St. John The Beloved Parish

August 26, 2018

Twenty-First Sunday In Ordinary Time

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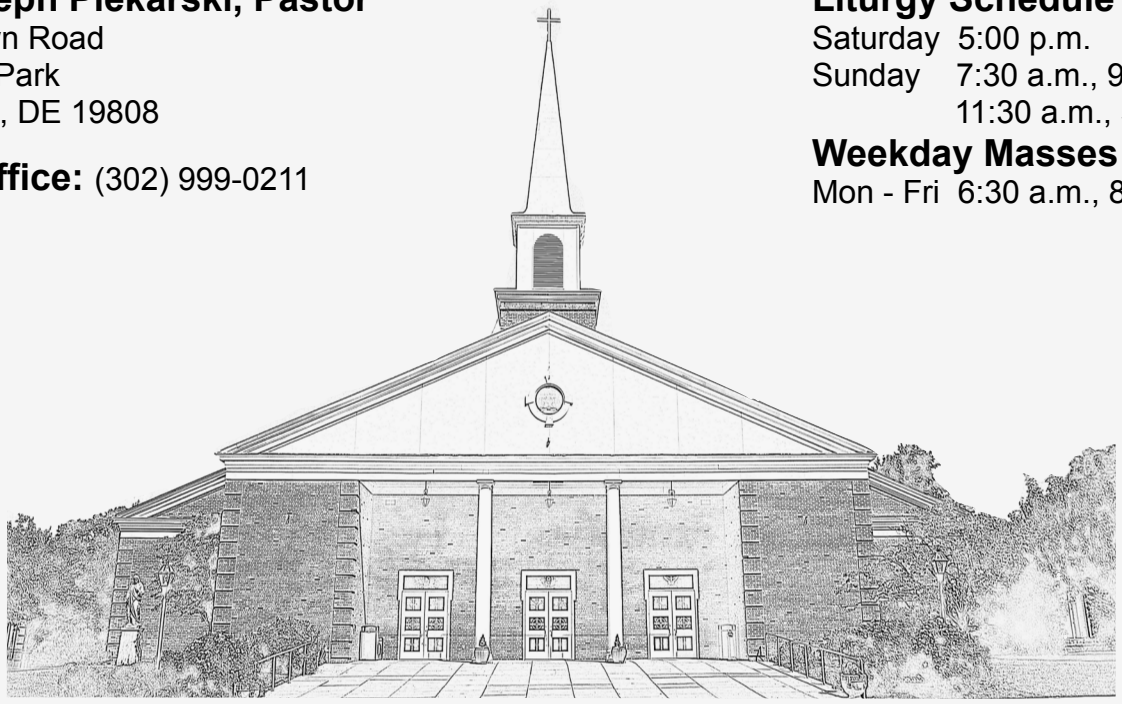
Liturgy Schedule

Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 5:00 p.m.

Weekday Masses

Mon - Fri 6:30 a.m., 8:00 a.m.



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Summer Hours: Our Parish Office is open Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Find **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Lectors, and Altar Server Schedules** online at www.sjbde.org/liturgical-schedules.

To receive, or have your child receive the **Sacrament of Baptism**, please call the Parish Office at (302) 999-0211.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE
Saturday 4:00 - 4:45 p.m. To schedule with priest, please call the parish office.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM
Contact the Parish Office to schedule a Baptismal Preparation Class.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE
Please contact parish priest or deacon one year prior to the wedding.

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK Anyone seriously ill or facing surgery, please call a priest to make arrangements.

HOLY DAY MASSES As announced

DEVOTIONS - Mondays
Adoration, 6:00 p.m.
Novena and Benediction, 7:00 p.m.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults - (RCIA) Are you interested in becoming a member of the Catholic faith or in learning more about the Church? For information please call the parish office.

Prayer Group - Tuesdays
Praise music and intercessory prayer meeting in St. John Bosco Conference Room 9:45 a.m. to 11 a.m. All are welcomed.

First Saturday Devotions with the Blue Army are held each month beginning with mass at 8 a.m.

The Blessed Virgin Mary Sodality meets the first Sunday of the month at the 7:30 a.m. mass to honor our Blessed Mother. Please join us after mass to pray the rosary.

