DEAR FRIENDS IN CHRIST

Saint Frances Cabrini 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 St. Frances Cabrini. 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 St. Frances Cabrini. This campaign has my full support and, as your pastor, I hope you will embrace this opportunity here at St. Frances Cabrini.

Rev. Mike Wheelahan

OUR PARISH ROOTS

Before Bishop Francis Kelley came to Oklahoma, he was founder and president of the Catholic Extension Society in Chicago. In December 1917 he was asked to preach at the funeral there of an Italian nun who had come to the U.S. in 1880 and become a naturalized citizen. She was Mother Frances Xavier Cabrini, foundress of the Sacred Heart Sisters with a special mission from Pope Leo XIII to care for the needs of Italian immigrants in the New World. She was canonized a Saint in 1946, and was the first American citizen canonized a Saint. In 1947 a church was built in the county seat of Beaver County. It was only natural that this new church should bear the name of the first Saint from America: St. Frances Cabrini. The first mass was offered in the Beaver County Court House by Father Noel William, O.F.M., from Guymon. Later that year, lots in Beaver were donated and a former school house was purchased, moved to the property, and remodeled as a church. In 1963 care of Beaver was transferred from the Franciscans at Guymon to the pastor of Buffalo. In 1978 Beaver became one of the parishes served from Woodward.
PARISH LIFE TODAY

Saint Frances Cabrini carries on its long history

OUR CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION

Saint Frances Cabrini 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, Church of the Good Shepherd will raise significant funds toward needs of our beloved community. We are seeking five-year pledges to achieve the parish campaign goal of $50,000. Saint Frances Cabrini will receive 20% of all funds we raise up to the goal, totaling $10,000. Plus, 50% of every dollar raised above the goal will be returned to St. Frances Cabrini.

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 St. Frances Cabrini.

With St. Frances Cabrini’s share of the funds raised in this campaign effort, we will construct a privacy fence south of the church, construct a storage building, and purchase a riding lawn mower. With these projects we will be able to keep our grounds looking well-kept, and have more appropriate space to store things on our property.

Privacy Fence
Storage Building
Riding Lawn Mower