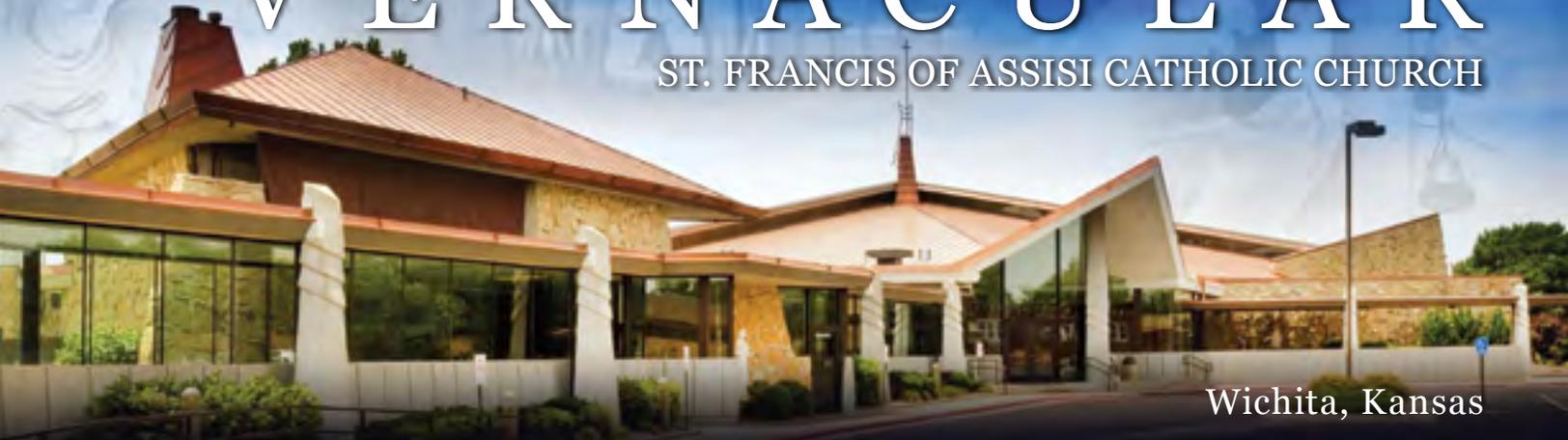


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## Catholic musician to perform at SFA on Nov. 14

Salt & Light – the Diocese of Wichita’s Catholic Young Adults group – is sponsoring a concert by Kevin Heider on Nov. 14 at 7:30 p.m. in Clare Hall. Heider, a Catholic musician from Love Good Music, will play at Salt & Light’s Theology on Tap the night before.

Love Good Music’s website describes their movement by saying: “While there’s a wide spectrum of opinions about the truth of what it means to be human and how we are to live, there is no enemy of beauty. From breathtaking art to mountaintop views, from great live music to newborn life, beauty leaves us speechless. In a culture often overwhelmed by isolation

and confusion, we invite those we encounter into the art of being human and accompany them into realizing their full potential and capacity for love. ([www.lovegoodculture.com](http://www.lovegoodculture.com))

Heider’s versatile indie-folk/rock sound is coupled with a lyrical form that explores – from the heights to the depths – what it means to be human. In July of 2008 Kevin was personally selected by Ingrid Michaelson as the winner of Gibson’s The I Am contest, a victory that encouraged him to pursue music full time.

Perpetually honing his skills in the visual and sonic arts, he has traveled and toured extensively

as a singer-songwriter, performer and recording artist. His work has appeared in film documentaries, theatrical productions, television shows and commercials, and has taken him all over the world.

He resides in his hometown of Dayton, Ohio, with his wife and two daughters. His music is available on iTunes & Amazon. You can also find him at [www.KevinHeider.com](http://www.KevinHeider.com) and on YouTube.

For more about Salt & Light: Wichita Catholic Young Adults, visit [www.WichitaCYA.com](http://www.WichitaCYA.com).