Legion of Mary meets at the Vianney house every Monday, 7-8:30 p.m.

Catholic Cemeteries
All Saints: 737-2524
Cathedral: 656-3323
Gate of Heaven: 732-3690

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

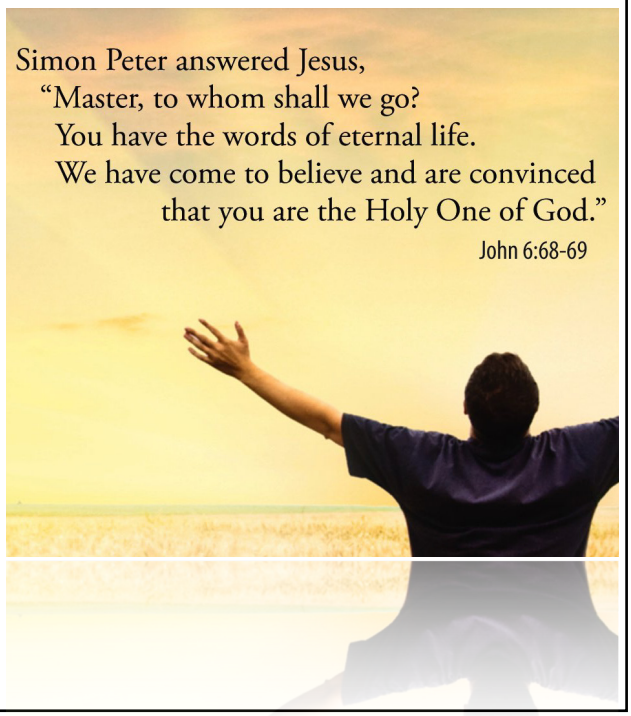
The story goes that a group of Christians gathered for a secret prayer meeting, at the height of the persecution of all churches in Stalin's Soviet Union. Suddenly the door was broken by a soldier who faced the people with a gun. They all feared the worst. He spoke. "If there's anyone who doesn't really believe in Jesus, then, get out now while you have a chance." There was a rush to the door. A small group remained. The soldier closed the door, and with gun poised whispered: "Actually, I believe in Jesus, too, and you're much better off without those others!"

It seems sensible, if you want to live, to run for your life. Let's face it; our existence renders our reality while our spiritual dimension relies on faith. Complete trust and confidence is becoming less of our reality. Politics, economics, and philosophy are periodically relevant. Institutions, structures and establishments are never permanent. Even intimate relationships have disappointed many… family break-up, professional negligence and the recent disturbing exposure of child sex abuse and Church cover-up really shake our core faith in everything and everybody.

It is quite normal for us to go through periods of doubting. The Israelites murmured against God and Moses when in the wilderness. The disciples murmured when Jesus said He was the Bread of Life. St. Paul in Galatians 5:11 spoke to the early Church who took offense with the "scandal" of the cross. We too have legitimate reasons to walk away from Church, religion and faith. In our doubts, confusion, anger and feelings of betrayal, we are tempted to trust only on our senses. We are tempted to limit ourselves to the here and now. We are human. But we are also spiritual. And deep within us, deep within every single one of us there is the Voice of Faith prodding us to exclaim with Peter, "I will not leave you Lord. You alone have the words of eternal life."

So when today's readings challenge us to make a choice for God and His teachings or against God… what do we do? We cannot allow our senses to compromise our faith. Normal as it is for us to want to stand on the material world of our senses and ignore the new world of the spiritual; we know that this too will pass. And so we believe in that which we do not see. We believe in that which our human senses cannot reveal. We believe in the Lord Jesus, who alone is the one whom we can trust and who restores us precisely in the here and now…in His Church. It is a relationship that has constantly to be re-appraised in a constantly changing world. We must hear Peter's words to Jesus resounding through the centuries:

"To whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life."



Welcome to St. John the Beloved Parish. Please visit SJBDE.org and click **"Connect Now" to become a member of our faith** community. Registered parishioners can obtain letters of eligibility to be Godparents and sponsors. If you have already registered with the Parish Office, please take a minute to update your information online. Thank you!

