DEAR FRIENDS IN CHRIST

St. Helen Catholic Church 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. Helen. 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. Helen. This campaign has my full support and, as your pastor, I hope you will embrace this opportunity here at St. Helen.

Fr. Cory Stanley

OUR PARISH ROOTS

Mass was first offered in Frederick in 1902. The celebrant was Father Willem Huffer of Lawton. The first church, St. Francis Xavier, opened in 1915 with Father John van Gastel of Hobart as construction supervisor. Father Joseph Kolb was assigned to reside in Frederick in 1957. Bishop Reed purchased property for a new church, which was built with much volunteer labor and a $10,000 grant from Extension Society. At the request of an Extension donor, the church was named St. Helen’s. Father Kolb offered the first Mass in the new church on May 28, 1961. From the early 1960’s to the late 1970s, the parish was served, first, by two extension Lay Volunteers, then by Benedictine Sisters, and finally by the Carmelite Sisters. They were all involved in home visitation and catechetical work. In 1989 ground was broken for a new addition with a hall, a kitchen, and three classrooms. This was made possible by the Extension Society, our archdiocese, archdiocesan parishes, and the contributions of parishioners. The parish now has about 100 families.
PARISH LIFE TODAY

St. Helen Catholic Church continues its proud history as a warm, friendly, and generous community of faith, striving always to grow closer to our Lord through prayer, service, and commitment. Through our Altar Society and our religious Education program we work to enliven spirits within our parish and our community. We welcome all to worship with us, to learn more about the teachings of the Catholic Church, as well as to give in service through our various ministries.

OUR CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION

St. Helen 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, St. Helen will raise significant funds toward meeting the needs of our beloved community. We are seeking five-year pledges to achieve our parish campaign goal of $65,000. St. Helen will receive 20% of all funds we raise up to the goal, totaling $13,000. Plus, 50% of every dollar raised above the goal will be returned to St. Helen.

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. Helen. With St. Helen's share of the funds raised in this campaign effort, we will make necessary improvements around our parish, including the creation of a dedicated confessional and improvements in our kitchen. This will give us:

- A private and reverent space for the sacrament of confession
- Improved functionality and productivity in the kitchen to support our church activities