

## Our Seminarian

The Archdiocese each year assigns a parish a Seminarian to pray for them as they respond to God's calling. This year our seminarian is John Fritch. If you would like to send him a card as he begins the new semester you can send it to:

John Fritch  
200 Hill Dr.  
St. Meinrad, IN 47577

You can also email him at:  
jfritch@archindy.org



## DEANERY PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY

Friends,  
I invite you to join me on a pilgrimage of a lifetime.

We will visit Italy and share the treasures of history, architecture, art and the unfolding of the roots of our Catholic tradition. Great people, wonderful food and the heart of our Church.

We will visit and pray in those places in Italy that are significant to our Catholic faith. In Rome we see the major sights and St. Peter's, where we will have our Papal audience with Pope Leo. We will visit Assisi, with this year being the 800th anniversary of his death.

We will also see San Giovanni Rotondo where Padre Pio lived and Lanciano (the site of the oldest Eucharistic miracle).

We will celebrate Mass at the major sites along our journey. Hence, this trip will have a sense of prayer and spirituality while at the same time offering a fun and relaxing experience.

Peace,  
Elizabeth Davis

For more  
information  
Contact:

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Sacred Heart of Jesus

October  
19-28, 2026  
\$5599



The Itinerary and registration form are available in the back of church or online at:

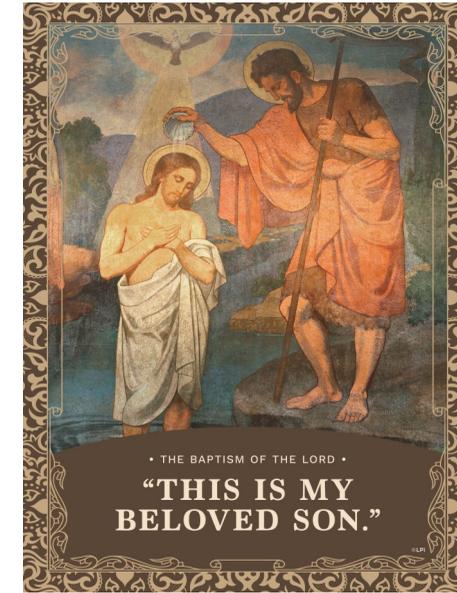
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Parish & Finance  
Council



Parish Council and Finance will meet  
today in Galvin Hall.

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January 11, 2026

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Sacramental Minister  
Fr. Darvin Winters

Confessions—Saturdays from 4-4:20 pm  
at Sacred Heart or by appointment.

The sacraments of Baptism and Matrimony are arranged by calling the Parish Office to schedule preparation.

## Happy Belated Anniversary

Jesse & Roseann Richey  
January 7

## United Catholic Appeal Update

Thank you for your generosity. Here is a snapshot as of January 7, 2026

Number of donors: 18  
Amount pledged: \$ 6,595  
Percentage to goal: 66.24%  
Parish goal: \$ 9,956

## Finance Report

Description	January 4	Budgeted
Sunday Collection	\$ 3432	\$ 2,308
Galvin	\$ 395	\$ 115
Christmas Flowers	\$ 5	
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 110	

## Mass Intentions

1/11 Sally Massey

1/18 Jim Chrisman



David Auterson	Rosie Meehan
Flo Callahan	Dick Stultz
Ray Edwards	Jeanette Stultz
Jane Frazier	Dave Sullivan
Dan Kane	



Date	January 11	January 18
Lector	Steve Norris	Patty Curley
Server	Vivian Sereno	Dallas Thralls
Ushers	Steve Norris & Tucker Robertson	Bob Curley Matt Meyers
EMs	Carol Cummins MaryLu Thralls	Krista Toney Pam Norris
Counters	Patty Curley Colleen Meyers	Rachel Marion Analiza Brockmeier
Cleaners	Chris & Marlene	Kelly & Jody

## Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

### When Jesus Wades In

Usually, when God comes to us, we aren't ready.

We think we are. Like John the Baptist, we stand in our waters of baptism, certain of our mission. We know how it's going to go. We know what's going to be asked of us. We're sure of it.

Christ wades into the waters. And he screws up all our plans.

To be clear, I don't think John the Baptist lacks faith when he balks at the idea of baptizing Jesus. I think it is, in fact, a testament to his humility. But whatever motivated John's actions, he is — if even for a brief moment — hesitating to do the will of God. Just a few chapters after this in the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus will acknowledge that John is the greatest person "born of women" — with the caveat that even he is not perfect enough for the Kingdom of Heaven.

Not yet.

Jesus didn't give John an explanation as the two stood in the River Jordan. He merely said, "Allow it

for now." John could have resisted further, demanding to understand why. He could have grown suspicious at the simplicity of Jesus' answer, at the strangeness of this request. He could have clung desperately to his version of How Things Are Supposed To Be, and in doing so, fostered doubt in his heart. He could have even stormed off, confused and angry.

He did none of these things, because John is, as Jesus says, the greatest born of women.

When the Holy Spirit descends and the voice of God declares, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased," he is referring, of course, to Jesus. But I think He would say the same of John the Baptist — and of all those who welcome Jesus into the waters, ready to do as he bids.

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## The Chosen Series

Join Elizabeth on Tuesdays, beginning on January 13 at 4 pm in Sacred Heart's Holy Family Center as she begins Season 4. All are welcome!

## Crackers for a Cause!

Providence Pantry needs us! Please continue to bring your crackers in each month and leave them by the table at the front entrance of church.

