

S T P A T R I C K ' S P A R I S H

# In Focus



## "Let the children come to me"

It's 10:15 a.m., Children's Liturgy time, one of the first three Sundays of the month. Pastel quilted coats and blue denim jackets are piled so high on the pegs in the hallway that more sober parents' coats are temporarily inaccessible.

Entire families are here, to celebrate a liturgy designed especially for children aged three to ten. Boys and girls sit on the floor in the multipurpose room, and many parents sit with them; others find chairs nearby. All practice a hymn before Mass begins.

"Our purpose is to help children feel comfortable taking an active part in celebrating and praying at Mass," says Jan Lipska, coordinator of the Children's Program since 1985. She has met with the pastor during the days of preparation to plan this Sunday's theme, drawn from Scripture.

The priest arrives and vests in the back of the room. Today his vestments are green, for this is a Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Volunteers on flute and guitar strike up opening chords. Mary Ann Dilla leads all in singing the song practiced earlier, following the words projected on a screen. (Week after week the children learn songs and accompanying gestures that express reverence and joy.)

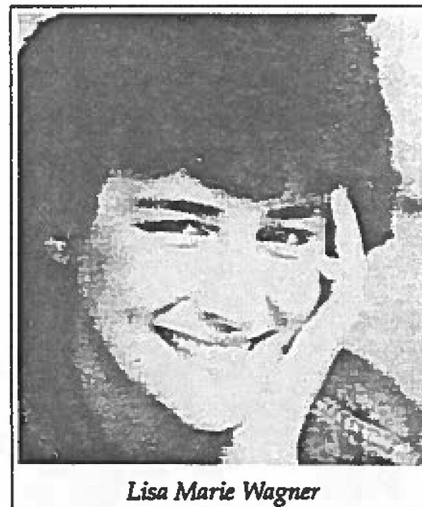
Bill Dilla plays the piano, following a written outline he has prepared for this Mass. He and Mary Ann have documented the music so it can be passed on to

## One-Woman Play Benefits Catholic Worker House

The Friends of the St. Jude Catholic Worker House are sponsoring a one-woman play, "Haunted by God," on Saturday, Nov. 10, at 7:30 p.m. in St. Patrick's parish center.

The one-woman play, performed by Chicago actress Lisa Marie Wagner, covers 80 years of the life of Dorothy Day, founder of the Catholic Worker Movement. The Roncalli Society calls it "an inspiring show filled with humor, pain, and joy while exploring universal themes of poverty, justice, peace, faith, non-violence, women's experience, and the American Church in the 20th century."

"Haunted by God" was written by Lisa Marie Wagner, journalist Robert McClory, and Chicago Call to Action performing arts director Paul Amandes.



Lisa Marie Wagner

Tickets for the show may be purchased from Bernie Laumann (328-2708) or at the door on the night of the performance. Suggested donation: \$5 per person.

Proceeds from the play will go toward renovation of the local Catholic Worker House (317 S. Randolph St., C.).

their successors in the future.

Father joins in the singing as he approaches the altar, around which the children are gathered so all can see. Mass has begun.

The Gospel that is proclaimed is a version adapted especially for children. Jan then illustrates the Scripture theme, drawing on a story or a filmstrip, or perhaps using a game or a dramatization to bring the theme home to children.

Once, when asked to make up ten commandments of their own, children could think of only nine, until one little girl suggested, "Don't smoke." Children have

dramatized the stories of the Prodigal Son and Jesus' journey into the desert. On Palm Sunday they have walked in procession accompanied by ringing, tinkling, clanging, and clapping of small musical instruments. On the first Sunday of Advent watchful parishioners may see a small figure dressed in brown burlap awaiting his cue outside the multipurpose room, a very young John the Baptist ready to carry his message: "Prepare the way of the Lord!"