– *Emily Savage*  
*Director of Youth & Young Adult Ministries*



Catholic indie-folk/rock musician Kevin Heider will bring his talents to Wichita in November. He’ll be performing for Salt & Light’s Theology on Tap and at a concert at St. Francis.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### Family Fun Night

Oct. 29, 4-7 p.m., SFA School

**SFA Novena for Deceased Loved Ones.**, see p. 5

**Daytime Prayer Service.**, see p. 2  
Nov. 5, 3 p.m., Church

**Parish Dinner** (adults only)  
Nov. 5, Social Hour 5 p.m.,  
Dinner 6 p.m., Cana Hall & Gym

**Dynamic Catholic Event.**, see p. 4  
Nov. 12, 2-6 p.m., SEAS Church

**Kevin Heider Concert**  
Nov. 14, 7:30 p.m., St. Clare Hall

# Bereavement Committee hosts annual Daytime Prayer Service for Deceased

SFA's Bereavement Committee will host the annual Daytime Prayer Service at 3 p.m. on Nov. 5 in the church. This service is intended to honor all our deceased loved ones, but especially to focus on those individuals of our parish who have lost an immediate family member during the past 12 months.

Fr. Jarrod will officiate this special service, which consists of prayers and music. Those family members who have lost an immediate family member in the past 12 months will be called to the altar to receive a lighted votive candle.

Immediately following the service,

a reception will be held in St Clare Hall.

Please contact Monica Hammer at 651-6102 or hammerkm@sbcglobal.net for more information on the service or on the Bereavement Committee.

– Monica Hammer

# CYM, Westside Steppers learn dances together

On Sept. 27, the SFA CYM and the Westside Steppers came together for dancing and cookies. Modern line dances and traditional square dancing were taught and enjoyed by all!

There were smiles all around as

the dancers attempted do-si-do's and promenades in between the Electric Slide and the Cupid Shuffle. It's amazing how much fun you can have when you come together with other members of your community.

All high school students are invited to join the CYM each Wednesday in Assisi Hall from 8 to 9:30 p.m. Hope to see you there!

– CYM Core Team

**Westside Steppers ...**

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## NEW PARISHIONERS

**Christopher and Serena Barnard,**  
4 children

**Adam Leonhart and Karen Lilly,**  
2 children

# Requiescat in Pace: Novena for Deceased

As Christians, baptized in Christ, we form one body in Him (Rom 12:5). Because of Baptism, each baptized Christian is united to every other baptized Christian through the sharing of this Spirit. Just as a human body is unified by the sharing of blood, so the Body of Christ, the Church, is united by the sharing of Divine Life.

As Catholic Christians, we recognize that the sharing of this one Spirit crosses both space and time. Because God himself spans space and time, we too, united in Him, have a connection that crosses between Heaven and Earth.

In other words, every baptized Christian, from the beginning of time, who has died in Christ, is still united in Christ through the sharing of his Spirit. This is the very reason why, at Mass, we pray, *“Remember, Lord, those who have died and have gone before us marked with the sign of faith.”*

All souls in Heaven and on Earth, who live in the power of the Holy Spirit, are united by that same Spirit. This is why persons in Heaven can still pray for us on Earth, because we are one body united and living in one Lord.

**Westside Steppers ...**  
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But we are also united to those persons who are even now being purified from the effects of sin. Not only are there Christians on Earth, or Christians in Heaven, there are also Christians in Purgatory who are being purified to enter perfectly into the heavenly kingdom.

As St. Paul teaches, “Each person’s work will become manifest; for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done” (1 Cor 3:13).

Again, because we all share life in one Spirit, we also share life with these men and women who are being so purified; and our prayers are effective for them. Because we know that some of our loved ones are even now being purified in Purgatory, we desire to assist them with our prayers and so beg God’s grace to complete the purification quickly.

