**Word of Life – December 2017**

**Intercessions for Life**

**December 3rd First Sunday of Advent**

For Catholics:

May God keep us steadfast in protecting
the sacred gift of human life;

*We pray to the Lord:*

**December 8th Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception**

May our Blessed Mother help us trust in God,

that we may peacefully care for those

whose lives are entrusted to us;

*We pray to the Lord:*

**December 10th Second Sunday of Advent**

For those grieving after abortion:

May they trust in God’s patient mercy

and find healing through his Church;

*We pray to the Lord:*

**December 17th Third Sunday of Advent**

For those who feel lonely or abandoned:

May their hearts be consoled by

the genuine and loving care of others;

*We pray to the Lord:*

**December 24th** **Fourth Sunday of Advent**

For couples longing for a child:

May God strengthen and comfort them

as they strive to follow his plan;

*We pray to the Lord:*

**December 25th The Nativity of the Lord**

For new parents:

May family and friends

provide ongoing support

as they welcome their child;

*We pray to the Lord:*

**December 31th The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary,**

For families in times of illness: **and Joseph**

May they find strength and hope

in the example of the Holy Family;

*We pray to the Lord:*