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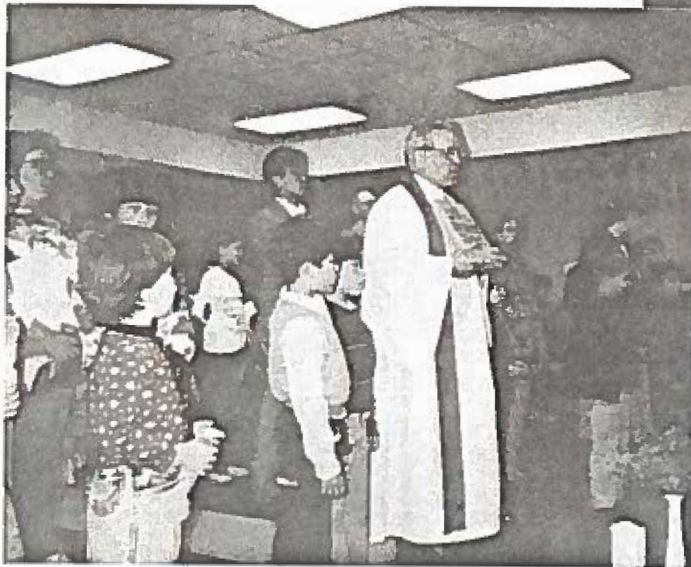
On this Sunday Jan asks questions to help children understand; the theme is difficult, abstract, about the Holy Spirit. She tells them the Spirit helps us grow, as seeds grow. "What are some things we need, to

grow?" she asks. "Hugs!" one child responds. "Watermelon," calls out another.

At communion time, a strip of carpeting is the path taken by an orderly line of all who wish to receive communion, joined by others who come forward for a

blessing.

Just a few minutes later, the Mass ends with a blessing, a dismissal, and yet another song: "Joy is the flag flown high on the castle of my heart, when the King is in residence there."



## ***Volunteers Needed for Winter Emergency Shelter***

Located in the basement of McKinley Presbyterian Church (809 S. 5th, C.), the Winter Emergency Shelter serves homeless men from Oct. 15 through Apr. 15.

In its 13th year of providing overnight shelter and two meals, the Winter Emergency Shelter has put out its annual call for volunteers. The shelter is open 9:30 p.m.-7:15 a.m., hosting 20-40 men from a variety of backgrounds on any given night, 7 nights a week.

Many of the men served by the Shelter are employed but cannot afford a home. Some are from town, some are passing through. Some have alcohol or mental-health problems. Some are experiencing an unexpected temporary crisis, while others are chronically

homeless.

Volunteers are asked to arrive by 9 p.m. and stay overnight until 7:15 a.m. They help prepare and serve an evening and morning meal and are responsible for clean-up and laundry. A minimum of three individuals, male and female, are scheduled each night.

Volunteers can be scheduled once a month or more often if desired.

Call parishioner Sarah Sloan (328-4476), volunteer coordinator, for information or to volunteer. Or call and leave a message at 344-0297.



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# RENEW:

## Hymn Festival Celebrates Christ Our King

With the help of other musicians the parish choirs have been practicing for a Hymn Festival on the theme "Celebrating Christ Our King." Another first for St. Patrick's, the hymn festival will take place on Sunday, Nov. 18, at 7 p.m. in the church.

What exactly is a hymn festival? Music Director John Pesiciteli said: "We will sing lots of hymns from different periods, nationalities, and styles, from grand and triumphant to gentle and reflective. And some that are just downright fun to sing! We will also offer a short narration that will give the origins and some fun anecdotes about each hymn."

The hymn festival is definitely not a performance. Everyone present will be singing, with the help of the choirs and instrumentalists.

This musical event has been planned to bring an exciting close to the parish's third season of

RENEW, on the theme of Empowerment by the Holy Spirit. "I am sure that we will feel the Spirit in the church that evening as well as witness the many gifts we have been blessed with in our choirs and musicians," added Helene Kacich, RENEW Coordinator.

The RENEW Large Group Committee will host a reception in the parish center after the hymn festival itself. Jeannie Donovan, chair, is coordinating refreshments; if you can bring a dessert to share or would like to help in some other way, please call Jeannie (328-7929).

Babysitting will be provided as well. To facilitate planning, please call the parish office (367-2665) if you expect to bring your children.

The hymn festival is open to every member of the parish, and to other local Catholic and Protestant churches as well. "Hymn singing



can be an act of fellowship," John added, "joining together as one to proclaim a corporate belief, a collective experience of God, a time to focus on some wonderfully poetic expressions of our faith. We hope that the experience of the hymn festival may enrich our Sunday liturgies."

