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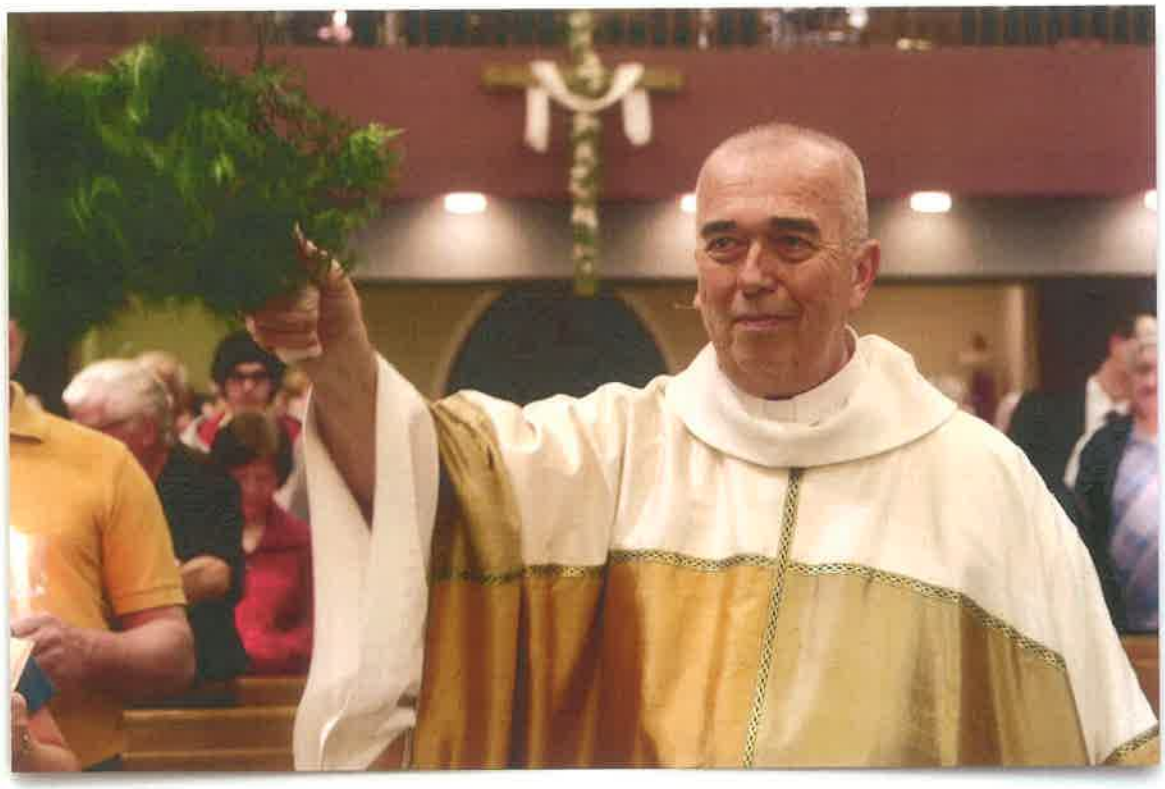
FAMILY OF PARISHES



Main Offices & Hours

Main Offices of Blessed Sacrament and St. Agnes Parish Cluster
52 Croydon Street, Chatham, Ontario N7L 1L3
Phone: 519-352-9370, 519-352-9483, Fax 1-866-601-8699
Office Hours
Monday 8:00AM - 12:00PM and 1PM - 5PM
Tuesday - Friday 8:00AM - 5:00PM

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205 Tweedsmuir Avenue West, Chatham, Ontario N7M 5N8
Phone: 519-352-8530, Fax: 519-352-9680
Office Hours
Monday - Friday 8:30AM - 4:30PM
Closed each day from 12 - 1pm for lunch

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145 Victoria Avenue
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Office is located at 52 Croydon Street

A Eucharistic community, living as Christ-centered disciples, sharing our faith, serving and embracing all.

