

Parish VOICE

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Welcome Father Lucas Chacha

Father Lucas Chacha arrived at St. Charles Parish as our new Parochial Vicar at the beginning of September. Father prefers to be called Father ChaCha.

Father Chacha was most recently the Parochial Vicar at St. Bernadetha Catholic Parish, Nzega – Tabora, Tanzania.

Father Chacha was ordained twenty two years ago in the Missionary Society of the Apostolic Life Community of Priests in the

Opus Spiritus Sancti (ALCP/OSS) (simply known as Holy Spirit Fathers). The Holy Spirit Fathers is a African Missionary Society based in Kilimanjaro, Tanzania. The Society trains missionary priests to serve the world. Currently the Society has two regions, Africa and India, and works in Africa, the United States, Europe and India.

The Society's Missionary Charism is "That the World be renewed



Father Lucas Chacha

through the Holy Spirit so that God may be all in all."

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Dear Friends:

"It is not that Christianity has been tried and found wanting, it has not been tried."
G.K. Chesterton

In 2010 Pope Benedict XVI called for the creation of a new evangelization in our world. It had become very apparent that G.K. Chesterton's words were very true. Christianity was not even being tried; instead we spent more time on arguing tenets and beliefs and not living out the gospel message.

Our community in this little town of San Carlos has not escaped this quandary and our community of St. Charles must take heed of Benedict's words and begin a new evangelization. We are living in a very difficult time as we strive to underscore our individual rights and forget we are a society, a community, responsible to and for each other. We get wrapped up in an individualism that is more concerned about

our individual rights.

Our Christianity is all about community, reaching out to others, sharing our joys and sorrows. It is not enough to simply say we are Christian but also must live as Christian. If one looked at our daily lives would they recognize we are Catholics or have our lifestyles become so similar to those who do not share our basic Christian faith? The time has come for a true conversion in our style of life.

As our Parish Council strives to lead our Parish in this new evangelization I would invite you to find your voice and lend it to our community. Christianity is difficult and we are looking for others to try it and find the purpose it gives to our lives.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Father Dave

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In addition to his priestly training and formation in Philosophy and Theology, Father Chacha is also trained in Development Studies (Dublin-Ireland) and has an undergraduate degree in Political Science (major) and Sociology (minor) as well as a Master's Degree in Peace Studies and International Relations (the Catholic University of Eastern Africa-Nairobi, Kenya).

Father Chacha has served as parochial vicar and assistant pro-

vincial superior in Africa and has worked in the Diocese of Palm Beach, Florida (2003-2006). His work has included teaching and counseling youth.

He looks forward to sharing our faith journey at St. Charles as this is the foundation of his priestly vocation, journey and life

Please welcome Father Chacha when you see him around St. Charles.

Middle Schoolers—Welcome to the EDGE

The Edge is St. Charles' program ministry for Middle School children which is led by High School students and meets on Monday nights from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. in Borromeo Hall. The Middle Schoolers learn about their faith in a fun and social atmosphere (not a classroom experience). The Fall Session of the Edge begins on Monday October 8th.

Small groups are formed by grades (5th and 6th graders together and 7th and 8th graders together) with high school leaders for each group. We have a great and large leadership team this year. The Edgers do a variety of activities during the hour-long meetings including discussions facilitated by the leaders, crafts, skits and snacks.

The calendar and topics are on the parish website under Faith Formation. The topic for the first session (10/8 through 11/5) is The Israelites: Our Older Brothers and Sisters. The second session's topic (1/28 – 3/18) is the Sacraments. We plan on having a seminarian come to speak about vocations during this session. The topic for the third session (4/8 – 5/6) is Living the Faith. There will also be a Parish Lenten Connection for the whole parish community planned for March 19th.

We encourage all Middle School students to come to the Edge—please take advantage of the on-line signup functionality on the Edge page of the parish Website (in the drop down menu under Faith Formation).

Matrimony Task Force Works on Action Plan

The Parish's Vision Team has created a task force to prepare and implement an action plan over the next few months to invite married couples and families to be more a part of our parish community.

The Task Force has interviewed the parish staff and will be

preparing a survey to gather more information from members of the parish.

We are working to determine how to meet the needs of our parish family so all will feel welcome and be closer as members of our parish community.

