

*The Blessed Virgin Mary,  
Untier of Knots*

By Hedwig Lewis SJ

**Devotion**

"In the 18th century the devotion to *Mary Untier of Knots* was localized to Germany. The devotion was augmented during the Chernobyl Nuclear Power Plant disaster (1986), when victims sought help through the intercession of *Mary Untier of Knots*. The first chapel to be named '*Mary Untier of Knots*' was constructed in 1989 in Styria, Austria. The image of Mary Untier of Knots at the main altar of the chapel was created by painter Franz Weiss, using the technique of painting under glass. It differed from the original, because the artist took as his theme the Chernobyl tragedy.

On December 8, 2000, a chapel dedicated to the Virgin Mary Untier of Knots was inaugurated in Formosa, Argentina.

The website '*Mary Undoer of Knots*' explains that the 'knots' Mary can untie, "...are problems and struggles we face for which we do not see any solution...Knots of discord in our family, lack of understanding between parents and children, disrespect, violence, the knots of deep hurts between husband and wife, the absence of peace and joy at home. They are also the knots of anguish and despair of separated couples, the dissolution of the family, the knots of a drug addict son or daughter, sick or separated from home or God, knots of alcoholism, the practice of abortion, depression, unemployment, fear, solitude..."

*Saints of the Week . . .*

**Wednesday, May 25:**

St. Bede the Venerable  
St. Gregory VII

St. Mary Magdalene de'Pazzi

**Thursday, May 26:**

St. Philip Neri

**Friday, May 27:**

St. Augustine of Canterbury

Ford—Iroquois Deanery  
**SPRING INSTITUTE**

**"Work of Mercy, Clothe the Needy"**

**Thursday, June 2, 2016**

**Immaculate Conception Parish Hall**

231 N. Secor  
Gilman IL 60938

**9 a.m.:** Registration, Rolls and Coffee  
Business Meeting and Election of Officers

**Program By:** Sidney Smczynski  
Illinois Ambassador for *Dress A Girl Around the World*

**Mass:** 11:30 a.m. in the Church

**Lunch:** In Parish Hall, served by CCW Ladies

**School Supplies Accepted**

**Parish Hall & Church are Handicapped Accessible**

*Please pray for our Service Members . . .*

- Staff Sgt. Thomas Westrick, son of Steve & Sharon Westrick
- Sr. Airman Andrew Kelnhofer, son of Michelle Hastings
- Hm2 Richard Kelnhofer, son of Michelle Hastings
- Sgt. Erik Shepherd, son-in-law of Michelle Hastings
- Sgt. Allison Shepherd, daughter of Michelle Hastings
- Lance Corporal Samuel Gross, grandson of Linda Hunt
- Sr. Airman Rori Sorensen, granddaughter of Mary Sorensen

*Please pray for . . .*

- Francis Melson
- Mark Smith

Baptized here last weekend was *Rachel Julianne Yu Uy*, daughter of Drs. Richard Uy and Jacqueline Yu.

St. Edmund's warmly welcomes Rachel into our Church family.

**ST. EDMUND CHURCH**

219 EAST LOCUST STREET  
WATSEKA IL 60970

**PASTOR:** Reverend Michael Powell

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**Religious Education Office:** 815-432-5569

**Website:** [www.stedstjoe.org](http://www.stedstjoe.org)

**MASSES:**

**M-W-TH-F**

**7:30 AM**

**SATURDAY**

**5:00 PM**

**SUNDAY**

**7:30 & 10:30 AM**

**CONFESSIONS:** Saturday, 4:30-4:50 PM or by appointment

**"Transforming the world in which we live by bringing the teachings of Jesus Christ to every living person."**

**ST. JOSEPH CHURCH**

(A mission of St. Edmund Church)

307 UNION STREET  
CRESCENT CITY IL 60928

**PASTOR:** Reverend Michael Powell

**MASS:** **SUNDAY** **9:00 AM**

# SUNDAY, MAY 22, 2016

Mon.	5/23	7:30 AM	Tom, Ann & Larry Freehill by Phyllis Tonner
Tue.	5/24	NO MASS	
Wed.	5/25	7:30 AM	Rachelle Gonzales by Christine Ryan
Thur.	5/26	7:30 AM	Bob Tonner by Bob Donohue
Fri.	5/27	7:30 AM	Dale Song Birthday by the Song Family
Sat.	5/28	5:00 PM	Janyce Brown by Ken & Evelyn Brown
Sun.	5/29	7:30 AM	Vivian Lovelass by Her Daughters
		9:00 AM	Parish Families of St. Edmund's & St. Joseph's
		10:30 AM	Gloria Zirkle by John D. Zirkle