SUNDAY MASSES
Saturday: 5:00 pm ~ St. Agnes
Saturday: 7:00 pm ~ Blessed Sacrament
Sunday: 9:30 am ~ Blessed Sacrament
Sunday: 11:30 am ~ St. Agnes

WEEKDAY MASSES
Tuesday: 8:00 am ~ St. Agnes
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Thursday: 8:00 am ~ St. Agnes
Friday: 8:00 am ~ Blessed Sacrament

BAPTISM
Celebrated during Saturday or Sunday Eucharist
Two months notice & preparation course is required

CONFIRMATION
March 3/4, 2018 ~ Blessed Sacrament & St. Agnes
March 3/4, 2018 ~ St. Joseph & St. Ursula

RECONCILIATION
Saturday at 11:00 am ~ Blessed Sacrament
Tuesday & Thursday 7:30-7:55 am ~ St. Agnes

MARRIAGE
One year notice & preparation course is required

PASTORAL STAFF
Pastor ~ Fr. Jim Higgins
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SUPPORT STAFF
Receptionist ~ Michelle Elgie ~ Ext. 22
Financial Secretary ~ Lynda Cadotte ~ Ext 21
Data Recorder ~ Cathy Zimmer ~ Ext 20
St. Agnes Custodian ~ Andy Willburger
Blessed Sacrament Plant Supervisor ~ Brian Elgie

OFFICE HOURS
Monday ~ 8:00 am-12:00 noon 1:00 pm-5:00 pm
(closed for lunch)
Tuesday - Friday 8:00 am ~ 5:00 pm

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK MASS

Wednesday,
December 6
Blessed Sacrament
10:00 am

FEAST OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Friday, December 8
Immaculate Conception
Pain Court
7:00 pm
(all other daily Masses cancelled)

DECEMBER 3, 2017
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Blessed Sacrament Parish
Email: bsacramentparish@dol.ca

St. Agnes Parish
Email: stagnes@dol.ca

Chatham Catholic Family of Parishes Website: www.ccfp.dol.ca Facebook for CCFP is https://www.facebook.com/bssasusj

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Fr. Jim

FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT PRAYER

Lord, Jesus, as we light this first candle, we ask you to be present to each of us as we prepare to celebrate your birth. Show us how to understand the daily lessons we learn about ourselves and about your call to us to be fully human and fully alive. We ask this of our loving God in your name. Amen.

THE 2017 PARISH PHOTO BOOKS HAVE ARRIVED!

The books are being handed out this weekend at all Masses at Blessed Sacrament and St. Agnes Churches. If you were not able to pick it up after Mass, books will be available at the parish office, 52 Croydon during the week.

BLESSED SACRAMENT CWL

Thank you to all the CWL members and all parishioners for donating their used stamps this past year. Proceeds from the stamp sales benefit Canadian Food for Children. Please remember to leave 1/4 inch around each stamp. Many thanks also to all who donate old eyeglasses. These are sent to the Third World and bring better sight and happiness to many people. Stamps and eyeglasses can be placed in the wooden "Mission" box at Blessed Sacrament Church. And please remember when purchasing your stamps to mail your Christmas cards this year, to ask for the Nativity stamps. Help keep Christ in Christmas.

There will be NO Blessed Sacrament CWL meetings in December. All members are encouraged to attend the city wide meeting at the Spirit and Life Centre. The CWL Executive meeting will be held January 4 at 6:30 pm.

EUCHARISTIC MINISTER AND LECTOR SCHEDULES

The Eucharistic Minister, Lector and Greeter Schedules for both sites are about to be prepared for January to March. If you are normally committed to one of these Ministries but cannot keep your commitment for a month or more, please contact Cathy Zimmer by Tuesday, December 12, by e-mail at czimmer@dol.ca or by telephone at 352-9483. Sign-up for Christmas and New Years will be sent out very soon.

FLOWERS AND DÉCOR FOR CHRISTMAS BLESSED SACRAMENT & ST. AGNES

If you would like to remember a deceased family member or friend during the Christmas season you can have their name added to our list at Christmas. Fill out the box below and return with $20 to the parish office. Please submit by December 15. Thank you!

