tree taped to a wall.

A Giving Manger - Fill up the manger with straw---and the world with good deeds! Help your family focus on giving rather than getting by placing pieces of straw in the manger every time you perform an act of service. On Christmas day, lay the Baby on your cushion of kindnesses! Includes 32-page hardcover, wood manger, straw, and Jesus figure. Ages 3 and up.



GIVING
MANGER

Start a Memory Jar: grab a jar, some slips of paper and pencil and write a memory at dinner each night, place in the jar and at the end of the year, read through them as a family.

Setup an Advent Wreath at Home