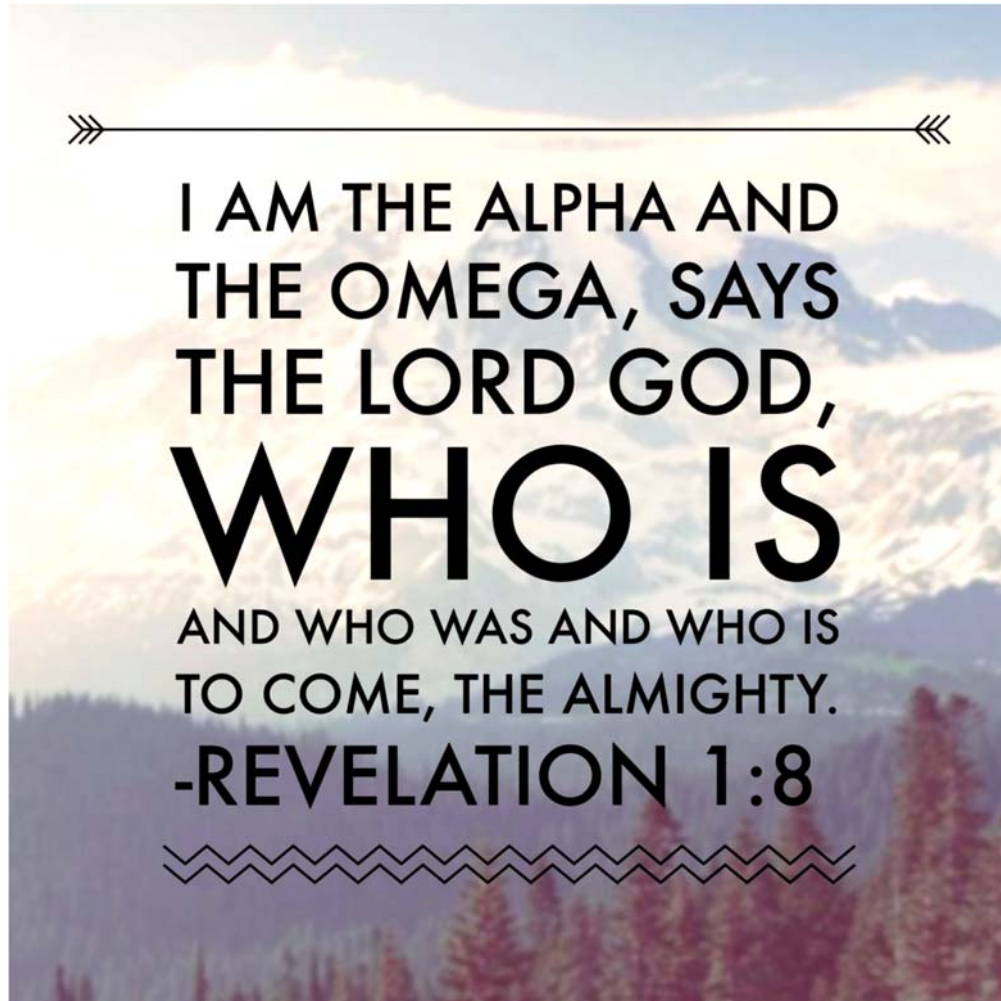




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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5; Ps 24:1bc-4ab, 5-6;
Lk 21:1-4
Tuesday: Rv 14:14-19; Ps 96:10-13; Lk 21:5-11
Wednesday: Rv 15:1-4; Ps 98:1-3ab, 7-9;
Lk 21:12-19
Thursday: Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a;
Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 21:20-28
Friday: Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22
Saturday: Rv 22:1-7; Ps 95:1-7ab; Lk 21:34-36
Sunday: Jer 33:14-16; Ps 25:4-5, 8-10, 14;
1 Thes 3:12 - 4:2; Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
Monday: Thirty-fourth Week in Ordinary Time
Friday: St. Andrew
Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday

*Jesus Christ is the faithful witness,
the firstborn of the dead
and ruler of the kings of the earth.
~ Revelation 1:5*

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Mon.- Thurs. 8:00am - 8:00 pm
Friday 8:00am - 7:00 pm
Saturday 9:00am - 5:00 pm
Sunday 8:00am - 5:30 pm

PARISH LIBRARY HOURS

Sat. 5:30 PM; Sun. 9:30 & 11:30 AM

Church Nursery: We offer year-round nursery during both the 8:30am and 10:30am Sunday Masses for children ages 1-3. Children play with caring staff while you are able to fully participate in Mass. The nursery is closed on holidays.

