Universal Prayer
Third Sunday of Advent
December 16 & 17

*Cantor chants:* “Lord, hear our prayer” – *Assembly responds:* “Lord, hear our prayer”

We pray that families and mentors will encourage young people | to consider a vocation to the priesthood or religious life, | and that our parishioners currently studying for the priesthood and diaconate | will be strengthened by the Gifts of the *Holy Spirit.*  *(Let us…)*

We pray for peace and justice in our own country | and all other areas of the world ridden with violence, | oppression, | and *corruption.*  *(Let us…)*

As we joyfully anticipate the coming of Christ, | we pray for the strength to change the sinful habits of our daily lives, | and cling to Christ-centered ways *of living.*  *(Let us…)*

We pray for the families of the Fontabella Maternity Home and those who will benefit from our parish’s giving tree. May our charity be a living sign of Christ in *their midst.* *(Let us…)*

We pray that the souls of the faithful departed will see the face of God…

5:00   …and for *Lucy Weissert – and – John and Dorothy Wielgus* who are remembered in *this Mass.* *(Let us…)*

8:30   …and for *Cletus Becherer – and – Ed Kloustermeyer* who are remembered in *this Mass.* *(Let us…)*

10:30  …and for *James Mannix, Sr. – and – Meagan Rodriguez* who are remembered in *this Mass.* *(Let us…)*