So if you want to know what a hymn festival is, come to St. Patrick's on Nov. 18 and see for yourself! You won't want to miss a fun-filled, "Spirit-ed" evening!

### Quick Fixin's from the Kitchen of . . . Patricia Doebel

#### Cranberry Sherbet

- 1 lb. cranberries
- 4 c sugar
- 1/3 c lemon juice
- 1/3 c lime juice
- 1 can condensed milk
- 1 qt half and half

Wash and cook cranberries in 2 cups of water until tender. Press through potato ricer, then add sugar and reheat until sugar dissolves. Chill well. Add juices, condensed milk, and half and half. Pour into ice-cream freezer, adding



milk to "fill" line. Freeze as directed on ice-cream freezer. Yield: 1 gal.

"This is the dessert we have for Thanksgiving and Christmas," Pat Doebel said. "It's very festive looking and tangy, and it's easier on the tummy than pie and cake. Our family loves it!"

# New Faces and Familiar Voices at St. Patrick's, Part Two!



Jan Lipska



David Zola



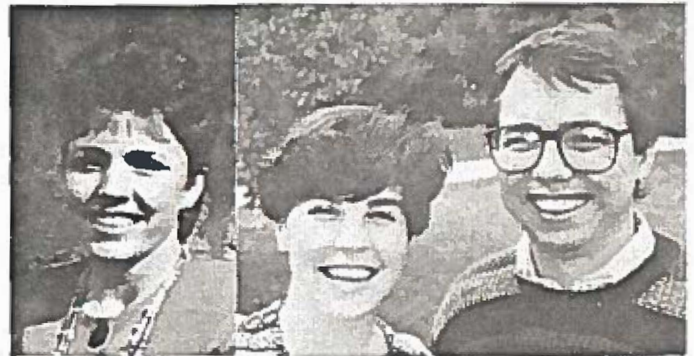
Colette McMullen



Mike Healey



Lenore Nagele



Ruth Mytty

Denise and Chris Freidhof

Most parents know the name and face of their children's catechist because they drop them off for class and pick them up afterward. Younger children are especially talkative about what happened in class. In addition to the religious-education classes, the program includes services to families, the parish library, classes for adults, and inquiry sessions for people interested in Catholicism and for returning Catholics. The names and faces of the coordinators who bring us these valuable programs, under the direction of Religious Education Director Carolyn McElrath, may be somewhat less familiar to parishioners.

For those attending Children's Liturgy, Jan Lipska's is a familiar face: asking the children questions about the Gospel reading, setting up a slide projector, or motioning for the music to begin. Jan completed a three-year program of study at Mundelein College for coordinator certification. She and her husband, Lloyd, have two sons, Brandon, 16, and Matthew, 13.

This year Jan has recruited or retained and trained nearly 60 teachers for the programs at St. Patrick's in Urbana and St. Joseph. She is very enthusiastic about the fact that, for the first time in our parish, there will be only one combined classroom. Except for one 5th-6th class, every grade will

have its own classroom. In addition to her parish responsibilities, Jan is serving her second year on the Diocesan Commission on Education.

Two new coordinators of the junior high program are Chris and Denise Freidhof, who were senior high catechists for a year and then junior high catechists for the last two years. Chris and Denise have been married for 1 1/2 years and have a son, Samuel, 3 months old.

Denise, whose B.A. in Liberal Arts was earned at E.I.U., grew up in southern Indiana and is a radiation oncology technician at Carle. Chris, who earned his B.S. in Mechanical Engineering at U.I., works at Anderson Physics Lab. They both graduated last spring as Master Catechists in the diocesan Lay Ministry Leadership Program.

Whether we hear him proclaiming the Word at Sunday Mass or see him distributing Communion or selling tickets for the Knights' barbecue, David Zola's face and

voice are very familiar. David, who earned his B.A. and M.A. at Fairfield U. and his Ph.D. in Educational Psychology at Cornell U., is starting his fourth year as senior high program coordinator. He and his wife, Susan, celebrated their first anniversary on Memorial Day this year.