NEW PARISHIONERS Welcome to St. John's!

The Next New Parishioner Meeting: December 8/9

The new parishioner meeting will be held after each Mass the weekend of December 8/9. The meeting will start 15 minutes after Mass in St. Joseph Hall.

All are welcome to attend.

The bulletin deadline is 12:00 noon on Thursday, 10 days before the Sunday publication date. All submissions will be edited for length and content and are subject to final approval. Space is very limited. Thank you for your cooperation. Send requests to: stjohnsnb@pclink.com

All announcements are due by 12 noon on Friday for inclusion in the weekend pulpit announcements.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Monday, November 26, 2018

8:00 AM Rosary ~ Chapel of the Angels
8:00 AM Confessions ~ Church
8:30 AM Mass ~ Fr. Skluzacek (Doug Witkowski+)
7:00 PM RCIA ~ 206

Tuesday, November 27, 2018

8:00 AM Rosary ~ Chapel of the Angels
8:00 AM Confessions ~ Church
8:30 AM Mass ~ Fr. Skluzacek (Gordon Dahl+)
9:00 AM Blood Pressure Checks ~ St. Therese
9:00 AM Sunday Scripture ~ 204
6:30 PM Respect Life Committee ~ LL108

Wednesday, November 28, 2018

8:30 AM Mass ~ Fr. Paul (Van Nguyen)
9:15 AM Faithfully Fit ~ LL106
9:30 AM Legion of Mary ~ 211
9:30 AM Scripture w/ Sr. Clarinda ~ 210
5:00 PM Confessions ~ Church
5:30 PM Mass ~ Fr. Skluzacek (Karen Steen)
6:30 PM FF Catechists Training ~ 207
6:30 PM Middle School Youth Group ~ LL106
7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal ~ LL101
8:00 PM *devoted* ~ St. Joseph Hall

Thursday, November 29, 2018

6:30 AM Men's Fellowship ~ St. Joseph Hall
8:00 AM Rosary ~ Chapel of the Angels
8:00 AM Confessions ~ Church
8:30 AM Mass ~ Fr. Paul (Gene Beijer+)
9:00 AM Divine Mercy Chaplet ~ Chapel
9:15 AM Circle of Women ~ 206
7:00 PM Bible Study w/ Sr. Clarinda ~ 210
7:00 PM Series on the Human Person ~ SJH

Friday, November 30, 2018

8:00 AM Rosary ~ Chapel of the Angels
8:00 AM Confessions ~ Church
8:30 AM Mass ~ Fr. Skluzacek (Jim Mauricio+)

Saturday, December 01, 2018

10:00 AM Memorial Service for Sr. Gwendolin
3:30 PM Confessions ~ Church
4:30 PM Mass ~ Fr. Skluzacek (Kyran Zamor+)

Sunday, December 02, 2018 ~ Advent I

8:30 AM Mass ~ Fr. Paul (Pro Populo)
8:30 AM Sunday School ~ School Classrooms
10:30 AM Children's Liturgy of the Word ~ Chapel
10:30 AM Mass ~ Fr. Skluzacek (Jade Rurik+)
10:30 AM Sunday School ~ School Classrooms
11:30 AM Family Advent Retreat ~ St. Joseph Hall
5:30 PM Mass ~ Fr. Paul (Fidelia Okoro+)
5:30 PM Senior High Youth Group ~ St. Joseph Hall



