

Join the Couple to Couple League in prayer for NFP Week

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Engaged and married couples of all ages are invited to join the Northern Kentucky Chapter of the Couple to Couple League for prayer and fellowship in celebration of Natural Family Planning Week, July 24-30.

Teaching couples and promoters from the League will gather at St. Anthony Church, Taylor Mill, July 30, 10 a.m., for Mass followed by a continental breakfast.

"We are hoping many friends and couples we have taught over the years will join us," said William Purtell, coordinator of the local chapter.

Members of the local chapter have requested Masses at a number of parishes for the intention of the Couple to Couple League and couples who use Natural Family Planning. Scheduled Masses are listed here, but check your parish bulletin for more.



The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops announced the slogan for the 2016 National NFP

Couple to Couple League — Natural Family Planning Masses

- St. Augustine, Covington — July 25, 8 a.m.
- St. Joseph, Crescent Springs — July 25, 9 a.m.
- St. Matthew, Morningview — July 26, 7:30 a.m.
- St. Joseph, Cold Spring — July 26, 8 a.m.
- St. Barbara, Erlanger — July 26, 10 a.m.
- Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption, Covington — July 27, 8:15 a.m.
- St. Agnes, Fort Wright — July 28, 11:30 a.m.
- St. Mary, Alexandria — July 28, 7 p.m.
- Immaculate Heart of Mary, Burlington — July 29, 8 a.m.
- Blessed Sacrament, Fort Mitchell — July 29, 10 a.m.
- St. Anthony, Taylor Mill — July 30, 10 a.m.
- Mother of God, Covington — July 30, 12:05 p.m.

Awareness Week: "Natural Family Planning, Love, Mercy, Life, opening the heart of marriage." The USCCB goes on to say, "The Catholic Church supports the methods of Natural Family Planning (NFP) because they respect God's design for married love. In fact, NFP represents the only authentic approach to family planning available to husbands and wives because these methods can be used to both attempt or avoid pregnancy."

For more information visit the USCCB website www.usccb.org and search for Natural Family Planning.

Bishop Foys erects Our Lady of Lourdes as personal, quasi-parish

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By order of decree, June 24, 2016, and after consultation, Sept. 14, 2015, with the Presbyteral Council, Bishop Roger Foys has erected the personal, quasi-parish of Our Lady of Lourdes, Park Hills, for liturgical celebrations of the extraordinary form of the Roman rite. The extraordinary form of the Roman rite is the Roman liturgy used prior to the reforms of 1970; most notably the Mass is celebrated in Latin. The quasi-parish will celebrate its first Mass at 8 a.m., July 16, at Our Lady of Lourdes Quasi-parish located at 1101 Amsterdam Road.

In the decree Bishop Foys notes that for several years now the extraordinary form of the Roman rite has been celebrated at various churches in the diocese and that the number of Christian faithful attached to the extraordinary form of the Roman rite has continued to increase.

In his 2007 apostolic letter "Summorum Pontificum," which addresses the use of the extraordinary form of the Roman rite, Pope Benedict XVI has instructed that a bishop "should he judge it opportune, may erect a personal parish ... for celebrations according to the older form of the Roman rite." (Art. 10)

In his decree Bishop Foys notes that "the Christian faithful who assist at the liturgy celebrated according to the Extraordinary Form of the Roman rite throughout the Diocese of Covington have requested a more stable canonical structure for their community in order to guarantee its continued vitality and rightful place within the life of the Church."

"Therefore, in order to provide for the good of souls," the personal, quasi-parish of Our Lady of Lourdes is being erected.

Father Michael Barth, judicial vicar for the Diocese of Covington, said that the Code of Canon Law defines a quasi-parish as functioning as a parish but that the patrimony or community have not yet reached a level of stability. A personal parish, he said, serves a particular group and its members are not defined by geography — in the case of Our Lady of Lourdes that group is the faithful who are attached to the extraordinary form of the Roman rite. In addition to Mass, all sacraments and ritual celebrations (for example, weddings and funerals) celebrated at Our Lady of Lourdes will use the rites prior to 1962.

Pope Benedict, in "Summorum Pontificum," explains that the ordinary and extraordinary forms of the Roman Missal are both not only valid but also are two usages of one Roman rite. "The Roman Missal promulgated by Pope Paul VI is the ordinary expression of the *lex orandi* (rule of prayer) of the Catholic Church of the Latin rite. The Roman Missal promulgated by St. Pius V and revised by Blessed John XXIII is nonetheless to be considered an extraordinary expression of the same *lex orandi* of the Church and duly honored for its venerable and ancient usage. These two expressions of the Church's *lex orandi* will in no way lead to a division in the Church's *lex credenda* (rule of faith); for they are two usages of the one Roman rite." (Art. 1)

To be clear, Our Lady of Lourdes Quasi-parish is in full communion with the Catholic Church and is under the jurisdiction of the Bishop of Covington.

