DEAR FRIENDS IN CHRIST

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

Rev. Joseph H. Arledge

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OUR PARISH ROOTS

Harper County marks the point where the Oklahoma Panhandle joins the remainder of the state. Buffalo, established in 1907, is the county seat and almost the only town. The first Catholic church was a frame building constructed in 1909 during the pastorate of Fr. Peter Kamp of Woodward. The principal donor was Mr. Joseph Roetker, in whose honor the church was named for St. Joseph. It was never officially dedicated. In 1930 it was replaced by a larger brick church. The interior was largely unfinished, but by 1945 this work was done, and Bishop McGuinness dedicated the building on November 26, 1945. From 1947 to 1948 Buffalo was an independent parish, but for most of its history it has been attended from Woodward, some 35 miles to the southeast.
PARISH LIFE TODAY

Saint Peter parish today carries on this proud history by continuing to be a vibrant parish. As a mission of St. Peter parish in Woodward, many activities are shared between St. Peter and St. Joseph. Happenings around St. Joseph include weekly masses, monthly potlucks after mass, adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with potlucks following, and various prayer and novena groups. Activities shared with St. Peter in Woodward include an active youth group, religious education classes, as well as other potlucks and gatherings that promote community fellowship and growth in our wonderful Catholic faith.

OUR CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION

Saint Joseph 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. Joseph will raise significant funds toward the needs of our beloved community. We are seeking five-year pledges to achieve the parish campaign goal of $30,000. Saint Joseph will receive 20% of all funds we raise up to the goal, totaling $6,000. Plus, 50% of every dollar raised above the goal will be returned to St. Joseph.

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. Joseph. With St. Joseph’s share of the funds raised in this campaign effort, we will renovate the parking areas around the church and parish hall.