From the Pastor: Father Michael Skluzáček

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
November 25, 2018

Belonging to the Truth

In today's gospel (Jn 18:33b-37), Pilate questions Jesus, asking him if he is in fact a King, and Jesus responds, "*My kingdom does not belong to this world.*" Pilate does not understand, so Jesus continues, "*My kingdom is not here... For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who **belongs to the truth** listens to my voice.*"

In other words, Jesus is not a king who will reign upon a throne. He is a king who will reign upon a cross, showing us what true authority is, what true leadership is – giving oneself for another out of love. We look upon our King when we look at the cross, gazing upon the One who emptied himself of earthly glory so that we could follow him to heavenly glory. Jesus also indicates what we must do to share in his glory – we must **belong to the truth** by listening to his voice. The "Truth" is Jesus himself, who is the "Way, the Truth and the Life."

In Mexico, less than a hundred years ago, many faithful Christians gave their lives for Jesus Christ, their true King. The secularist government brutally enforced the strict anti-clerical laws of the Mexican constitution. All religious ceremonies, including Masses, baptisms, confirmations, weddings, etc., were banned. Bishops were forced to leave the country; priests were forbidden to wear clerical garb in public, and those who resisted were imprisoned, tortured, and in some cases killed outright.

In legitimate self defense, countless Catholics took up arms to defend the faith. Whenever they charged into battle, the *Cristeros*, as they were called, shouted: "**Viva Cristo Rey!**" – "Long live Christ the King!" Many Catholics shed their blood in this conflict; many were martyred. **Saint José Luis Sanchez del Rio** was among them. From a young age St. José had a great love for the Blessed Sacrament; he encouraged his friends to have more devotion to Our Lord and Our Lady of Guadalupe. José had a great desire to join his two brothers, who were fighting in the battles of the *Cristeros*, and he was accepted despite his youth. José was captured and imprisoned, and the enemies of Christ the King decided to kill him.

José was tortured beyond comprehension. The soles of his feet were cut off and he was forced to walk on salt. The soldiers said, "If you shout, 'Death to Christ the King,' we will spare your life." José only answered: "**Viva Cristo Rey!**" – **Long live Christ the King! Long live Our Lady of Guadalupe!**" St. José was declared a martyr and was canonized by Pope Francis in 2016.

What gives someone like St. José the courage to give his life for Christ the King? It is faith – a deep faith and love for Jesus Christ. St. José **belonged to the truth**, because he listened to the voice of Jesus Christ as heard through the Church. His personal relationship with Jesus Christ the King gave him the courage to give his life for his King.

Not all the Catholics in Mexico stood up for truth in the face of persecution. Some acquiesced to the power of the state and gave up the faith. But many others chose the path of non-violent resistance. They advocated the Kingship of Jesus by filling the darkness of falsehood with the light of truth. They fought the power of hatred with the greater power of love. Blessed Miguel Pro (feast day: November 23), a *Cristero* priest, said before being martyred by firing squad, "*We proclaim the principles of the Church, the reign of love, without forgetting that it is also a reign of justice.*" **Viva Cristo Rey! Long live Christ the King!**

The film "For Greater Glory" tells the true story of the Mexican *Cristero* war. You can check it out from our parish library. We will be visiting the shrines of some of these Mexican martyrs on our pilgrimage in March. There are a few spots open. Check out the brochure in the plaza or visit: www.materdeitours.com.



God, Generosity - You!

We received a call from Simpson Homeless Shelter last week asking if we were still collecting socks and underwear. We assured them that we were. (For the 18th year in a row!). Depending on our parish family and it's generosity we hope to serve 5 shelters again this year. (Blue bins at church doors.). This is our chance to "clothe the naked." It all ends after the last Mass on Sunday night after Thanksgiving. Can we collect a mile? (That's 5,280 pairs). We've done it before- let's do it again! (See sock charts).

God will not be outdone in generosity! Go ahead and try!

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Boy Scout Troop 93, sponsored by the St. John the Baptist Parish, will be selling Christmas Wreaths after each Mass November 24/25.

