

# LOAVES & FISH

## News from St. Andrew's by-the-Lake Episcopal Church

July 2016

### UPDATES...

I thought things were supposed to slow down during the summer time, right? **WRONG!** Although my kids finished school in early June and we've shifted to a summer schedule, June has felt like a busy month and July promises to be just as crazy. For your sake and mine, I hope we can all find time to 'smell the roses' and to enjoy the beautiful weather we've experienced lately and enjoy time with our loved ones. God is good; let's make sure we slow down every now and then to appreciate the good things He's blessed us with!

Just a week ago, the Rev. Dr. Douglas Sparks was consecrated as the 8th Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Northwest Indiana. I was thrilled to see some of our members in attendance at this historic event. Worshipping with such a large number of fellow Episcopalians was truly delightful. Let's keep Bishop Sparks in our prayers as he begins his ministry among us in earnest.

Of course, the main event in July that will keep me (and hopefully some of you) busy is the Michigan City Wide Vacation Bible School that convenes the last week of the month. **CAVE QUEST: Following Jesus, the Light of the World** will kick off on Monday, July 25. There are many ways to be involved. We are still collecting needed items for the program; please plan to bring those in soon! We also need volunteers to help shepherd a small group of kids, among many other ways to help. I hope you will strongly consider how **YOU** might be involved in this inter-denominational event!

I want to thank Sue Vail for her effort in planning the Trunk and Treasure Sale that was scheduled for July 9, but is now canceled due to a lack of vendors. Even though this event was canceled, it was still a valuable learning lesson which will help us to strategize more effectively next year in raising funds in support of the Michigan City VBS.

I hope to see you in worship this Sunday!

In Christ,

Father Rob



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### Sunday Worship Schedule

9:30 AM

Holy Communion: Rite II

10:45 AM  
Coffee Hour

11:00 AM  
Adult Inspirations

***We invite you to worship, grow & serve with us!***



## July Lectionary Readings

### July 3 – 7th Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 66:10-14

Psalm 66:1-8

Galatians 6:1-16

Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

### July 10 – 8th Sunday after Pentecost

Deuteronomy 30:9-14

Psalm 25:1-9

Colossians 1:1-14

Luke 10:25-37

### July 17 – 9th Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 18:1-10a

Psalm 15

Colossians 1:15-28

Luke 10:38-42

### July 24 – 10th Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 18:20-32

Psalm 138

Colossians 2:6-15, (16-19)

Luke 11:1-13

### July 31 – 11th Sunday after Pentecost

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14, 2:18-23

Psalm 49:1-11

Colossians 3:1-11

Luke 12:13-21

## Office Hours for Father Rob

My normal office hours are:  
Wednesdays from 10 am—4 pm,  
and by appointment.

PLEASE feel free to contact me for any  
reason on my cell phone: 219-299-6772.

I will be out of the office the week of  
July 4th. I will be available via phone.

## Vestry Corner

Our next vestry meeting is scheduled for  
Wednesday, July 20 at 12 pm. All mem-  
bers of the church are welcome to attend  
vestry meetings.

Senior Warden/Treasurer - David Jocelyn  
Junior Warden - Bill Hazelgrove  
Secretary - Sue Vail  
Michael Ducey and Fred Miller



## Worship at Rittenhouse

Each month, St. Andrew's offers a  
'Protestant Worship Service' at Ritten-  
house Senior Living Center in Michigan  
City. We gather at 9:30 am, usually, on  
the first and third Wednesday of the  
month. Fr. Rob will be away on July 6th.  
Consequently, we will host worship at  
Rittenhouse on July 13 and July 20.

All members of St. Andrew's are welcome  
to join us for worship at Rittenhouse.  
Equally as important as connecting with  
God, these services afford us an opportu-  
nity to connect with the residents at Rit-  
tenhouse! Come worship and be a friend  
to our senior brothers and sisters in  
Christ!

## Happy July Birthday!



July 6	Tay Klare
July 9	Ronni Zahn
July 14	Fred Miller
July 16	Sue Marz & Joe Walker
July 17	Riley Emshwiller- Sowards
July 23	Irene Bonstadt
July 24	Carol Hazelgrove

## Lay Ministries Schedule

### July 3 — Proper 9 — Altar Color: Green

Greeter	Gail Kinney
Reader	David Jocelyn
Altar Guild	David Jocelyn
Sunday School	Summer Break
Tellers	Miller/Volunteer

### July 10—Proper 10 — Altar Color: Green

Greeter	Ducey Family
Reader	Cheryl Ostermeier
Altar Guild	Cheryl Ostermeier
Sunday School	Summer Break
Tellers	Miller/Vail

### July 17 — Proper 11 — Altar Color: Green

Greeter	Lu Cox
Reader	Fred Miller
Altar Guild	Cheryl Ostermeier
Sunday School	Summer Break
Tellers	Miller/Vail

### July 24 — Proper 12 — Altar Color: Green

Greeter	Lisa Emshwiller
Reader	Fred Miller
Altar Guild	Tay Klare
Sunday School	Summer Break
Tellers	Miller/Vail

### July 31 — Proper 13 — Altar Color: Green

Greeter	Tim & Sue Vail
Reader	Sue Vail
Altar Guild	Tay Klare
Sunday School	Summer Break
Tellers	Miller/Vail



## Church Picnic - July 10

John Hatch is generously hosting our church picnic on his family's property, which is only minutes from St. Andrew's and is beside a beautiful pond. Directions to the property can be found in the narthex. Please sign up on the sign up sheet also found in the narthex. Let's pray for beautiful weather and enjoy some great food and fellowship!

## Adult Inspirations Corner:

We will wrap up study of Joyce Rupp's book, Praying our Goodbyes on July 3. The Adult Inspirations group will take the summer off and reconvene in the fall. If you have suggestions for topics for the group, please talk to Fr. Rob.

## Michigan City Wide VBS:

### July 25—29

July 25-29 is the date for the Michigan City Wide Vacation Bible School hosted by St. John's UCC and shared by many area churches. This year's program is entitled **CAVE QUEST: Following Jesus, the Light of the World**. There are postcards with all the information in the narthex; please take some to distribute to interested family and friends! The program will run from 5:45 through 8:15 pm. We need volunteers who can shepherd a small group of students between the various learning stations. **YOU DON'T NEED TO TEACH ANYTHING!** Parents and grandparents, please consider sending your kids/grandkids to participate in the program. **PLEASE STRONGLY CONSIDER VOLUNTEERING FOR THIS EFFORT!** Please talk to Fr. Rob for more details!

## VBS Volunteer Training Sessions—July 10 or 12

If you are planning to serve as a volunteer at the Michigan City Wide VBS program, you must attend one of two training sessions to get familiar with this year's program and location of the various activities. The sessions will be held on Sunday, July 10 from 2:30-4 pm and Tuesday, July 12 from 6:30– 8 pm.



Archbishop Michael Curry captures the moment with Bishop Douglas Sparks prior to worship at St. Augustine's Episcopal Church in Gary, Indiana.



The newly consecrated Bishop, Douglas Sparks, receives the bishop's crozier from Bishop Edward Little.

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**Return Service Requested**

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