Universal Prayer
Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 22 & 23

We pray for the Church throughout the world. Through participating in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and working for peace and justice, may the Body of Christ be cleansed and healed from malicious leadership, immorality, and division.

As we approach the Season of Christmas, we pray that the common belief in the Incarnation will serve as a source of unity to tear down the barriers that separate the many denominations of Christianity.

We pray for a greater respect for human life in our world. May the witness of John the Baptist leaping in the womb remind all people that life is a gift from God.

We pray for the poor, the migrant, and all who are living in dangerous situations. May God’s spirit open new pathways of peace and bring forth new hope for all who live in fear.

We pray that those experiencing fertility complications will look faithfully to Christ for trust and patience during their time of frustration.

We pray for new parents and expectant parents: that God will bless their children with health and help them to care for and nurture their children through loving acceptance, sharing faith, and fostering hope.

We pray that the souls of the faithful departed will rejoice in the splendor of the presence of God…

5:00 …and for Vernon Kombrink – and Russell Thoman, Sr. who are remembered in this Mass.

8:30 …and for Robert and Clara Schachner – and Cletus Becherer who are remembered in this Mass.

10:30 …and for Albert and Viola Eros – and Mary Lou Ott who are remembered in this Mass.