One Spirit ~ Many Gifts Renewal

Pledge response forms for our One Spirit ~ Many Gifts Sunday Giving Renewal continue to come in - thank you! The excitement is palpable as we see the very real work of the Holy Spirit at work among us. If you have not yet turned in your pledge response, it is not too late! Please turn in your form via the collection at any Mass or to the parish office, by mail or dropping it off. May God bless you for your generosity!



**The
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up the weekend
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Caring and Sharing Hands are asking for teenager gifts. They are the hardest to buy for but the need is great so they are not forgotten.
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Presents/gift cards are due the weekend of Dec 16th.

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Those who are ill: Barb Gregerson, Lloyd Mans, Lucy Gebhardt, Mary Spitzka, Mark Hammer, Elaine Loscheider, Bev Stampfle, John Demont, Michael Ferdelman, Shirley Hill, Jon Clark, Jim Montury, Lucas Kramer, Bill Ivory, Jim Greve, Cassie Cramer, Georgianna Warden, Donna Yenish, Mary Wegerson, Stephen Sandquist, John Leibrich, Scott Lemke, Mark Nelson, Nella Pitzen, Joan Roemer, Mary Lou Long, Donna Reinkober, Helen Sullivan, Victoria Stratton, Alfred Duku -Celestino, Ellie Warchol, Fulton Francis Dobbs, Virginia Hudoba, Carl Stampfle, Marcy Eder, Jeff Drew, Daniel Welter, Doug Brekke, Jack & Marcella Longnecker, Joe Szepieniec, Stanley Kruta, Philip Jarosz, Joni Grieman, Sara Groehler, Zach Boryczka, Tom Miller, Jean Schaaf, Greta Stefanich, Jean Lanzel, Deloris Wolcyn, Evelyn Arneson, Vic Spaulding, Madi Rippy, Sydney Rippy, Sarah Lumaya, Richard and Patricia Gigrich, Marianne Brekke, Patricia Beaubien, Delores Demont, Sally Norgren, Gerry Kuglin, Norma Stanisha, Steve Lauinger, Michael Warchol, Nancy Kiuii, Catheryn Klukas, David Martin, Mary Brunner, Kathy Brownrigg, Loretta Witkowski, Jessie Johnson, James Wehr, Carol Ruff, Juanita Zamor, Anne Saylor, Richard Pellow, Mary Puffer, Janet Doud, Gay Jacobsen, Carol Johnson, Anita Leibrich, Charlotte Thrun, Rose Maciaszek, Fred & Deana Irish, Connie Pearson, Mike Fritz, Rita Kochevar, Catherine Schonhardt, Barb Cant, Linda Puffer, Mark Puffer, Jenny Reicks, Robert & Annette Kirwan, Thomas Daley, May Gariepy

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If you have suffered a miscarriage and have unresolved grief, the priests and deacons here at St. John the Baptist are here for you. If you would like to meet with a priest or deacon, please call 651-633-8333 to set up an appointment.

The SJB Respect Life Committee.



Memorial Mass for Sr. M. Gwendolin Koniar , OSF

Sister Gwendolin was principal of St. John's School from 1982 to 2003. Sister passed away peacefully on Sunday, October 14th at the Motherhouse in Sylvania, Ohio. St. John's will hold a memorial Mass for Sister Gwendolin on Saturday, December 1st at 10:00am. Reception will follow. Come share your stories and memories.

FROM THE OFFICE OF DISCIPLESHIP AND MISSION

Join Sister Clarinda for Sunday Morning Scripture, Tuesdays at 9AM

Men's Fellowship - Thursday Morning 6:30-8:00am - Now - December 27, 2018. Knowing Jesus and His Church – Fr Larry Richards DVD Presentation. Looking for a clearer understanding of what we believe? Presented as only Fr Larry Richards can, this series of talks will give you a deeper look into the teachings of the Catholic Church. Come for the donuts, stay for the truth!! Questions, call Dave @ 612-616-4013

CIRCLE OF WOMEN, Thursday, November 29 from 9:15-11:30 am in room 206. Women of all ages are invited to join us as we continue to grow in our ability to “be still” in the Lord! We resume our gatherings this **Thursday, November 29**, joined by Laura Kelly Fanucci who will speak to us about “Grief and Loss”. Childcare is available. Any questions, please don't hesitate to call Michelle at (763)442-4936 or Carrie at (612)275-2236, our brochures are available in the kiosks by the information desk. We look forward to seeing you on Thursday!