Bishop Foys has appointed Missionaries of St. John the Baptist Fathers Shannon Collins and Sean Kopczynski, parochial administrator and parochial vicar, of the quasi-parish, respectively.

The Missionaries of St. John the Baptist is a recently created private association. Father Collins and Father Kopczynski, currently the only two members of the association, are former members of the Fathers of Mercy, Kentucky. The association, as well as the Fathers of Mercy, claim Father Jean Baptist

Rauzan as its founder and are an order of preachers who primarily conduct parish missions and retreats.

Five years ago, both Father Collins and Father Kopczynski desired to promote the extraordinary form of the Roman rite and of sacramental rituals and were encouraged by their religious superiors to seek a benevolent bishop that would support their mission and ministry.

"Bishop Foys opened the door and we took him up on his invitation. He was very kind in letting us come in," said Father Kopczynski in an interview June 24 at Our Lady of Lourdes Quasi-parish.



The church building at 1101 Amsterdam Rd., Park Hills, (above) originally the Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, has been designated the home of Our Lady of Lourdes quasi-parish. By order of decree, June 24, Bishop Roger Foys erected the personal parish for liturgical celebrations of the extraordinary form of the Roman rite.



Father Shannon Collins

Father Sean Kopczynski

Crews were busy painting and renovating the former "Faith Church" building, a non-denominational faith community. The first Mass for Our Lady of Lourdes Quasi-parish will be held in the church undercroft while substantial renovations to the sanctuary and rear of the church are completed. Father Collins and Father Kopczynski have acquired a pipe organ and many statues, Stations of the Cross, and other sacramentals necessary to transform the original Lutheran church building into a proper Catholic church building.

The \$250,000 renovation project will include a 20-foot outdoor grotto, similar to the grotto in Lourdes. Currently private donations from members and friends total \$122,000 — almost 50 percent of the funds needed for the renovation.

"We would like to have this be more or less shrine-like," said Father Kopczynski. "We are going to have a grotto where you can light candles, day or night, where you can pray — a cave of refuge to pray and find renewed hope."

Father Kopczynski said that about 50 people regularly attend Mass that has been celebrated very early Sunday mornings at St. Bernard Church, Dayton. Once the community is settled at Our Lady of Lourdes Quasi-parish he expects the number will increase and that two weekend Masses may be offered. He is looking forward to offering the faithful attached to the extraordinary form of the Roman rite a place to call "home."

"People need a home where they can find rest ... People are longing to call a place home," he said.

For information visit the Missionaries of St. John the Baptist online at www.msjh.info.



Bishop's Schedule

- July 15**
Mass, Carmel Manor, Ft. Thomas, 9:30 a.m.
Vespers with the presbyterate, Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption, Covington, 4:30 p.m.
- July 16**
Mass and dedication of Marian grotto, Sts. Peter and Paul Parish, California, 5 p.m.
- July 17**
Mass, Cathedral Basilica, 10 a.m.
- July 18**
Mass, St. Benedict Parish, Covington, 8 a.m.
DPAA Priests' Committee meeting, 10 a.m.
Individual meeting, 2 p.m.
- July 19**
Mass, St. Benedict Parish, 8 a.m.
Diocesan Building Commission meeting, 10 a.m.
Deans' meeting, 1:30 p.m.
Holy Hour and Mass for vocations, Thomas More College chapel, 5:30 p.m.
- July 20**
Mass, St. Benedict Parish, 8 a.m.
- July 21**
Diocesan staff directors' meeting, 9:30 a.m.
Serra Club seminarian cookout, Ryland Lakes Country Club, noon
Episcopal Council meeting, 1:30 p.m.
Confessions, St. Benedict Parish, 6 p.m.
Mass, St. Benedict Parish, 7 p.m.
- July 22**
Mass, St. Benedict Parish, 8 a.m.
Individual meeting, 9 a.m.
Diocesan staff and seminarian gathering, 11:30 a.m.
- July 23**
Mass, St. Benedict Parish, 4:30 p.m.
- July 24**
Mass and dedication of altar and church, Cristo Rey Parish, Florence, 9:30 a.m.
- July 24-Aug. 2**
World Youth Day