DEAR FRIENDS IN CHRIST

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

Rev. Michael Wheelahan

OUR PARISH ROOTS

In 1902 the Santa Fe and Rock Island railroads agreed to create a town on the north bank of the Washita, across the river from Erin Springs. It was named Lindsay after the name of the daughter of a prominent Choctaw citizen. Father Urban de Hasque, pastor at Chickasha, came regularly to celebrate the Eucharist in Lindsay. In 1903 he obtained land for a church, but the project suffered delays, and it was only when Father de Hasque was about to be transferred from Chickasha that he was able to persuade Lindsay Catholics to get started on their own church. The Extension Society provided a grant of $500, with the stipulation that the church be named for St. Louis of France, in accordance with a donor’s wish. Others made smaller contributions, and the church was built for $1,600. Father de Hasque celebrated the first Mass on September 12, 1912, and it was dedicated on May 18, 1913. Lindsay was cared for by the pastor of Duncan until 1917; then it was a mission of the monks of St. Gregory’s Abbey. Later the church became a mission of the church in Pauls Valley. After that, planning began for a new church. The current St. Peter’s Church was built and dedicated on March 13, 1955, with a generous donation from Monsignor Matthew Canning, a Chicago priest.
PARISH LIFE TODAY

Today, St. Peter is very active, with various clubs and ministry groups that benefit the faith community in Lindsay. The community in Lindsay is one that strives to do the will of God through regular celebrations of the Mass, studying the Word of God, ministering to parishioners and non-parishioners alike, and being a witness to the historic and influential presence of the Catholic Church in the State of Oklahoma.

OUR CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION

Saint Peter 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. Peter 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 Peter 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. Peter.

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. Peter.

With St. Peter’s share of the funds raised in this campaign effort, we will be able to repaint various areas of the inside of the church to ensure that the spaces in which we worship are kept beautiful and allow the faithful in Lindsay to lift their minds to heaven.

Renovations to the Interior of the Church