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. Edward T. Menasco

OUR PARISH ROOTS

The Catholic Church in Hennessey began in 1890 with Reverend Felix de Grasse, O.S.B. traveling from Guthrie twice a month to celebrate Mass in the Rock Island section house.

In 1891, Father Beck arrived and became the first resident pastor of St. Joseph. The construction of the new brick church, with a seating capacity of 400, on the site of the former church, began in 1952 and was mainly the product of the men of the parish. The concrete footings, foundation, and roofing the structure with asphalt shingles were all completed by parishioners.

The new church was dedicated on May 26, 1953, by Bishop Eugene J. McGuinness, Bishop of Oklahoma City and Tulsa. On May 3, 1973 a fire destroyed most of the rectory, and it was completely renovated and refurnished.
PARISH LIFE TODAY

Today, St. Joseph is a thriving faith community nestled in north-central Oklahoma. An active men’s club meets twice a month to meet, share a meal and socialize, as well as cater meals for various parish events. An active Altar Society provides for the needs of the altar, sacristy, sanctuary, weekly adoration, and a gift shop with all kinds of Catholic items. Other groups include a choir that provides music for Masses, an active youth group, ongoing adult education, religious education classes, and an RCIA program that guides newcomers into the life of the 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 $235,000. Saint Joseph will receive 20% of all funds we raise up to the goal, totaling $47,000. 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 continue to contribute to the parish hall renovations. The parish hall is one of the most important communal gathering places in our parish, and the renovations will continue to update and improve this space.