Have you signed up for online giving? **Parish Online Giving** is an easy way to automate your offertory, second collection, and holy day contributions. You set the dollar amount and determine how to allocate your contributions. Questions? Call the parish office at 999-0211. Visit SJBDE.org for more information. We appreciate all you do for our Parish. Thank you.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Monday: 2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12; Ps 96:1-5; Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday: 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17; Ps 96:10-13; Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday: 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18; Ps 128:1-2, 4-5; Mk 6:17-29

Thursday: 1 Cor 1:1-9; Ps 145:2-7; Mt 24:42-51

Friday: 1 Cor 1:17-25; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11; Mt 25:1-13

Saturday: 1 Cor 1:26-31; Ps 33:12-13, 18-21; Mt 25:14-30

Sunday: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8; Ps 15:2-5; Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27; Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Saints and Special Observances
Week of August 26, 2018

Sunday: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30 Our Parish Family
9:30 Columbus Nacchia
11:30 Robert Porter
5:00 Joseph Swarter

Monday: St. Monica
6:30 Kathy Gortva (living)
8:00 Francis S. McGorry

Tuesday: St. Augustine
6:30 Msgr. Stanley Delikat
8:00 Isabel & Arnold Bjanes

Wednesday: The Passion of St. John the Baptist
6:30 Bill & Joan Ryan
8:00 Dorothy Faulkner

Thursday:
6:30 Allen Stevens
8:00 Anthony Roginski

Friday:
6:30 Jose DeCena
8:00 Esther Marie McGuire

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday; World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation
8:00 Elisa Quattrociocchi
Mary Wilkenson
Elaine Salega Amigo
Phyliss McCarthy
Vivian Duffy
Concetta & Nicolo DeFrancesco
5:00 Lawrence Leitzel

Sunday: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30 Gene Whitfield
9:30 Our Parish Family
11:30 DeSouza Family (living)
5:00 Deceased Members of Schneider Family

Thank you for your continued generosity to the parish as part of your gift to God for the good things God has given you.

8/12/2018 Offertory	$14, 334.00
Building & Maintenance	488.00
Other	447.71
	$15, 269.71
Diocesan Collections	**$ 45.00**

Thank YOU!

PARISH NEWS

The Bible and the Sacraments

Beginning September 13, we will have a 12-week program titled: “The Bible and the Sacraments”. This program was developed by Scott Hahn at Franciscan University and is presented by Matthew Leonard. The course will be offered on Thursday mornings from 9:30 to 11:00 and/or Thursday evenings from 6:30 to 8:00. The same material will be presented both times. Each session will include prayer, a 35-minute DVD presentation, and discussion. Each session will be in the St. John Bosco conference room (the old chapel).

We will examine and explore the Sacraments of the Catholic Church: the basic teachings, their origination, and what they mean to us. We will review passages from our Scriptures and how they fit into the understanding of our Church. We will discuss the source of the sacraments in the Old Testament and the New Testament. We will learn the meaning of the liturgy associated with each of the sacraments, Word followed by or leading to Sacrament.

This program could change our lives. It will transform the way we think about and participate in the sacraments. It will help us further recognize that we are sons and daughters of God. It will teach or strengthen our covenant relationship with God. We will see how Sanctifying Grace helps us grow continuously closer to God. We will see that through the sacraments we participate in Salvation History.

It is easy for us to focus on the activity of the sacraments: the day of our baptism, confirmation, First Holy Communion, or our wedding day. On reflection we see that these are great gifts; we see the beauty the wonder and the effects of each of the sacraments. They are not routine events but rather they are gifts from God. Each time we participate in any of the sacraments we receive gifts that are worthy of a full lifetime. The sacraments are sometimes called stepping stones toward heaven. They are also referred to as building blocks. All of these images are inadequate to give us a true and complete understanding of our sacraments and our faith.

This program is appropriate for beginners, or people who have not had the opportunity to learn more about their faith. At the same time, it is appropriate for those who want to know even more about our faith.

Registering in advance will help us plan facilities and materials. For further information or to sign up for the meetings, contact Deacon Dennis at 302-981-4567 or wuebbelsdg@verizon.net.