<b>Weekly Parish Need for Operation:</b>	\$ 3,200.00
Sunday Offering May 14/15, 2016:	\$ 2,460.00
<b>DEFICIT For the Week:</b>	<b>\$ (740.00)</b>
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Roof Fund Donations May 14/15, 2016:	\$ 65.00
<b>Total Amount of Roof Fund:</b>	<b>\$ 177,500.92</b>
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Offering at St. Joseph's, May 15, 2016:	\$ 434.00

We all know that Pope Francis has declared this year the **Holy Year of Mercy**. One way to participate in this gift is to make a pilgrimage to a designated Church and celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The Pilgrim Church for our Ford-Iroquois Deanery is Immaculate Conception/Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish in Gilman. Now that we are half way through this year, we are approaching the **Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus on Friday, June 3rd**. This will be a special opportunity to join in the **Holy Year of Mercy**. Mass will be celebrated at 6:00 p.m. followed by a presentation on the history and meaning of the **"Holy Year"** presented by Fr. Mike Powell, our dean. All are welcomed and encouraged to join in this special evening of a special year!

## Preparing to hear next Sunday's Gospel: Solemnity of Corpus Christi "C" Luke 9:11-17 "They all ate and were satisfied!"

- Jesus looked up to heaven when he multiplied the loaves and fish. How can I better keep my gaze fixed on what is above?
- Jesus gave thanks over the loaves and the fish. How can I be more grateful for the gifts God has given me?
- Jesus fed the crowds with the loaves and the fish. How can I better care for the needs of others?

**Prayer:** Lord Jesus, you are the bread of life come down from heaven. Help me to always keep Sunday Mass central to my life, make it the source and summit of my life with you. Amen!

## O Sacrament Most Holy!

Next Sunday is the **Solemnity of Corpus Christi**. The 10:30 a.m. Mass will be concluded with a procession with the Blessed Sacrament (outdoor, weather permitting) followed by Benediction. The Eucharist is the "source and summit" of our Catholic faith so all are encouraged to join in this rededication of lives to Jesus, present in the Blessed Sacrament!

## LAY MINISTERS Liturgical Appointments for Next Weekend

May 28/29	5:00 PM	7:30 AM	10:30 AM
<b>LECTOR</b>	Steve McCullough	Rhonda Pence	Nancy Cowan
<b>SERVERS</b>	Conner & Claire Curry		Meredith & Mallory Drake
<b>COMMUNION</b>	Laura Stepp	Julie Schippert	Lorraine Smith
<b>HOSPITALITY</b>	John Gooding Family	M/M Nathan McTaggart M/M Corey McTaggart	M/M Kenneth Thiele & Autumn Julie Arseneau & Cole

## Robert Haas Memorial/Knights of Columbus Scholarship Recipients

Congratulations to the following recipients of this year's *Robert Haas Memorial/Knights of Columbus Council 4391 Scholarship*:

**Will Lyznicki** was the lone recipient who attends St. Edmund's Parish and will be a graduate from Watseka Community High School.

The other four recipients, **Skylar Small, Kristian Sanchez, Emily Vaughn and Angel Lopez**, all attend Immaculate Conception/Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish in Gilman and will all graduate from Iroquois West High School.

These were all very well-deserving young adults and we wish them well in their future endeavors....your Church families are very proud of all of you!

## Let's Raise the Roof!

Bishop Conlon has signed the contract with Filotto Construction, Inc. for our roofing project. The actual project is scheduled to begin sometime in July. After all these years of planning and raising funds for this important project, we are ready to roll.

## ADULT ENRICHMENT SESSION FIVE

Our fifth session on Bishop Robert Barron's "Catholicism" series will be this Thursday, May 26th at 7 p.m. at the Parish Center.

### Session 5, Part 1...."Feed my lambs. Tend my sheep."

Christianity is centered on the Person of Jesus Christ. But how would we know him and know about him without the witness of the apostles? Of greatest importance among these friends of Jesus are Peter, one of the Twelve, and Paul, called to be an apostle by the Risen Christ.

We will be introduced to Peter, the "rock" upon which Christ built his Church. Peter was a witness to the truth of the resurrection and a key leader in the early Christian Church.

### Session 5, Part 2...."If Christ has not been raised, then your faith is futile."

As Father Barron travels to Jerusalem, Rome and other lands where Paul preached, we will learn about his life and role in the Church. Paul, a well-traveled missionary, labored to gather all the nations to Christ and felt especially called to convert the Gentiles, or non-Jewish people. The focus of his preaching was the resurrection of Jesus, and that focus is still the foundation of our faith today.