Christmas 2017

Name: _____

Phone: _____

In memory of: _____

_____

Blessed Sacrament _____

St. Agnes _____

$20 enclosed _____

To Everything there is a Season…..
"a time to be healed"…..
Please pray for the sick of our parish cluster

Christine Pinsonneault, Rose O'Mara

"a time to die…."

Please remember in your prayers all of our deceased relatives and parishioners, especially **Sister Rita Miller, OSU; Sister Alice Marie McDonald, CSJ; Irene VanBemmel.** *Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord.*

CHATHAM CATHOLIC FAMILY OF PARISHES WEBSITE

We now have a new website for our Chatham Catholic Family of Parishes and we would love for you to take a look at it and let us know what you think. Some very hard work went into the starting up of this website and we are very thankful for the help we have doing it. Please take a minute and check it out at **www.ccfp.dol.ca.** This is new and we are going to be adding more as we develop. Our calendar is a work in progress and we hope to have events from all our family parishes on there eventually. Please bare with us as we continue to develop this for you!

WINTER APPAREL FOR THE SOUP KITCHEN

As in the past years our Soup Kitchen committee will be collecting winter apparel to be distributed to our patrons at the Christmas dinner on December 14. We would be very appreciative if when you look into your closets and perhaps find a surplus of winter hats, scarves, gloves or mittens and consider donating these items to our friends so they too will stay warm during this winter season. There will be a drop off box marked "Soup Kitchen" located in the entry of the church for your donations. Once again we thank you in advance for your generosity. God bless from the Soup Kitchen Committee.

2018 SUNDAY MISSALS

The 2018 Sunday Missals will once again be available at the parish office for $4 each.

PUBLIC ROSARY RALLIES FOR PEACE

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FAMILY OF PARISHES PHOTOGRAPHER

In Recent years, the Church has increased its need for photographs. Church-liturgy photographers are being called to serve the Chatham Catholic Family of Parishes.

As a volunteer, your photographs may be used in all the forms of media used by the Chatham Catholic Family of Parishes. You will help provide photos for use in bulletins, newsletters, websites, social media, displays, and projects to share the gospel and strengthen members.

Expectations:
Must be at least 18 years old or older
Must do a police check for volunteer and vulnerable persons
Choose to serve 12 or 24 months
Serve a minimum of 60 hours per year
Use own equipment
Must be a skilled amateur photographer or professional
Volunteer for church photo assignments and photo requests that may mean you attend several services/ sites/events in a day
Have access to the internet
Must follow all Diocesan and CCFP photography rules/ regulations

Submit to Susan Aarssen at saarssen@gmail.com. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Susan at 519-380-5607 phone or text. Thank you for your interest!

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The Chatham Catholic Family of Parishes will celebrate a mass of Anointing of the Sick on December 6 at 10:00 am at Blessed Sacrament Church. You will be administered the Sacrament of the Sick during the Mass. Please join us for the celebration of the Anointing of the Sick to experience the love and compassion of our Lord.

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS DINNER

To be held on Christmas day from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm at Spirit & Life Centre, 184 Wellington St. W. If you need a ride call after 10:30 am 519-354-0091.

WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS
December 5 - 8
All 8:00 am Masses unless otherwise stated

Tuesday, December 5 ~ St. Agnes
Giuseppina & Setimio Novelli ~ Pierina Ricci ~ Tina Lammens
Wednesday, December 6 ~ Blessed Sacrament
SACRAMENT OF SICK MASS—10:00 AM
Aline Udvari ~ Craig & Mary Shaw ~ Joseph Giroux
Thursday, December 7 ~ St. Agnes
Jose Carlos Pinto ~ Monica Cook ~ Victor Ferreira & grandparents
Friday, December 8 ~ NO MASS

READINGS: Dec 10: Isaiah 40: 1-5,9-11. 2 Peter 3: 8-14. Mark 1: 1-8.