Family Formation is coming up on Wednesday, December 5th starting at 6:30 PM in St. Joseph Hall.

The topic is “Cross My Heart” (God Keeps His Promises) – People are created with a capacity for God and God has, from the beginning, revealed Himself to us. Come and hear more about how He has done that and discover more in your relationship to Him. All parish adults are invited to join the Family Formation parents in the adult session in SJH. Before it starts, attend 5:30 PM Mass in the chapel and have dinner with us (just let us know how many are coming: 651.633.1540) Make Family Formation presentations a regular monthly appointment! Join us on the the first Wednesday of the month and learn something new. We'd love to see you there!

Future Topics and Dates – put them on your calendar and plan to join us!

January 2, 2019: “A Match Made In Heaven (Matrimony)”

February 6: “The Trinity”

March 13: “A Clean Sweep” (Reconciliation)

April 3: “O Most Holy Week”

May 1: “On This Rock”



Don't forget devoted will be November 28th. As the craziness of the holidays is upon us, take some time to retreat from the busy and find peace. Join us for a little wine, a little chocolate and some social time at 7:30 pm and our Intro will begin by 8:10 pm. Come and hear our speaker, Liz Kelly, as she helps us get ready to begin Advent. She will share with us her talk on “*Keeping Watch by Night: What the Shepherd can teach us about Advent Preparation.*” Check out more about Liz at www.lizk.org. All women are welcome.

SJB Family Retreat Welcoming the Lord! December 2, 2017

11:30am Taco Bar Lunch – Families are asked to bring a side dish to share

12:15pm Opening Session – Introductions and Activity

12:45pm Welcoming the Lord – Presentation given by Fr. Paul
and break out session for younger children and teens.

1-2:00pm Family Activities– Stations for the families to do together.

The event is FREE but please complete a registration form. Registration forms can be found in the kiosks. Questions? Contact Father Paul at frshovelain@stjohnnyb.org



Save the Date for an All Parish Family Event
Journey to the Inn with the Wise Men on Epiphany, Saturday, January 5

- 4:30pm Mass
- 5:30pm Dinner
- 6:15pm Indoor program and outdoor candlelight procession as we “Journey to the Inn with the Wise Men”.
- Cookies and cocoa will end the night.

Have you remembered St. John the Baptist Church in your will?
Let Mark know at 651-633-8333 ext. 1215

Library News

Annual Parish Library Book Giveaway

Mark your calendars: **Annual SJB Parish Library Book Giveaway December 1/2!** All items are FREE!!! There will also be religious items available including statues, rosaries, pictures, and prayer cards.

There will be a Library Committee Meeting on Monday, November 26 from 7-9pm in the library to get ready for our Book Giveaway. Any questions, call Jeannie Kratzer @ 651-636-8928.



Baptism Prep Class

New parents are invited to our next Baptism Prep session on December 3 at 7pm in room 208. Our young facilitator couples are eager to meet you and journey with you and your family as you work towards Baptism for your child. It's best to attend our prep session before the baby is born but the office will need at about one month to process paperwork and get your items ready for the Baptism Day.

To begin, it's as easy as an email to Jodie Wolla asking for the Baptism prep registration form. Contact her today wollaj@stjohnnyb.org.



Senior Christmas Potluck December 13 from 11am-2pm in St. Joseph Hall

- Bring a dish to share - call Mary Hartz with what you'll be bringing 651-633-8333 ext. 1229
- Wear red or your favorite Christmas sweater.
- Bring a White Elephant gift.

All Seniors are Welcome!