Baptisms

Riley Joseph Finnegan

Reese Madison Sevilla

Ashley Grace Reed

Jackson Gates

Chloe Flores

Emily Lauren Miller

Remy Marie Dorey-White

Emily O'Hara Cooper

Vanessa Helene Earley

Jack Trevor Stephenson

Tristan Phillip Trinidad

Cristos Colbalt Trinidad

Sophie Aurora Ramirez

Andrew Jude Amoroso

Alessa Cusumano Binetti

Camille Sophia Yu Heras

Austin Joseph Louis
Perna

Oliver Tiscal Reynolds

Skye Anna Luisa
Stevenson

Peter Thomas Madigan

Zachary Pierce Ting

Miya Victoria Locop

Ailia Elizabeth Kelleher

Lyla Jane Blandino

Vincent Romo Flores

Wedding

Marco Antonio Aguliar &
Asusena Chavez
August 4, 2012

Forward in Faith Returns

The theme for the second semester of Forward in Faith is "Sacrament and Discipleship." This semester's classes are being held on Wednesday nights in Borromeo Hall from September 12th through November 14th. The format remains basically the same with a short lecture followed by small group discussion. The speakers include Father Michael Himes, Father Robert Barron (who produced the acclaimed Catholicism series for PBS), Kathleen Chesto and Cardinal Donald Wuerl. We encourage you to consider attending these programs.

Charlie's Angels: Teen Bible Study and Mexico Mission Trip

Charlie's Angels is our High School youth group and welcomes all high school students in the parish to join. Once a month the Youth Council meets to plan activities including those that involve the entire parish—such as the Blood Drive and Easter Egg Hunt.

The Pope has declared this year to be "The Year of Faith" (October 1, 2012 – November 24, 2013) and in keeping with this theme, Charlie's Angels is sponsoring a teen bible study which will meet for two Sundays each month this Fall. The bible study will use a DVD based pro-

gram specifically designed for teens that focuses on having a personal relationship with Jesus. The program is fully booked with twenty or so teens participating.

This year's Mexico Mission Trip was another success. The youth and adults were able to complete one house and frame out a double house. Next year's trip is set for June 16th to 23rd. Thank you for all your support!

Please consider participating in our Eucharistic Adoration - the First Friday of every month in the Parish Center chapel from 9:00 a.m. until 10 p.m. - "be still and know that I am God."

WINGS (Women in God's Spirit) – Prayer, Faith Development and Fellowship

WINGS welcomes women of all ages and stages of spiritual growth from the Christian community who desire to grow in their relationship with God and with each other.

WINGS will meet on Thursdays this Fall (as Forward in Faith is on Wednesdays) as follows:

September 20th: Tami Palladino will bring joyful spirit to "Praying with Scripture" as she talks about lectio divina and the rosary.

October 18th: Deacon Ernie von Emster and his wife Bernie will join us for a "Eucharistic Celebration" and their faith story.

November 15th: "From Silence to Peace" with Joan Marsh, Associate of the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur and volunteer for Resources for Non-Violence.

January 9: All women of the parish are invited to join us for our annual Winter Wednesday dinner.

WINGS presentations are spiritually uplifting, educational, and FUN. We offer opportunities for women to contribute their talents and we welcome new members with open hearts!

WINGS also supports the Prayer Shawl Ministry and the annual St. Charles Women's' Retreat.

Please check the Website (under Parish Groups) for more details about WINGS activities.

Men's Club – Unity / Growing / Giving

The St. Charles Men's Club Celebrates its 11 Year Anniversary and continues to thrive in 20112 Please join us at our next meeting to celebrate our decade of Unity / Growing / and Giving.

All men of the Saint Charles community are invited to participate in our monthly programs which promise to bring perspective in many areas of our lives. This includes topics related to our children and their wellbeing / internet security and potential threats / men's health / spiritual guidance focusing on life development / and a variety

of sport related topics. This is a great way for men in our Parish to meet a wonderful group and share in our life's successes, opportunities, and struggles. Please stay tuned for announcements in the bulletin and get involved.

The Men's Club was established for the purpose of enhancing the community of St. Charles. The organization exists to develop a men's community within the parish by providing opportunities for spiritual and personal growth, social interaction, and service outreach to the parish community.

There are no membership fees or registration! All men of the Parish are welcome! The Club Meetings are typically held monthly during the school year (always check the Bulletin as dates do change). A \$20 admission charge covers dinner and drinks, entertainment and ever-popular door prizes.

Hope to see you soon.

Kirby Kish
President



Saint Charles
Men's Club

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click "Support Us" on the far
right and in the drop down,
click "Parish Festival" and
then click on the Volunteer
button and follow the instruc-
tions.

Thursday
September 27th
Late afternoon/evening
Booth Setup

Friday
September 28th
3 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Festival Opens

6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Middle School Sock Hop
- St. Charles Gym

Saturday
September 29th
1 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Pasta Dinner 5 - 8 p.m.

Sunday
September 30th
12:00 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Monday
October 1st
8 a.m. - Done
Tear Down & Clean Up