REGULAR OFFERTORY
November 26

Blessed Sacrament	**$4,187.00**
St. Agnes	**$2,591.10**

SAVE THE DATE

Dec 3	**Mass for Deaf 4 pm at SA**
Dec 4	BS CWL Cards
	Scripture Study SA
	Vocation Committee Meeting SA TR
Dec 5	After School Catechesis at SA
	Gr. 8 Confirmation Classes BS 6:00 pm
Dec 6	**Sacrament of Sick Mass BS 10:00 am**
	(Please note NO 8:00 am Mass)
	First Reconciliation BS 5:00 pm
	SA K of C General Meeting
Dec 7	Scripture Study BS 1:30 pm
Dec 8	**Feast of Immaculate Conception Mass**
	Immaculate Conception, Pain Court 7pm
Dec 11	Scripture Study SA 6:30 pm
Dec 12	Gr. 8 Confirmation Classes BS 6:00 pm
Dec 13	SA CWL General Meeting 7:00 pm
Dec 14	Scripture Study BS 1:30 pm
	Transition Team Meeting SA UR 6:30 pm
Dec 17	**Communal Penance SJ 3:00 pm**
Dec 18	BS CWL Cards
Dec 19	Gr. 8 Confirmation Classes BS 6:00 pm
Dec 20	BS SVdP meeting 8:30 am H
	SA K of C Executive Meeting 7:00 pm
Dec 21	BS K of C General Meeting 7:30 pm

DIOCESAN MINISTERS PRAYER CALENDAR

Please keep in your prayers the following diocesan ministers: Miss Janet Loo, Liturgical Facilitator/Director of Music; Rev. Dwayne Adam; Rev. Mr. Robert Weaver; Deacon Lyle Lalonge; Rev. Bernard Pinsonneault, C.S.B.; Mrs. Colleen Keane, Pastoral Minister.

FLOWERS FOR THE TABERNACLE

The flowers on the tabernacle today at Blessed Sacrament are placed there to the glory of God by the Pomajba Family in memory of all Pomajba family members.

The flowers on the tabernacle today at St. Agnes are placed there to the glory of God by Mrs. Urbano in memory of Abel, Maria, Joce Urbano.

FLOWERS FOR THE TABERNACLE
BLESSED SACRAMENT & ST. AGNES PARISHES

If you would like to book Flowers on the Tabernacle for either parish please fill out the box below. Place your request and $20 in an envelope marked "Flowers for the Tabernacle" and drop in the offertory basket or drop off at the office. There are a few dates that are already taken so if you request one of them, I will contact you to work with you to find one that works for you.

Date requested for 2018
_____

Name: _____
Phone: _____

In memory of _____ OR

On the occasion of_____

Blessed Sacrament Church _____
St. Agnes Church _____
$20 ____

ST. JOSEPH K OF C BREAKFAST

St. Joseph's K of C Council #10436 are holding a breakfast on Sunday, December 10 from 9:00 am until 12:30 pm at the Spirit & Life Centre, 184 Wellington St. W. We are serving an all you can eat buffet with 2 meats, hash browns, scrambled eggs, French toast or pancakes, toast and fruit cocktail. Adults are $7 per plate, Children 6-12 are $4 and children under 6 are free.

SUNDAY FRIENDS ~ Please have your little ones join us on Sundays, 9:30 am Mass at Blessed Sacrament and 11:30 am Mass at St. Agnes. The children will be asked to come to front of the church and then be led down to the hall. Each week they will learn about the Sunday Gospel in terms for children to understand. All are welcome to join us!

St. Joseph and St. Ursula Parish

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Please visit our Facebook page at: www.facebook.com/stjosephstursula
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Sunday: 9:30 a.m. & 7:00 p.m. - St. Ursula

WEEKDAY MASSES
Tuesday & Friday: 12 noon - St. Joseph
Wednesday & Thursday: 9:30 a.m. - St. Ursula

BAPTISM
Please contact the office to make arrangements.
Preparation required.