Please Donate to Parish Outreach

___ canned meat, tuna, vegetables, fruit and

___ boxed mac & cheese

___ rice, beans, pasta

___ personal hygiene products (esp. toothpaste)

___ breakfast cereal

Can you help? Outreach is in need of gently used children's clothing and toys/ board games up to age 8. Please contact Coordinator of Parish Outreach, Jamie Moulthrop at JMoulthrop@sjbde.org.

Fall Sports Registration is OPEN to SJBDE students and Parishioners. More > sjbde.org/athletic-association
Football (boys) - grades 4-8
Contact: Phil Johnston philipjohnston1@comcast.net

Volleyball (girls) - grades 4-8 / high school
Contact: Mike Bufano mikebufano67@gmail.com

Soccer - grades 3-8 (boys and girls)
Contact: Don Robart robart8500@verizon.net

Cross Country - grades 3-8 (boys and girls)
Contact: Ray Dikeman rdikeman@comcast.net

Cheerleading (girls) - grades 4-8
Contact: Mary Hall mhall@mnat.com
***Additional SJBDE Cheerleading Sign-Ups** will be held on Monday, August 27, 2018, Thursday, August 30, 2018 and Thursday, September 6, 2018 in the Hall from 6- 7:30 p.m. Please have your daughters attend the sign-ups those evenings from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. as we will begin having our regular weekly cheer practices on those dates. No experience necessary to join the team.

The 4th Annual SJB Athletic Association Golf Outing will be held at 1 p.m. Monday, September 24 at Hartefeld National Golf Course in Avondale, PA. The cost is $600 per foursome which includes golf, lunch, and dinner at one of the area's top golf courses! Sponsorship opportunities are available. Your participation is greatly appreciated! Email Michael Gallmann at mgallmann@comcast.net for registration and sponsorship forms.

PLEASE USE OTHER ENTRANCE DURING INCLEMENT WEATHER.

NOTICE THANK YOU!
You may noticed that the side door at the rear of the church is periodically out of service and blocked off with yellow caution tape. Blame the weather. There is no problem when we get normal rainfall. However, when we have torrential rains (1" to 3" per hour) with flash flood warnings, the water overwhelms the drainage system and comes in under that door. It is sealed in advance to prevent water damage to the carpet and the tape is removed when the threat passes.

Connect With SJBDE

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Outreach is currently looking for **SCHOOL SUPPLIES** for our back to school backpack program. Last year we helped over 40 children have a good return to school in the fall. It was such a success that we are bringing it back bigger and better than ever.
Thank you, as always, for your continued generosity. Please bring your donation to the Outreach Office located behind Church Hall, Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 9-10:30 a.m.

Leisure Group will meet in the John Bosco Conference Room in the Hall for our first meeting and luncheon after summer break after 11 a.m. Mass on Tuesday, 9/11. **All seniors & friends welcome.**

SCHOOL NEWS

Diocesan Theme for 2018-2019 School Year—*REJOICE IN THE LORD ALWAYS*

Welcome back! I hope your summer was wonderful and restful! We have been busy here at school getting ready for the students' return. We are happy to announce the following additions to our faculty for this school year:

Mrs. Amanda Miller O'Boyle is returning to St. John the Beloved School after a deployment in Spain with her husband. She will be teaching Grades 7 and 8 Science.

Mrs. Jennifer Curran, Grade 7 Language Arts

Miss Patricia Fox, Grade 3

Mrs. Elizabeth Perrine, School Nurse

FAITH FORMATION

Our Religious Education office invites interested adults to volunteer as catechists for our Sunday morning 4-year old classes and Kindergarten classes. Our young Church is in need of faithful adults willing to spend time sharing and discovering God's love and joy in our creation. If you are interested in serving as a catechist, please contact Mrs. Ballintyn via dballintyn@sjbde.org . Classes run from September through April, 9:30 -10:30 a.m. each Sunday (we do not have classes on holiday weekends). All materials and instructional supplies are provided. There is great joy in serving as a catechist for this program and so we look forward to welcoming you to our community. Thank you for your willingness to consider this wonderful opportunity to serve.