If you or someone you know needs communion or home visit, please contact Mary Hartz and she can set up a volunteer to come to you. Mary can be reached by calling 651-633-8333 ext. 1229



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2017 End of Year Wish List

Enriching our parish and school ministries through specific gifts is an amazing way to grow in holiness and build our church. We would never want to replace your regular, ongoing support of our parish with these wish list items but we welcome your grateful generosity!

General Parish Needs

Built-In Video Projection in St. Joseph's Hall to serve our programs, ministries, special events, and Mass overflow. Help us catch up to this technology and better serve our ministries! St. John's is often host to Archdiocesan meetings, and enhanced audio/visual capabilities would make us an even more welcoming parish! Full package of 4 built-in projectors & screens with enhanced sound system integration: **\$26,000.**

Upgrades to Parish Center Wi-Fi; New Server Storage Units. We need to reconfigure our existing wireless internet setup and add several access points to ensure secure and reliable reception for staff, parishioners, and our many guests. Additionally, our network servers are full; replace units with higher capacity servers: **\$6,200.**

Capital Reserve Fund. This fund supports the many needs of maintaining and improving our building and its mechanical operations. If you like heat in the winter and AC in the summer and an attractive campus, your gifts here support our campus! This fund supports ongoing repairs and improvements, including rectory gutters and other building upgrades. It can also support additions to our campus such as a marquee sign, rebuilding our brick flowerbeds, and purchasing maintenance equipment and vehicles. Contact Bret Sutton or Mark Dittman with questions on specific projects.

Debt Elimination. Consider an extra gift this year to further our goal of eliminating our parish debt, currently around **\$350,000.** Please consider a special gift in honor of the 50th Anniversary of the New Church Edifice.

Office of Discipleship & Mission

Missionary discipleship conferences for two consecutive weeks in July; cost for four attendees: **\$5,500**

Evangelical Catholic training for customized coaching and online learning. The Evangelical Catholic has been working nationally to support parishes and form missionary disciples since the early 1990s: **\$3,000**

ODM PR Materials, such as 6 table cloths with logos printed on them (\$1000), small laminator (\$100), 500-sheet paper cutter (\$75), turning any space into a functioning space to gather, speak, and teach. **\$1,325**

Cash gifts of any amount for updated book and DVD selections for Sunday School and Family Formation; new Christian toys and puzzles for the Nursery and Sunday School; an Advent Wreath for Sunday School; Advent candles for a new large wreath for RCIA. **~\$100.**

Youth Room: could use new carpeting, sound proofing, better audio visual and security cameras: **\$12,500**

2017 End of Year Wish List

St. John the Baptist School Needs

2 iPads for preschool and school parent and student sign-in: (\$309 each) **\$618**

Swim shirts for J-Care for their summer weekly swim outings. These shirts will help staff and other identify J-Care students quickly as well as assist in protecting them from the sun. Cost for 50 shirts: (\$30 each) **\$1,500**

Sensory and fine motor aids to assist students with special accommodations in need of these types of support: **\$500**

Preschool items, such as large motor (scooters and tricycles), outdoor sandbox, kitchen sets, art easels, and speakers for computers: **\$500**

Office of Worship to Mark the 50th Anniversary of the New Church Edifice

Hearing Loop for the Church Nave for anyone who has an existing hearing aid with a telecoil and/or for those whose hearing is compromised and would like to hear clearly. The loop is a wire connected to our church's sound system that transmits the sound electromagnetically, thus boosting a hearing aid's ability: **\$7,500**.

New church sound system to replace or enhance our current system, which is 17+ years old and needs considerable repair: **\$145,000**.

Please note: costs listed above are estimates; actual costs may be more or less than the amount listed. Please know that any designated donations remaining after project completion will be re-designated to another prioritized purpose. Thank you!



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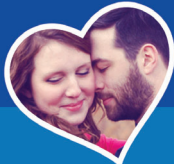


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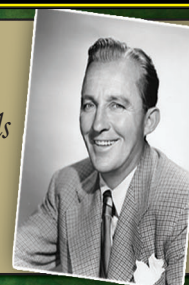
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