RECONCILIATION
Friday: 11:15 a.m. - 11:50 a.m. - St. Joseph
Saturday: 4:00 - 4:45 p.m. - St. Ursula

PASTORAL TEAM
Pastor: Fr. Jim Higgins
Associate Pastor: Fr. Don Pumputis
Permanent Deacons:
Deacon Steve Cartier
Deacon Jerry Lozon
Deacon Chris Masterson
Deacon Morgan Treacy
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PARISH STAFF
Secretary: Maureen Foster
Financial Secretary: Mardie Lessard
Building Superintendent: Michael Bechard - St. Joseph
Custodian: Brent Chinnick - St. Ursula

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Monday - Friday: 8:30 a.m. - noon and 1:00 - 4:30 p.m.

First Sunday of Advent
December 3, 2017

Congratulations to
Taya Chapman, Abigail Chartier, Adrienne Earley
and Brooklyn Osborne
who joined our parish family through
the Sacrament of Baptism
during the month of November.

May they always live out their call to discipleship.

Congratulations and best wishes to
David Stokes and DeeAnna Smith
who celebrated the Sacrament of
Marriage during the month of November.

May God continue to bless them in their married life.

We extend our deepest sympathies to the families of
Eleanor Breynaert and Anne Dodok.

May their souls rest in peace.

A prayerful Eucharistic community, rooted in Christ, welcoming all, joyfully celebrating our faith.

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, December 5
12 noon - St. Joseph Church
+Joseph Cresta
+Edna Charbonneau
+Rachel Froese
+Agnes Knott

Wednesday, December 6
9:30 a.m. - St. Ursula Church
+Armando DeMattia
+Maria Doto
+James O'Hara
+Pasquale Mastromarino

Thursday, December 7
9:30 a.m. - St. Ursula Church
+Josephine Mantelli
+Deceased family members of Luciano & Grace Magliaro
+Martha Kovar
+Mariano Petruzzi

Friday, December 8
Mass is cancelled

Saturday, December 9
5 p.m. - St. Ursula Church
+Intentions of our parish community

Sunday, December 10
8 a.m. - St. Joseph Church
+Intentions of our parish community

Sunday, December 10
9:30 a.m. - St. Ursula Church
+Leonides Tuting
+Bob Martin
+Brenda Matteis
+Bob Renaud

Sunday, December 10
11 a.m. - St. Joseph Church
+Ron Sereda
+Salvatore & Maria Concetta Moccia
+Bernice Houle
+Intentions of Lee & Andrée Quirion

Sunday, December 10
7 p.m. - St. Ursula Church
+Intentions of our parish community

Let us pray for the sick of our parish ...

Larry De Smit, Lisa-Rae Desnoyers, Olivia Formosa, Jerome Lozon, Luigi Magliaro, Genesio Matteis, Ralph Mays, Paul McLaughlin, Bernard Myers, Gerald Myers, Carlo Rota, Martin Van Raay and Genny Wrotkowska.

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FR. MATT'S CONTACT INFO

Just so you know Fr. Matt Kucharski's mailing address is:

Sacred Heart Parish
1425 Divine Street
LaSalle ON N9J 0C5
519-734-7512

CURSILLO ULTREYA

The next Cursillo Ultreya will take place on Friday, December at 8 at 6 p.m. at St. Agnes Hall. Please bring your favourite entrée, salad or dessert to share. Beverages will be provided.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

2017 CWL memberships are now due and are $25.00. Each council will hold a draw for a free membership but you must pay your membership prior to the following dates to be eligible.

St. Ursula CWL - December 7
St. Joseph City CWL - December 7
St. Joseph Harwich CWL - December 31

You may place your memberships in the collection basket but please be sure to indicate which council you are from, as well as your name and address.

St. Joseph City

Thank you to the many volunteers who helped with our most recent annual Penny Sale.

Congratulations to the 50/50 draw winner, Patricia Howes.

Harwich

Annual Harwich CWL Advent Tea
Sunday, December 3 from 2 - 4 p.m.
at the Glasshouse Nursery

All Ladies of the Chatham Catholic Family of Parishes are invited to join them for some hot cider, goodies and Christmas cheer while browsing the beautiful Christmas displays!