This year's senior class will be the first to complete all four years of the modular program instituted by David in 1987. In this program the subject matter is divided into three-week blocks that can be taught by parishioners with expertise in that subject. In addition, each class has two leaders who stay with the group throughout the year. Freshmen study human values, sophomores learn the basics of Catholicism, juniors concentrate on scripture, and seniors look into decision making in today's world.

To the fifty or so families of our parish who live in St. Joseph, Colette McMullen has a familiar

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face. Colette has been coordinator of St. Patrick's Wednesday night program at St. Joseph Grade School for the last four years. A resident of St. Joseph and a parishioner for 8 years, Colette and her husband, Mike, have three daughters, Heather, 9, Dawn, 5, and Stacey, 4.

Colette says that parents enthusiastically support the program by volunteering as catechists, substitutes, or helpers, and by assisting at the four social events held there each year.

The parish library has put on a new face: the remodeling included new carpet as well as new tables and chairs. Mike Healey, library coordinator, invites parishioners to come in, enjoy the comfortable surroundings, and browse through our constantly growing collection of books and recordings. The library is open every other weekend throughout the year.

Mike, father of Molly, 14, Joshua, 12, and Katie, 8, is currently working on his B.A. degree.

Who is that woman with the short blonde hair, the one we see carrying the Bible high overhead as she leads a group out of church when 9 o'clock Mass isn't even over yet (from Advent to Easter, anyway)? Her name is Lenore Nagele, and she is returning for her fourth year as coordinator of RCIA (the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults). The group following Lenore are catechumens, in the

second phase of the RCIA process; they gather in the lounge after the homily to "break open the Word" heard in that Sunday's readings.

Lenore and her husband, Tom, have lived in the parish since 1956 and have six adult children and seven grandchildren. Lenore completed a three-year coordinator program at Mundelein and a one-year diocesan practicum for coordinator certification.

How could we write a job description that encompasses such diverse entities as base communities, baptism and marriage preparation, young adults, and a co-op nursery? Ruth Mytty, starting her sixth year as Family Life Coordinator, compares her role to that of a telephone operator, "plugging people into the parish or community program they need or want. If it's not available, I help get it started."

Ruth and her husband, Al, are the parents of Jamon, 16, Allison, 14, Erin, 12, and Sarah, 10. Having completed the LMLP in family life ministry, Ruth is working on her B.A. in Liberal Arts and, along with Sister Charlene, took training in the Befriender Ministry. (Graduates of this program are trained to offer structured help and companionship to people in crisis.)

These are the faces and voices of our parish staff. Assisted by many willing volunteers, they use their training, time, and talents to help bring our parish together as one family.

## ***Not Just Another Committee Meeting!***

"We don't know how people do it, but we do know that people juggle classes, work, and family and yet still find time, energy, and enthusiasm to serve on committees at St. Patrick's," said Barbara Wysocki, president of the Parish Council.

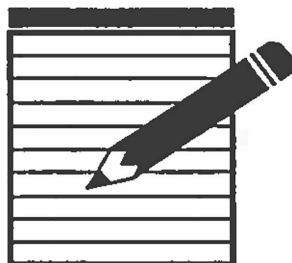
On Thursday, Nov. 15, at 7:30 p.m. the Parish Council will host a Recognition and Appreciation Night for parishioners who are members of the standing committees of the Council. The evening will feature some social time, with dessert, a "thank you" ceremony, and a prayer service. This special event will follow an abbreviated Council meeting that begins at 6:30 p.m.

The Recognition and Appreciation Night will inaugurate a week of activities designed to identify those who consistently work to make the Council an effective force in this parish community. At weekend Masses parishioners will have an opportunity to extend their appreciation to committee members. Throughout the week (coincidentally, Thanksgiving week), banners in the parish center will remind us of the committees, their work, and the men and women who voluntarily serve on them.

"These special activities will take the place of the annual fall Council/Committee/Staff Workshop," said Barb Wysocki. "Perhaps committee members will look upon an unscheduled Saturday as another token of our appreciation!"