We invite all families whose children do not attend Catholic school to prayerfully consider joining our Religious Education program. We serve the needs of students from 4-year olds through high school. Our program provides solid instruction and engaging materials to teach as well as form missionary disciples who will serve our Church. Our community is one of faith and joy. Our catechetical staff look forward to welcoming children to this program and we welcome new members to the team. If you are interested in any aspect of our program as a new/returning family and/or as a catechist, please contact Mrs. Ballintyn via dballintyn@sjbde.org. **More information about our program is located via https://sjbde.org/religious-ed-program. God bless you and we look forward to welcoming you and your family to our community of believers.**

Couples considering marriage at Saint John the Beloved Parish . . .

Please complete our online Wedding Form one year in advance of the possible date for the Sacrament.

Attendance in Diocesan Pre-Cana Classes and Stage Three Sponsor Couple Program are both required.

Refer our Wedding Booklet online at SJBDE.org for detailed information.

A JOURNEY TO THE HEART OF THE FAITH

RCIA

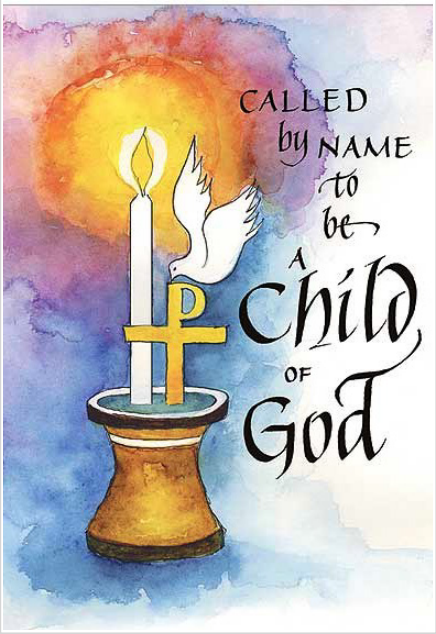
Every September many non-Catholics are drawn to a process commonly known as RCIA. What is RCIA? It is a pastoral process which teaches the beliefs, history, and practices of the Catholic faith to those outside the Church who want to know more. Completion of RCIA leads to the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist, and full reception into the Church.

Have you ever thought about the Catholic Church in terms of what makes it different from the many Protestant churches that mark our landscape? Yes, elements of Christian truth can be found in all Christian churches. But only the Catholic Church can claim to teach the full apostolic faith taught by Jesus to his disciples and passed down over time to us today by their successors. No Protestant church can make that claim in their teachings.

Want to find out more? RCIA will begin at St. John the Beloved on Monday evening September 10. We invite you to consider participating in this journey to a deeper understanding of the faith. Registration is easy. Simply begin by calling the parish office at
302-999-0211, or contact Deacon Tom Bailey at 302-559-6458 or email tmbailey1@comcast.net.

We rejoice with the families of our little ones who were recently welcomed to God's family by their Baptism at Saint John the Beloved Parish

Olivia Annemarie Nestor
Sutton D'Annibale Smith
Jackson Elijah Carr
Luke Edward Lewicki
Tessa Madelyn O'Donnell
Eli Joseph Wasko
Caydence Annabella Hughes
Bianca Marie Kelly
Kiersten Renee Hunter
Aiden Christopher Hunter



For the Sake of God's Children

The Catholic Diocese of Wilmington is committed to the continuous protection of children from an unsafe environment. ***For the Sake of God's Children*** is a program focused on the continuous development of a safe environment in our communities. The program has three major components:
- Conducting Background Checks for Church Personnel
- Ethical and Behavioral Standards for Church Personnel
- Safe Environments

St. John the Beloved Parish is in compliance with the Diocesan standards. For detailed information, processes and resources concerning this program, please go to The Catholic Diocese of Wilmington www.cdow.org ***For the Sake of God's Children.***

INSPIRE

Vocations:

In today's first reading, Joshua tells the tribes of Israel "As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." All of us are called to serve the Lord, though not in the same way. Some are called to give witness to the Kingdom of God through vows of poverty, chastity and obedience; some are called to feed God's people at the table of the Eucharist; some are called to provide ministry through the proclamation of the Gospel. Is God calling you to serve as a priest, deacon or religious? If you think so, please call or write Father Norm Carroll, Diocesan Director of Priestly and Religious Vocations (302-573-3113, vocations@cdow.org). Be sure to visit our website: www.cdow.org/vocations!

