



## DEAR FRIENDS IN CHRIST

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

Rev. Francis T. Nguyen



## OUR PARISH ROOTS

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One of the few structures standing in the Unassigned Lands on April 22, 1889, was a stagecoach station along the Chisholm Trail owned by a man named King Fisher. This served as a gathering point for pioneers entering the new region from the west. Two days before the Run, a post office was opened whose name was Lisbon, after an Ohio settler's hometown. In July 1889, the post office was renamed Kingfisher. Father Felix DeGrasse, the intrepid missionary-pastor of Guthrie, offered Mass in private homes at Kingfisher soon after the Run, and in 1892 the first church was built.

Father Frederick Vander Aa receives credit for beginning the present church, whose cornerstone was laid in 1903. Construction delays, including some storm damage, meant that the church was not completed for several years. Saints Peter and Paul, at Main and Euclid, was dedicated August 3, 1909. Situated directly on U.S. Highway 81, it has been a Kingfisher landmark for over a century.



## PARISH LIFE TODAY

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Today, Saints Peter and Paul Parish is very active, with multiple clubs and ministry groups that benefit the faith community in Kingfisher. With an active Altar Society, Knights of Columbus, and youth group, Saints Peter and Paul provides a well-rounded array of ministries for the diverse faith community in Kingfisher. Saints Peter and Paul also hosts a variety of community events, such as blood drives and fish fries.



## OUR CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION

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Saints Peter and Paul 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, Saints Peter and Paul will raise significant funds toward the needs of our beloved community. We are seeking five-year pledges to achieve the parish campaign goal of \$480,000. Saints Peter and Paul will receive 20% of all funds we raise up to the goal, totaling \$96,000. Plus, 50% of every dollar raised above the goal will be returned to Saints Peter and Paul.



## OUR SHARE OF THE FUNDS

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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 Saints Peter and Paul.

With Saints Peter and Paul's share of the funds raised in this campaign effort, we will continue the funding of our parish hall project. Our parish hall is one of the most important communal gathering places for our faith community, and the new hall will allow us to hold larger gatherings in an up-to-date space. I have been privileged to witness the generosity of this church throughout my time as pastor, and I am confident that your generosity will continue in this archdiocesan effort.

**Parish Hall Construction**