*Deadline for submission of information, articles, and news items for the Dec. issue of In Focus is November 11.*



# "I believe in . . . the communion of saints"

Whenever we pray the Apostle's Creed, one of the earliest statements of faith of the Church, we proclaim our belief in the communion of the saints.

This article of faith states that all holy people of God, saints, are part of the Kingdom of God whether they are on earth, in Purgatory, or in Heaven.

According to the Second Vatican Council, "At the present time some of [Jesus'] disciples are pilgrims on earth. Others have died and are being purified, while still others are in glory beholding clearly God Himself, three and one, as He is."

Just as Christians on earth have always prayed for one another, so have we prayed for the saints, God's holy ones, in a state of purification or prayed to them in heaven to ask for their intercession as we endure trials on earth.

On All Saints Day, Nov. 1, we honor all those who "have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb." The saints in heaven can pray or intercede to God for us, just as we can ask a fellow Christian here on earth to pray for us.

On All Souls Day, Nov. 2, we remember our fellow saints in

Purgatory by asking God to have mercy and compassion on them. The Second Vatican Council reaffirmed the belief of the early Church that Christians ought to pray for those who are experiencing God's purification after death: "Very much aware of the bonds linking the whole mystical body of Jesus Christ, the pilgrim church from the very first ages of the Christian religion has cultivated with great piety the memory of the dead. Because it is a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead that they may be loosed from sins, she has also offered prayers for them."

Let us remember in our prayers the following saints of St. Patrick's parish who have died in the past year: Frances Adams, James Bradbury, Ethel Conerty, Raymond Dunn, Clara Farruggia, Bernard Fitzsimmons, Martha Holden, Florence Howard, Frances Hudson, Marie James, Raymond Kunza, Cecil McDermott, Ersilia Morell, Florence Murgach, Catherine Scheurich, Jorjean Schwalbe, Beulah Spanglo, Kenneth Thomas, Felicia Turyn, Arnold Weasel, Mary Whitson.

What tears you cry, sower God,  
over us all!  
But what laughter and what songs you sing  
where there is the harvest!  
Your saints from Adam and Eve until now,  
and we too, need your tears  
and long to hear your laughter.  
Harvest us home to sing your praise  
for ever and ever.

Amen.

— Prayer of the Season



## The Making of a Tradition

Twenty years ago, on the Fourth of July, a small group of parishioners gathered outside St. Patrick's after Mass before heading off to a breakfast hosted by Helen Barrymore.

The group included Fr. Charles Martell, pastor, and Sarah Marquardt, organist and choir director. Pat Doebel, expressing interest, was unable to join the group that morning but wondered whether this kind of get-together might not be held in the parish center for all parishioners on holiday.

By Labor Day the holiday "continental breakfast" for parishioners was in business. At the 9:00 a.m. Mass, five parishioners sat in each of the front pews, representing white-collar workers, blue-collar workers, professionals, teachers, librarians, homemakers, young adults, children. At the intercessions each in turn rose and, facing the congregation, offered a prayer: "For the spiritual and temporal welfare of those in electrical pursuits," prayed Oscar Kocher; Cathy Rutledge added a prayer for homemakers, Catherine Carter for widows.

After Mass all adjourned to the parish center for coffee and home-baked breakfast goodies.

By Thanksgiving Day, members of the Altar and Rosary Society (now St. Patrick's Guild) rallied to the cause and thereafter have continued the tradition of hosting an hour of friendship and camaraderie in the parish center following the holiday Mass. Parishioners bring their best-baked breads and rolls, sometimes fresh fruit, for the serving tables in holiday array. Members of the Guild prepare the coffee, lend a holiday flavor to the table decor, and serve parishioners who chose to begin these special days together in prayer and friendship.

# Parish Council News

At their October meeting Parish Council members heard a report on RENEW given by coordinator Helene Kacich. She declared the September picnic a resounding success in bringing people together to have a good time and to get to know one another better. The next RENEW large-group activity will be the ecumenical hymn festival on Nov. 18.

Helene added that a suggestion box has been placed in the back vestibule of the church in the hope of hearing from parishioners about the parish, especially for ideas about follow-up to RENEW before it has run its course at St. Patrick's.

