DEAR FRIENDS IN CHRIST

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

Rev. Joseph M. Irwin

OUR PARISH ROOTS

St. Michael became a parish in 1912, when Father Alfred Deckmyn was appointed as the first resident pastor. Attended as a mission of Enid since 1903, the new parish conducted mass in a frame church built in 1907. In 1926, fire destroyed the church along with everything inside. A graceful brick church was built to replace it, and Bishop Francis C. Kelley dedicated the new structure on October 28, 1927. The same church serves the Goltry community to this day.

OUR CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION

St. Michael 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. Michael will raise funds toward local needs of the faith community. We are seeking five-year pledges to achieve the parish campaign goal of $15,000. St. Michael will receive 20% of all funds we raise up to the goal, totaling $3,000. Plus, 50% of every dollar raised above the goal will be returned to St. Michael.

OUR SHARE OF THE FUNDS

With St. Michael’s share of the funds raised in this campaign effort, we will address much needed maintenance of the church, including renewal of the choir loft and sanctuary.