



DEAR FRIENDS IN CHRIST

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

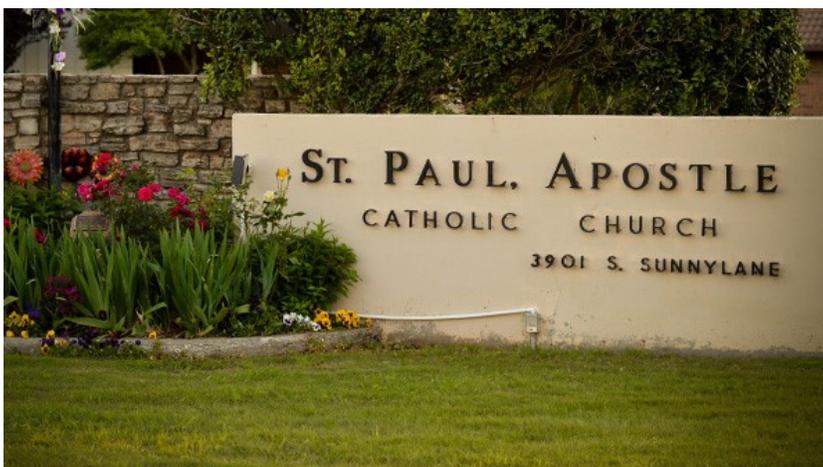


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OUR PARISH ROOTS

Del City, was founded in 1946 by George Epperly, who purchased and developed 160 acres in what is now the center of town. At first known as Epperly Heights, Del City was eventually named for the developer's daughter, Delaphene Campbell. St. Paul the Apostle Parish was founded in 1956 as St. Francis Xavier. The first Pastor of St. Francis Xavier Parish was Father Bernard Havlik. The property at 22nd and McCracken in Del City, Oklahoma was purchased from the Del City Christian Church.



By 1966, the parish had grown to 340 families, and there was a need for a larger church. The parish bought ten acres on Sunnyslane Road, and ground was broken on the new site in January 1966 and completed later that same year. Under the leadership of Father Paul Mollan, the parish hall was completed in September 1985 and a new Religious Education Center with eight classrooms was completed in 1993.

On July 1, 2014, Father Joseph Sundar Raju Pudota was appointed as pastor of St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church.



PARISH LIFE TODAY

Today, St. Paul the Apostle is very active, with multiple clubs and ministry groups that benefit the faith community in Del City. With an active Ladies Group, Knights of Columbus, and youth group, St. Paul the Apostle provides a well-rounded array of ministries for the diverse faith community in Del City. St. Paul also hosts a variety of community events, such as game nights and breakfasts.



OUR CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION

Saint Paul the Apostle 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. Paul the Apostle will raise significant funds toward the needs of our beloved community. We are seeking five-year pledges to achieve the parish campaign goal of \$360,000. Saint Paul will receive 20% of all funds we raise up to the goal, totaling \$72,000. Plus, 50% of every dollar raised above the goal will be returned to St. Paul.

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 projects at St. Paul.

With St. Paul's share of the funds raised in this campaign effort, we will continue funding for our roofing projects throughout the parish buildings. The infrastructure within the parish is the most important aspect of maintaining a communal gathering place for our faith community. The renovations will continue to update and improve this space so that generations past and present can worship in harmony.

Roof Repairs

Loan Payoff