Thus, we pray that our friends and

family who have died can truly *“Rest in Peace (Requiescat in Pace).”*

As a parish family, we have set aside nine days, from Oct. 31 to Nov. 8, to join one another in praying for our deceased loved ones. We call this the Novena for Deceased Loved Ones. Each day we will be offering communal prayers on behalf of our loved ones so that they can be freed from the effects of sins (2 Macc, 12:46).

Each of the devotions prayed on those days will be plenary indulgences that can be applied to the souls in Purgatory; these are called suffrages.

I invite you to join us on these days, to pray for one another, and to let our prayers be effective on behalf of our deceased loved ones to whom we are still united in Christ. (See next two pages for more information about this novena.)

– Fr. Jarrod Lies

## BAPTISMS

**Amaria Rose**, daughter of Regina Cortner, on Sept. 3

**Maria Therese**, daughter of Jared and Angela Gerstenkorn, on Sept. 3

## FUNERALS

**Joe R. Murillo**, husband of Margaret Murillo, father of Connie Martinez, Anita Rivers, Michael Murillo and Delores Pearson, on Sept. 2

**Connie Elpers Leger**, mother of Janelle Harding, Karin Neal, Terrence Elpers, Jr. and Brenda Elpers, on Sept. 9

**Robert E. Hemmen**, husband of Dolores, father of Debbie Lieurance, Dana Lewis and Diane Berning, on Sept. 14

**Marjorie VanLeeuwen**, grandmother and aunt, on Sept. 20

**Norman Warminski**, father of Christy Bieker, on Sept. 25

## SFA SOCIAL SITES



If you’re on any of these social sites, please take a few minutes to follow or like us:

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  - [www.instagram.com/kssfachurch](http://www.instagram.com/kssfachurch)
  - [www.twitter.com/kssfachurch](http://www.twitter.com/kssfachurch)
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**Fr. Jarrod Lies is online!**

- Follow him at [twitter.com/FrJLies](http://twitter.com/FrJLies)
- Visit [www.stfranciswichita.com](http://www.stfranciswichita.com) and click on “Fr. Jarrod’s homilies” to listen to any of his past sermons.

Spread the word!

# Attaining Heaven: Our most important affair

Over the next few Sundays, you will be reading passages in the weekly bulletin about sin, death, Heaven, Hell, Purgatory, eternity and salvation. We should think about all of these in everything we do each day, but they are especially timely now.

From Oct. 31 through Nov. 8, we have a wonderful opportunity to not only get our own souls “Heaven ready,” but also to get many thousands of souls of our deceased loved ones immediately out of Purgatory and into Heaven to join the Church Triumphant. The event is called the “SFA Novena for Deceased Loved Ones.”

As you might remember from the recent passages and articles in our Bulletin, no soul may enter Heaven with any blemish (venial sin or any punishment due to sins you have committed throughout your life) on his or her soul. If a soul is in the state of serious (mortal) sin, that soul will have condemned itself to Hell for all eternity.

There is no hope, no reprieve,

no chance and no appeal in Hell. Attaining our eternal salvation is the single most important affair we have in this life. What a misfortune it is to have failed in the greatest purpose of our life.

One’s sins are forgiven in the sacrament of reconciliation, the punishment due for every sin ever committed in one’s life is still there, unless reconciled. A plenary indulgence does exactly this.

Several ways exist for you to earn a plenary indulgence for yourself. The one requirement for all of these ways is to be “fully disposed.”

This means that within a few days of performing the indulgenced work, you must: 1) be free of all attachment to sin; 2) make a good confession; 3) receive the Holy Eucharist on the day of the indulgenced work; 4) say an Our Father and Hail Mary for the intentions of the Holy Father; and 5) recite the Nicene Creed.

We pray that by fulfilling these requirements, God will grant the plenary indulgence, and put your

soul, or the soul of your deceased loved one for whom you hope to gain the plenary indulgence, as it was immediately following Baptism: Heaven ready.

