DEAR FRIENDS IN CHRIST

Sacred Heart parish 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 Sacred Heart. 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 Sacred Heart. This campaign has my full support and, as your pastor, I hope you will embrace this opportunity here at Sacred Heart.

Rev. Mike Wheelahan

OUR PARISH ROOTS

Father David Dunne became pastor of Amarillo, Texas, in 1904. He made trips into the Oklahoma Panhandle, especially to the area around Guymon, at least once a year until his death in 1916. Hooker first appeared in the Official Catholic Directory of 1906 as being attended by Father Peter Kamp of Woodward. The first Sacred Heart Church was built the year. Hooker became a parish in 1907. St. Peter's in Guymon was begun as a mission of Hooker. In 1909, however, Guymon became the parish, with Hooker as its mission, and it has been that way ever since. At some point, the Hooker mission was closed. It reopened in 1944. Among the earliest parishioners at Hooker were John and Julia Schaapveld. Their son, Vernon, died in 1976, and left funds in his will for the construction of a new church. The new Sacred Heart was dedicated on May 25, 1980, on property several blocks from the original.
PARISH LIFE TODAY

Sacred Heart parish carries on this history by continuing to be a lively faith-filled community. With weekly masses, an active Altar Society, and other shared activities with St. Peter the Apostle in Guymon, Sacred Heart proudly serves the Catholic population in Hooker.

OUR CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION

Sacred Heart 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, Sacred Heart will raise significant funds toward needs of beloved community. We are seeking five-year pledges to achieve the parish campaign goal of $40,000. Sacred Heart will receive 20% of all funds we raise up to the goal, totaling $8,000. Plus, 50% of every dollar raised above the goal will be returned to Sacred Heart.

OUR SHARE OF THE FUNDS

Through the One Church, Many Disciples campaign, we will not only play a significant role in this historic moment in the Church’s history, but we will also be able to support exciting new projects at Sacred Heart.

With Sacred Heart’s share of the funds raised in this campaign effort, we will begin to start collecting funds to begin planning the construction of a new parish hall to more adequately serve the needs of the parish community.

A new parish hall to better serve the parish community