FEAST DAY

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception will be celebrated on Friday, December 8 at 7 p.m. in Pain Court at Immaculate Conception Church. All are welcome to attend. All others Masses will be cancelled that day.

GET OUT & SAVE

Don't forget the Get Out and Save fundraiser. These books are packed with many coupons for use right here in Chatham Kent. Cost is $20. Books are available in the parish office.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

St. Joseph

Knights of Columbus 10436 will be holding a breakfast on Sunday, December 10 from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Spirit and Life Centre. They will be serving an all you can eat buffet. The cost is $7 per plate for adults, $4 for children 6-12 years and children 6 and under are free.

St. Ursula

Hurray! The new tables have been ordered for Meeting Room at St. Ursula. The old tables will have to be sold to make room. There are 15 round 60" tables, 15 rectangular 6' ones and 2 rectangular 8 footers available for $25 each. They are available for purchase on a first-come -first-served basis. Please see Maureen in the parish office.

GIFT CARDS FOR CHRISTMAS

Are you Looking for ideas for Christmas? What about a gift card! It also helps fundraise for the Church!

If you're interested please place your orders for Christmas gift cards before **December 8** to ensure delivery by December 21. Contact the parish office at 519-352-8530 or Sandi Mailloux at 519-354-1062 to place your order.

Thank you to everyone who has supported this program throughout the year. Your continued support for capital projects for the parish is greatly appreciated.

COMMUNAL PENANCE

The Advent Communal Penance Celebration will take place on Sunday, December 17 at 3 p.m. at St. Joseph Church. Please plan to attend with your family and prepare for the joyful season of Christmas with a renewed heart. There will be a large number of priests present to hear confessions.

GIFT CARD SALES
November 20 - 26, 2017

St. Joseph

Total Sales:	$ 4,650.00
Estimated Profit:	$ 174.38

St. Ursula

Total Sales:	$ 5,925.00
Estimated Profit:	$ 222.19

OFFERTORY
November 26, 2017

St. Joseph

Regular Offertory:	$ 3,792.00
Capital Projects:	$ 410.00
Total:	$ 4,202.00

Direct Deposit for November: $ 4,784.00

St. Ursula

Regular Offertory:	$ 3,528.00
Thanksgiving:	$ 160.00
Capital Projects:	$ 112.00
Total:	$ 3,800.00

Direct Deposit for November: $ 4,259.50

Thank you for your support!

PILGRIMAGE

Join Father Matt Kucharski on a Marian Pilgrimage to Fatima and Lourdes (plus Lisbon, Santarem, Santiago, Oviedo, Montserrat and Barcelona) April 23 to May 4, 2018!

Presentation, question and answer session at Sacred Heart Parish Hall, 219 Sacred Heart Drive in LaSalle, following 11 a.m. Mass on Sunday, December 10.

Word Among Us books are available for a cost of $2.00 each.

New Missals are available for a cost of $5.00 each

CHURCH CHUCKLE

Guarding the front of the nativity scene under the Christmas tree was a small armoured figure with tape over its mouth. When asked who it was, Kyle said, "That's the silent knight!"

UPCOMING EVENTS

What	When	Where	Time
Sunday Readings Reflection Group	Thursday, December 7	Spirit and Life Centre	7 p.m.

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Then join in with our special guest musicians in some favourite Christmas Carols and songs.

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RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS FOR ADVENT

Here are some suggestions in preparing for our Lord's birth.

Each time that you or a child performs a kind act you write it on a piece of colored paper, make a ring and connect all your rings together to form a chain to be hung in your home.

- Read a Christmas story to a loved one
- Leave a treat in secret on a neighbours porch
- Make a nice note or card for a grandparent
- Do a secret chore for a family member
- Buy a present for a child or family in need
- Take a treat to your bus driver
- Help clean the house with Christmas music playing
- Donate food to your local food bank or soup kitchen
- Invite a friend to play at recess
- Take a treat or thank you note to the school custodian
- Write a nice letter to a brother or sister
- Say a prayer for someone you are having a hard time with
- Write down what you are grateful for each day of Advent
- Make someone smile or laugh today