Once you have received a plenary indulgence for yourself, you can receive a plenary indulgence each day, from Oct. 31 through Nov. 8, for a deceased loved one in Purgatory. If your loved one is not in Purgatory, our Lord and His Mother will grant the plenary indulgence to the next soul in line. Few gifts could ever match the gratitude of a Poor Soul in Heaven, praying for you, in all that you do.

We have more than 8,500 members in our SFA Parish. How great it would be for all of us to be involved in this effort – not only to get our own souls Heaven ready, but also to get thousands of souls of our deceased loved ones out of Purgatory, and into Heaven.

If not you, then who? They cannot help themselves.

*Charlie Traffas*

## SEAS hosts Dynamic Catholic event Nov. 12

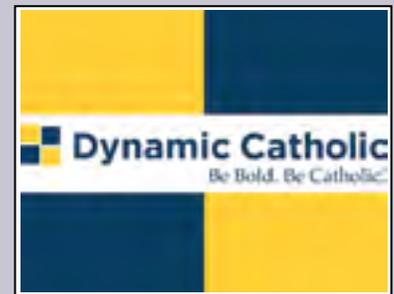
Are you ready to be re-energized about your faith? Plan to join us for an exciting event as Dynamic Catholic brings “Find Your Greatness” with Dominick Albano to Wichita. Dominick is very passionate about helping facilitate a life-changing encounter with Jesus during his events.

While in high school, he began giving talks and leading



retreats. Since then, he has spent his entire professional life in ministry as a leader and evangelist. Albano and a friend founded Arise Missions in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee where he served as executive director for the ministry.

In 2016, Matthew Kelly encouraged Albano to join Dynamic Catholic as an RCIA team leader. He also leads parish missions, youth groups, conferences



and retreats.

The half-day event will be on Nov. 12 from 2-6 p.m. at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church. Tickets are \$25 and are available in the St. Francis church office and online at [DynamicCatholic.com](http://DynamicCatholic.com).

Come join us as we learn about the four habits that will radically transform your life and how to become “the best version of yourself”!

# SFA Novena for Deceased Loved Ones



## We Need You ... Your Deceased Loved Ones Need You! Join Us for this Parish-Wide Effort

You are invited to join us for a nine-day period of prayer for deceased loved ones who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith. As Catholics, we pray for those who precede us in death knowing that some have not yet entered the "Church Triumphant" in Heaven, but may be among the "Church Suffering" in Purgatory.

Those in Purgatory, who are being purified for entry into Heaven, cannot pray for themselves. We, the "Church Militant," must pray for them. For this reason, the Church offers a period of indulgence from Nov. 1 through Nov. 8 to pray for those in Purgatory to be set free into the eternal kingdom.

Our combined efforts during this Novena can lessen, or even immediately end, the balance of their suffering by successfully receiving a plenary indulgence on their behalf, through our offering.

To this end, St. Francis of Assisi Parish is offering a novena of indulgenced prayers and works on behalf of our deceased loved ones. To be fully disposed to receive a plenary indulgence for our loved ones, we must prepare ourselves in five ways:

- Confession at least once, in the days prior to the Novena;
- Eucharistic Communion on the day of the indulgenced work;
- Prayers for the intentions of the Holy Father on the day of the indulgenced work;
- Recitation of the Nicene Creed on the day of the indulgenced work; and
- Freedom from all attachment to sin.

These conditions will be offered and made available to you during the Novena. A complete explanation of this discipline within the Church will be given on the first evening of the Novena, Oct. 31, after the 5:30 p.m. Mass.

Indulgenced prayers and works are defined by the "Handbook of Indulgences," published by the Vatican. It teaches there are five plenary indulgences that can be offered for those who have gone before us.

- [A] Devoutly visit a Catholic cemetery any day from Nov. 1-8
- [B] Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament for at least 30 minutes
- [C] Recitation of the Holy Rosary in front of the Blessed Sacrament
- [D] Participation in Stations of the Cross
- [E] Scriptural meditation for at least 30 minutes

Each of the above are plenary indulgences that can be offered for the benefit of a deceased loved one. As a parish, we will celebrate each of the following prayers or works within this Novena at the days and times designated below.

