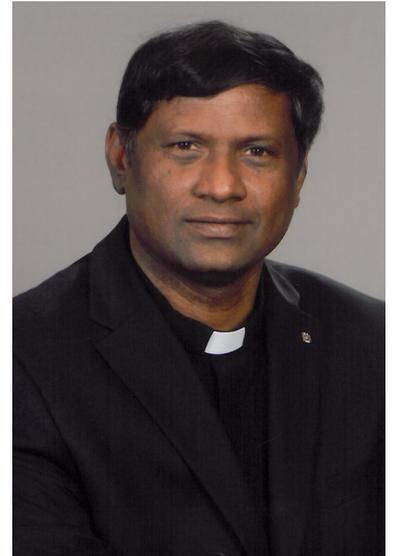




DEAR FRIENDS IN CHRIST

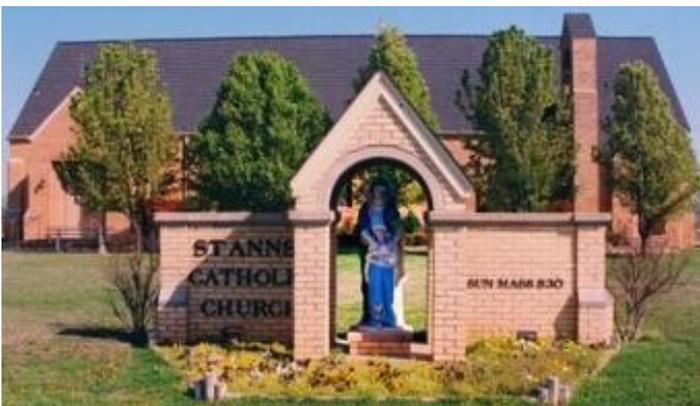
Mother of Sorrows is participating in *One Church, Many Disciples*, along with every church in the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City. This first ever major campaign will build a Shrine for Blessed Stanley Rother, support faith formation ministries, and strengthen local parishes, including Mother of Sorrows. 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. This campaign has my full support and, as your pastor, I hope you will embrace this opportunity here at Mother of Sorrows.



Rev. Rayanna Narisetti

OUR PARISH ROOTS



Established in 1907, the first church, St. Anthony's, was located in a former schoolhouse that the congregation had purchased some time between 1910 and 1914. Before that, Fr. William Lamb came from Lawton for Mass on weekdays. Elgin was a chapel of convenience: a place where local funerals and weddings could be celebrated, but without a regular Mass schedule, until 1941, when it was finally raised to the status of a mission. In 1941 the people

began plans for a new church. Reverend Michael McNamee, then pastor, established a fund with donations of money or livestock. The fund grew steadily and, through the help of Bishop McGuinness, a sum of \$5000 was donated by the Catholic Extension Society, provided that the church be named St. Ann's in memory of the donor, Anna A. Beckert. In a special drive, non-Catholics of Elgin donated more than \$1000 toward the new church. Construction of the building was started in November, 1946, with much of the work being done by the members. In May, 1947, Rev. McNamee resigned because of illness and his successor, Rev. Meis, was given the task of completing the church. After the new church was dedicated May 11, 1948, the former St. Anthony's Church became the parish hall when the new hall was built in 1967.



PARISH LIFE TODAY

Mother of Sorrows continues as a beacon of Christ's love in Apache. Connecting with parishioners and building community in and outside of the church remain top priorities today. Mother of Sorrows regularly hosts community gatherings, festivals, and fundraising events that benefit the faithful community in Apache.



OUR CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION

Mother of Sorrows welcomes the opportunity to participate in the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City's campaign, *One Church, Many Disciples*. This campaign will enable the building of a shrine for Blessed Stanley Rother, and will fund shared ministerial needs. Through participating in this campaign, Mother of Sorrows will raise significant funds toward needs of our beloved community. We are seeking five-year pledges to achieve the parish campaign goal of \$45,000. Mother of Sorrows will receive 20% of all funds we raise up to the goal, totaling \$9,000. Plus, 50% of every dollar raised above our goal will be returned to Mother of Sorrows.

OUR SHARE OF THE FUNDS

With the parish's share of the funds raised in this campaign effort, we will finish the sidewalk project outside of the church. This will allow us to complete a major project without dipping into our current funds.

Sidewalk Renovation

Renovations to our sidewalk will allow us to enjoy a communal space that is up-to-date.