DEAR FRIENDS IN CHRIST

Holy Name of Jesus parish is participating in One Church, Many Disciples, alongside every parish in the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City. This first-ever major campaign will build a Shrine for Blessed Stanley Rother, support faith formation ministries, and strengthen local parishes, including ours. We join with faithful from across the archdiocese who are also helping to ensure our local Church is strong and vibrant for generations to come.

As an archdiocese, we form a faith community of 200,000 Catholics in central and western Oklahoma; we truly are One Church, Many Disciples! With the Beatification of Blessed Stanley Rother, each of us has the opportunity to share in his legacy. What an occasion to live Jesus’ call to missionary discipleship!

Please take a moment to review the impact One Church, Many Disciples will have on our parish. This campaign has my full support and, as your Pastor, I hope you will embrace this opportunity here at Holy Name of Jesus.

Rev. Mike Wheelahan

PARISH ROOTS

The original frame church was constructed in 1898 and dedicated on May 15, 1898. The following year, the Franciscan Sisters of Philadelphia, along with the help of St. Katherine Drexel, opened St. Joseph’s Academy: a school that remained in operation for almost 69 years. The Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church was built in 1926, the work of architect Harold Gimeno. Many view it as his most beautiful design.

The basilica-type church is noted for its beautiful rose window and its sixty foot tall gothic bell tower. It was constructed of red brick with limestone highlights. The interior of the Church is likewise a work of art. Beautiful marble altars and statues filled the cavernous interior. Over the years, the church building has been modernized and updated, most noticeably the ornate marble altar pieces and floors. But the building structure with it’s beautiful stained glass windows remains the same.
PARISH LIFE TODAY

Holy Name of Jesus carries on its rich history in the state with pride. Today, there are many active groups and a way for everyone to be a part of the life of the parish. There is an active youth group for middle school and high school aged kids, a campus ministry group for students at USAO, an active Knights of Columbus chapter, a music ministry group, an altar society to tend to the needs of the altar and sacristy to ensure that the liturgy is properly celebrated, an altar server group, Catholic Daughters, and quinceañeras throughout the year to celebrate young women and their lives in the parish. Holy Name of Jesus is a beacon of the Church in southwest-central Oklahoma that serves as a guiding light for the people to come into a deeper relationship with our Lord.

OUR CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION

We now have an excellent opportunity to participate in One Church, Many Disciples. Through participating in this campaign, Holy Name of Jesus will raise significant funds towards the current needs of our beloved community. We are seeking five-year pledges to achieve our goal of $310,000. Holy Name of Jesus will receive 20% of all funds raised up to the goal, totaling $62,000. In addition, 50% of every dollar raised above our goal will be returned to our parish.

OUR SHARE OF THE FUNDS

Through the One Church, Many Disciples campaign, our parish will not only play a significant role in an historic moment in the history of our archdiocese, but will also support new projects here at Holy Name of Jesus. Our share of this effort will go toward addressing maintenance and other projects to be determined by input from the parish community.