Novena	Date	Time	Indulgence
Vigil	Tuesday, 10/31	After 5:30 p.m. Mass	[B] Presentation by Fr. Jarrod with Adoration
2nd Day	Wednesday, 11/1	After 5:30 p.m. Mass	[C] Holy Rosary
3rd Day	Thursday, 11/2	After 5:30 p.m. Mass	[E] Scriptural Meditation
4th Day	Friday, 11/3	After 5:30 p.m. Mass	[D] Stations of the Cross
5th Day	Saturday, 11/4	Before 5 p.m. Mass	[C] Holy Rosary
6th Day	Sunday, 11/5	Before 10 a.m. Mass	[C] Holy Rosary
7th Day	Monday, 11/6	After 5:30 p.m. Mass	[B] Adoration
8th Day	Tuesday, 11/7	After 5:30 p.m. Mass	[E] Scriptural Meditation
9th Day	Wednesday, 11/8	After 5:30 p.m. Mass	[B] Closing Presentation with Adoration

# Planned giving: You can have tremendous impact with this final, greatest act of stewardship

I've had the occasion to speak with many who live daily the stewardship way of life, and who actively give their time, talent and treasure back to Christ. Planned giving (making a gift in your will, trust or other estate plans), might not only be one's last act of stewardship, but perhaps one's greatest such act. The planning to put that in place tremendously benefits your family.

Not only does it strongly signal to your heirs your faith, providing a beacon for them to follow, but in the aftermath of your passing, your family will be spared much needless heartache that comes from not having a plan, at a time they are already hurting. So, putting your estate plan and planned giving in order is a great legacy for your family and parish.

Beyond the benefits to one's family, in my discussions with folks about how to maximize their gifts to their family as well as their stewardship, some have wondered if – after taking care of their family – what

remains would really make much of a difference. Hearing this on more than one occasion reminded me of a story. Perhaps you've heard it before, perhaps not.

It goes like this ... A wise old man was walking along a beach one morning following a storm at high tide the night before. As he walked along, he spotted a young boy who was picking up starfish the storm had washed ashore, and tossing them back into the ocean. The old man asked the boy what he was doing.

The boy explained the storm had washed up many starfish onto the beach, and now that it was low tide and the sun was coming up, they would all die if not tossed back into the sea. Hearing this, the wise old man peered down the beach and saw starfish as far as the eye could see.

He shook his head and looked at the boy and said, "Young man, there must be thousands of starfish along just the nearby beach, and the beach

goes on for miles and miles. Do you really think what you are doing will make any difference?"

The young boy looked down at his feet, starfish all around him, with a contemplative look. He then bent down, picked up yet another and after tossing it back into the sea replied, "It made a difference to that one."

When you remember your parish in your will, trust or other estate plans, that starfish you help may be your neighbor, or perhaps a young child who with your and others' help, can receive a Catholic education. It will make a difference to them, and leave a legacy lasting well after you're gone.

All of us reach a stage in life where we give away everything God gave us. We aren't taking it with us. Your life matters, and your wishes count. But without a plan, they are only wishes. Put your plan in place and make a difference.

– Paul Pearson

## CYM invites all for coffee, rolls, fellowship

The St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Youth Ministry invites everyone to join them for a healthy dose of fellowship and hospitality, while also enjoying coffee and rolls after the 8:30 and 10 a.m. masses on various Sundays throughout the year.

The Dec. 17 will feature Santa! Be sure to join us if you have little ones.

We hope to see you at the upcoming dates:

- Nov. 12, 19 & 26
- Dec. 10 & 17



## The Vernacular

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Deadlines for submitting information are the beginning of each month.

New volunteers – especially reporters, photographers and layout editors – are always welcome.



*Requiescat in pace*

*“Remember, Lord, those who have died and have gone before us marked with the sign of faith...”*

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