The Council will extend recognition and thanks to members of its standing committees through a series of events during "Committee Appreciation Week," beginning with an appreciation program on Nov. 15. It is hoped that all committee members will be able to participate.

Although too early for a final report of results from the Sacrificial Giving renewal, it was observed that many cards have been returned with pledges indicated but without notations of time and talent volunteered.

After initial discussion about disbanding the Social Committee

for lack of chair and members over a period of several months, the Council decided to "disengage" the Council liaison from responsibilities for it until such time as a chair and/or members come forward. A forthcoming review of all committees' charges may indicate that a Social Committee is not required for the parish role envisioned for it in earlier times.

Council members considered viable options for housing clergy for our parish should an assistant be assigned to St. Patrick's next June. The most suitable seemed to be a house rather than a large apartment, within a reasonable distance from parish facilities. Some cautious exploration of possibilities will take place over the next several months.

Members elected to continue the tradition of an Epiphany potluck this winter and set Jan. 4 as the date for it.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Nov. 15—at 6:30 p.m., followed by its Committee Appreciation program at 7:30. Committee members are especially invited to attend the Council meeting, which is open to all parishioners.

Please welcome new parishioners Jody Brekke, Joseph and Julia Burns, Constance Cimino, Gregory and Joyce Clagg, Felimon and Andrea Cortez, Robert and Cindy Cylkowski, Gregory and Bridget Danner, David and Dianne Fornoff, Dan and Terese Glatz, Paul and Mary Jane Kelley, David and Carla Kurtz, Walter and Susan Laesch, Debbie Maille, Michael and Maria McNealy, Jane Montes, Kenneth and Julene Mull, Alberto and Margaret Munoz, James and Jennifer Pfiester, Kenneth and Dawn Rehfeldt, Derrick and Sheryl Richardson, James Rossi, Sr. Priscilla Stork, Christine Telzrow.

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Farewell to the following parishioners who have moved from C-U: Peter and Jean Buckely, Usan Gaston, Colleen Kelly, Michael North, Robert and Sophia Veillette.

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Congratulations to these couples, recently married at St. Patrick's: Kelly Jean Wolfersberger and Timothy Alan Walker, Mary Ellen Barnes and David Lee Clark, Carla Dawn Skipton and Mitchell Brady Sonsteng, Joan Marguerite Stoltz and Mark Michael Clark, Julie Ann Edwards and James David Bopp, Janice Elaine Marett and Erik Michael Graybeal.

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We welcome the following newly baptized into our faith community: Ashley Leigh Kamphaus, Samantha Christine Ingram.

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Please pray for the following parishioners, recently deceased: Kenneth Thomas, Jorjean Schwalbe.

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# November 1990



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 Amer/U: Americana, Urbana  
 CCNH: Champaign County Nursing Home  
 KC: Knights of Columbus  
 MM: Medical Missions  
 SVDP: St. Vincent de Paul  
 TNT: Twenties 'n' Thirties

						<b>1</b> ALL SAINTS DAY 7a, 12:10p & 5:15p Mass 5p Folk Choir	<b>2</b> ALL SOULS DAY 10:45a CCNH, Mass	<b>3</b> TNT: TV Football Party
<b>4</b> RENEW: ROAD BLOCKS TO MISSION 8-11a Library 8:30-11a K of C Pancake Bkfst 9a, 11a, 6-10p, Religious Ed	<b>5</b> 10:30a & 7:30p SG&D (Spiritual Growth & Dev) 7p Liturgy Com 7:15p GROW 10:15a Child Lit 3-5:30p STEP	<b>6</b> 7p Reconciliation Class 7:30p PC Exec Comm Mtg  ELECTION DAY	<b>7</b> Religious Ed: 5:45p Urbana 6:45p St. J 7p RCIA 7p Pro-Life 7p Choir 7p SVDP	<b>8</b> 6:45p Folk Choir 7p Baptism Prep	<b>9</b> 10:30a Fontana NH, Mass 10:45a CCNH, Mass 6p TNT: Clark- Lindsey Village Singing	<b>10</b> 7:30p TNT: Agatha Christie Play 7:30p Life of Dorothy Day "Haunted by God"		
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