General Intercessions:

For those who serve the Lord through religious life, diaconate or the priesthood, that God bless them with the graces needed to live out their vocations in joyful confidence, **we pray to the Lord!**

Prayer for Vocations:

Father, we're your people, the work of your hands.
So precious are we in your sight that you sent your Son, Jesus.
Jesus calls us to heal the broken-hearted, to dry the tears of those who mourn, to give hope to those who despair,
and to rejoice in your steadfast love.
We, the baptized, realize our call to serve.
Help us to know how.
Call forth from among us priests, sisters, brothers and lay ministers.
With our hearts you continue to love your people.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever.

Marriage Moments:

What does equality mean in marriage? Does it mean one is the boss and the other follows? Of course not. It means recognizing each other's talents. Sometimes leading, sometimes following but always honoring the essence of the other. It's not a zero sum game that if one wins, the other loses. Win/win solutions work best.

Parenting Pointers:

What is important is coming to dinner with a clean heart. Sure, squabbling will happen, but if you as a parent can stay calm and centered, the odds are you can more effectively deflect sibling squabbles or food complaints.

By Susan Vogt, www.SusanVogt.net

AROUND THE DIOCESE OF WILMINGTON

The Diocesan Vocations Guild is sponsoring, on October 7, 2018 a trip to the "Shower of Roses" celebration at the Carmelite Monastery, Coopersburg, PA. There will be Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, Veneration of the Relic of St. Therese of Lisieux, and a solemn procession to the Blessed Mother's Statue in the yard, and each pilgrim receives a rose. Visit the incorrupt tomb of the foundress, Sr. Therese of the Child Jesus. Food will be available in the cafeteria. The cost of the pilgrimage is $30.00 per person. Meet at the Riverfront Shipyard Parking Lot A at 9:00 a.m. Please contact Mary Gaworski @ 302-438-6969 or email: mares7963@aol.com for more information.

Coming Up… August / September 2018 #SJBDE

2 SUNDAY
Blessed Virgin Mary Sodality Meets 7:30am - 9:00am @ Church
Mass 7:30 a.m. @ Church
Mass 9:30 a.m. @ Church
Mass w/ music by St. John the Beloved Adult Choir 11:30 a.m.@ Church
Mass 5:00 p.m. @ Church

3 MONDAY
Daily Mass 6:30 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. @ Church

4 TUESDAY
Daily Mass 6:30 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. @ Church
Prayer Group 9:00am - 11:45am @ Bosco Conference Rm (Adults only)

5 WEDNESDAY
Daily Mass 6:30 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. @ Church

6 THURSDAY
Daily Mass 6:30 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. @ Church
St. Vincent De Paul Society 7:00pm - 9:00pm @ Vianney Conference Rm

7 FRIDAY
Daily Mass 6:30 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. @ Church

8 SATURDAY
Daily Mass 8:00 a.m. @ Church
Sacrament of Reconciliation 4:00pm - 4:45pm @ Church
Mass 5:00 p.m. @ Church

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— Joshua 24:15b

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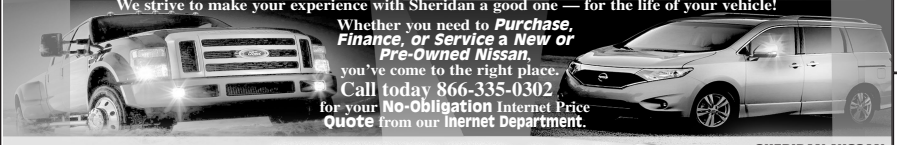

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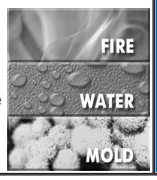

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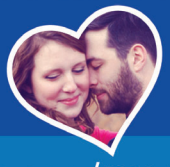

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