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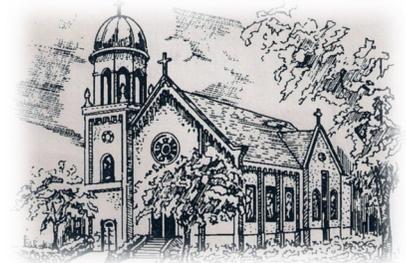
Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church is participating in *One Church, Many Disciples*, along with every church in the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City. This first ever major campaign will build a Shrine for Blessed Stanley Rother, support faith formation ministries and strengthen local parishes, including Blessed Sacrament. 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 Blessed Sacrament. This campaign has my full support and, as your pastor, I hope you will embrace this opportunity here at Blessed Sacrament.



Rev. Brian Buettner



OUR PARISH ROOTS

When Comanche County was opened in 1901, the only resident priest was Rev. Isidore Rickin, O.S.B., who would visit the tent dwellers of Lawton following his Ft. Sill services. Lawton became a city on August 6, 1901, and by 1902 Bishop Theophile Meerschaert appealed to all citizens to help in building a church.



The first Catholic church in Lawton was dedicated to the Blessed Sacrament by Bishop Meerschaert on August 19, 1903, and a parish community grew around it, including St. Mary's Catholic School. The original church was destroyed by fire in 1924, and the funds were raised to build the beautiful brick church in which we worship to this day.

Various parishioners have donated their time and treasure to maintain and improve the church and other parish buildings over the years. Leaking roofs were replaced, air conditioning units were upgraded, a new church sign was erected, and a courtyard area added to improve the campus.



PARISH LIFE TODAY

Today, Blessed Sacrament is an active parish full of various ministries and outreach programs. There is truly a way to serve in every way at Blessed Sacrament. These ministries include an active Knights of Columbus chapter, a prison ministry, Holy Communion for the Homebound, St. Vincent de Paul Society, and a parish thrift shop that sells used clothing and provides free clothing to those in need. Money raised is used to fund parish improvements, St. Mary's Catholic School, the R.E. program, as well as many other ministries.



OUR CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION

Blessed Sacrament 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, Blessed Sacrament will raise significant funds toward the needs of our beloved community. We are seeking five-year pledges to achieve the parish campaign goal of \$335,000. Blessed Sacrament will receive 20% of all funds we raise up to the goal, totaling \$67,000. Plus, 50% of every dollar raised above the goal will be returned to Blessed Sacrament.

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 Blessed Sacrament.

With Blessed Sacrament's share of the funds raised in this campaign effort, we will address:

New flooring in the Church

Beautification of the Sanctuary