



# Guardian Angel's Trumpet

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## GUARDIAN ANGELS MISSION STATEMENT

**Guardian Angels is a culturally rich Catholic community strengthened and united in faith and worship. We strive to be messengers of hope, making God's Word active in our everyday lives. We promote unity and self-growth, provide outreach to individuals in need and welcome**



## Guardian Angels Festival is June 5th

All of the planning and hard work that we have put into our Festival will come to fruition on Sunday, June 5. This is an important day for members of Guardian Angels Parish. Not only is it our largest fundraiser of the year, but it represents the very heart and soul of our Parish.

In today's world, people are seemingly overwhelmed with the stresses of a fast-paced life. Taking part in the Festival is one area of our busy lives that we can choose to cut out — in order to make the other areas of our lives easier to manage. But this would be a huge mistake.

A great thing happens to communities when they play together. They talk and laugh and lighten up. Memories are built, inside jokes are shared, and serious moments are communicated better. Mental health experts will tell you that people need "play time." We know instinctively that play produces togetherness and support. We know that when we play together, we have a deeper sense of belonging and community.

If you are new to Guardian Angels or if it's been awhile since you've connected to other parishioners, this is your opportunity. A full day of activities are planned for June 5th, so come and stay for the day.

The Festival opens at Noon and the food inside the cafeteria is authentic Mexican food that tastes as great as it smells. Tostados, beef tacos, cheese and onion enchiladas are featured. Soda pop, bottled water, beer and margaritas will be available for purchase. A Silent Auction in the cafeteria begins at Noon and

continues until 7pm. Items in the Silent Auction include baseball tickets, gift cards to restaurants, wine and beer baskets, jewelry, memorabilia, gift baskets of all kinds, kitchen appliances, artwork, gasoline cards, Chief's items, Garmin Activity Tracker and more.

Children's carnival games begin at 1pm outdoors and continue until 6 pm. New this year is a children's obstacle course, which is fun for kids up to 12 years of age.

Bingo begins at 1pm and continues until 5pm in the Parish Hall — you'll want to try your luck at this, as the prizes are great!

Be sure and pick up a couple of raffle tickets in the cafeteria — the grand prize is \$500 Cash! Other raffle prizes include a \$200 gas card and a Price Chopper gift card.

Continuous music will be played under the tent in the south parking lot. Come hear great music that culminates with "Las Estrellas," who play from 6pm till 8pm.

Food sold outside includes sausages and corn-on-the-cob cooked over an open flame (the smell is divine), nachos, popcorn, sno-cones. Various beverages are available outdoors as well.

The Festival is a community event and we hope you'll join us. Bring your friends and family and make new friends while you enjoy all the Guardian Angels Festival has to offer!

## June Schedule.....

### Wednesday, June 1

Social Outreach 6:00 pm — Office

### Sunday, June 5

Parish Festival Noon—8:00 pm

### Tuesday, June 7

Volunteer Appreciation Party 6:00—  
Cafeteria

Pastoral Council 6:30—Office

### Thursday, June 16

Bunko 6:00 pm—Hall

### Sunday, June 19

Father's Day

### Tuesday, June 28

Green Team 5:45 pm—Hall

Finance Council 6:00 pm—Office

Pastoral Council 6:00 pm—Office

## Pope Francis and the Parable of the Good Shepherd

In May, Pope Francis spoke to pilgrims in St. Peter's Square about the parable of the Good Shepherd. This parable, according to Francis, is a key example of God's mercy, because it represents the depth of the Lord's concern in ensuring that no one is lost.



You will remember that in this parable, the shepherd leaves his flock of 99 sheep and goes in search of a single sheep that is lost. After having found the sheep, the shepherd “carries it on his shoulders, goes home, calls his friends and neighbors and says to them: ‘rejoice with me.’”

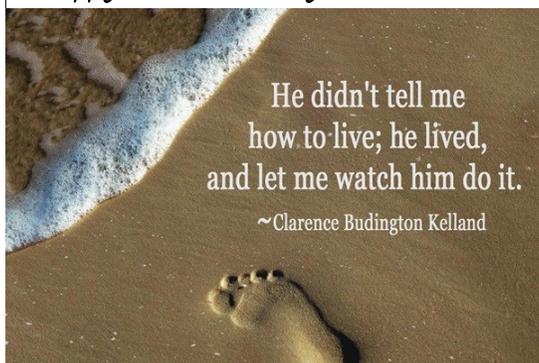
Straining oneself to reach just one sheep might seem like the shepherd has forgotten the other 99, but Pope Francis notes that “in reality it's not like this.”

What Jesus wants to teach through the parable is that that “no sheep can be lost. The Lord cannot accept the fact that even one single person can be lost,” the Pope said, adding that this is “a burning desire.”

Francis stressed that God's mercy toward sinners is the personal style with which he acts, and “he is absolutely faithful to that mercy: nothing and no one can dissuade him from his will for salvation.”

The shepherd, he said, can always be found “where the lost sheep is...the Lord is therefore to be sought there, where he wants to meet us, not where we pretend to find him!”

*Happy Father's Day June 19th!*



## Year of Mercy is Half Over

The Jubilee Year of Mercy began on December 8, 2015, the fiftieth anniversary of the closing of the Second Vatican Council. What have you done to date?

“True mercy, the mercy God gives to us and teaches us, demands justice, it demands that the poor find the way to be poor no longer,” Pope Francis notes. “It asks us, the church, to ensure that no one ever again stand in need of a soup kitchen, of makeshift lodgings, of a service of legal assistance in order to have his legitimate right recognized to live and to work, to be fully a person.” In your own life, and in your faith community, how do you work for justice? Do you seek to address the root causes of problems that affect those who are vulnerable? Acts of mercy can include volunteering at a homeless shelter, participating in a community beautification

program, donating to a food pantry or helping at a community clothes closet.

Social justice acts that assist with the root causes of poverty include expanding access to affordable housing, supporting environmental protection laws, voting to ensure a living wage for all people and advocating for those needing international assistance.

The Year of Mercy ends on November 20; there is still time for you to be involved.





**Saturday, June 18, 2016**

**Registration 7 a.m.—Start 8 a.m.**

Richard L. Berkley Riverfront Park, Grand Blvd.  
Kansas City, MO 64108

Outpace Poverty is a walk/run in support of families and individuals working toward self-sufficiency, and is sponsored by Catholic Charities. You can take part in this event in two ways to assist those in need in our community.

- 1) Join the Guardian Angels Pacesetters team. It's easy to join the team. Simply go to the team page: [www.outpacepoverty.org/gapacesetters](http://www.outpacepoverty.org/gapacesetters) and click the green button that says "Join Our Team." It will ask you a series of questions to register. Registration is free for the non-timed event, but different levels of fundraising/donations will get you different items like a T-shirt and breakfast. If a team reaches \$250, they will receive five Tee shirts and breakfast on June 18 for the team. New this year is a timed 5K option that is \$25. Any questions, contact parishioner Katie Killen at [scanlonkfs@gmail.com](mailto:scanlonkfs@gmail.com) or (913) 634-0702.
- 2) Make a Donation through the team page. If you cannot make it to the event, but still want to support the team, you can go out to [www.outpacepoverty.org/gapacesetters](http://www.outpacepoverty.org/gapacesetters) and fill out the green "Donate" box to make a donation to support the team and Catholic Charities.

The most recent Missouri Report on Poverty cites five key factors that impact people living in poverty: food, housing, health, education, and economic security.

Proceeds from Outpace Poverty 2016 benefit the many programs and services provided by Catholic Charities of Kansas City-St. Joseph. The mission of Catholic Charities is to transform lives and communities through hope-filled care, services and advocacy.



## What exactly does Outpace Poverty mean?



In Kansas City and throughout the surrounding counties, 16% of individuals live in poverty. These people are not just the homeless and unemployed, many hard-working families are stuck in the cycle of poverty. Over 40% of low income families are headed by single working women. The poverty rate is 20% among children under 18 years of age — that's one in five children in our community!

Catholic Charities recognizes this need and Outpace Poverty is a major fundraiser to assist with their efforts. According to Catholic Charities, the vast majority of people living in poverty are not looking for a handout. They need a "Pathway Out of Poverty" that is sustainable. The vision of Catholic Charities is *A community that is transformed as it empowers the vulnerable to lead lives of dignity and self-determination.*

The Pathway Out of Poverty is multi-faceted and includes:

- Livable wage
- Sustainable housing
- Adequate food
- Access to health care
- Reliable transportation
- Checking and saving accounts
- Support systems

The causes of poverty are complicated. Assisting people to break free from poverty is not just a nice gesture. According to Pope Francis it is our duty as Catholics, he said "To live charitably means not just looking out for our interests, but carrying the burdens of the weakest and poorest among us."

## Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults or RCIA

RCIA is a faith journey that takes place at most parishes. This is the way a person who is interested in either becoming Catholic or is thinking about our faith engages with other adults in learning, reflecting, praying and sharing about what it means to be a Catholic. We at Guardian Angels have been blessed over the years with people of all ages who take part in this journey and are either baptized at the Easter Vigil or who make a profession of faith in the Catholic Church, having already been baptized in other Christian traditions.



Those interested in learning more about the Catholic faith are invited to attend one of our inquiry sessions at GA this summer. The sessions will be held June 15, July 13 and August 10th. If you are interested in learning more about RCIA, or if you know someone interested, please contact Sr. Linda Barringer at [lbarringer@guardianangelskc.org](mailto:lbarringer@guardianangelskc.org).

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### **Welcome Deacon Tyrone Gutierrez and Glad you are Staying Father Bob!**



We are excited that Tyrone Gutierrez has been appointed to the position of Pastoral Administrator at Guardian Angels Parish. Tyrone comes to us from St. Thomas More Parish in south Kansas City.

Tyrone is a former parishioner and volunteer at Guardian Angels. Tyrone will begin July 1st.

We are also happy that Father Bob Hagen will continue as Associate Pastor at Guardian Angels for another year. It is great to finally have this resolved!

### **The Enneagram: a Tool for Christian Transformation**

A workshop will be offered by world renowned founder of the Centering Prayer movement Fr. Wm. Meninger. Fr. Meninger will deliver a witty and provocative guide to the nine basic personality profiles and shed light on what interferes with your own love and union with God. This event is sponsored by Contemplative Outreach KC.



The workshop takes place June 10-12 at Avila University, 11901 Wornall, Kansas City, MO 64145.

The cost is \$125 for all three days (scholarships are available). Get more information and register online at [www.meningerkc2016.eventbrite.com](http://www.meningerkc2016.eventbrite.com) or contact Mike Matteuzzi at 913.253.2510