

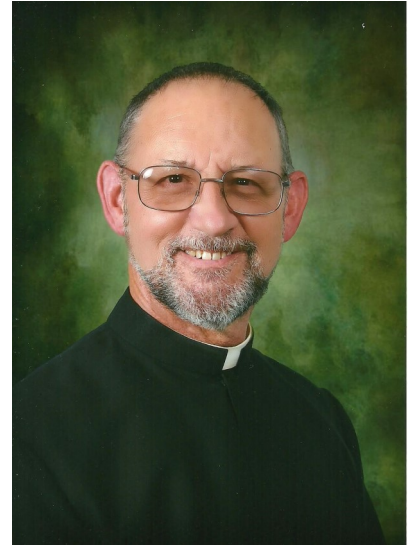


## DEAR FRIENDS IN CHRIST

Church of the Good Shepherd 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 Church of the Good Shepherd. 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 Church of the Good Shepherd. This campaign has my full support and, as your pastor, I hope you will embrace this opportunity here at Church of the Good Shepherd.



Rev. Mike Wheelahan

## OUR PARISH ROOTS



Cimarron County, of which Boise City is the seat, has had for years the distinction of being so sparsely settled that there is not one stoplight in the entire county. As noted above, the first Catholic church was on the Lujan ranch, near present-day Wheelless, the Good Shepherd Chapel. In 1930 the chapel was still standing, though it had long been closed; a few ranch buildings are all that remains today. In 1961 Bishop Reed established the parish of St. Philip Benizi, with Father John Scheller as pastor. Father Scheller took pride in the fact that, given the peculiar location of Boise City, he was actually nearer to six other diocesan bishops than to his own in Oklahoma City. An attractive church was built, which ultimately became attached to the

parish in Guymon. In recent years the parish titular was changed from St. Philip to Good Shepherd, to honor the original Catholic foundation in Cimarron County.



## PARISH LIFE TODAY

Church of the Good Shepherd carries on this proud history by continuing to grow as a parish community. Church of the Good Shepherd boasts a thriving Hispanic community, a strong group of active youth in the parish, religious education classes for youth, a yearly Lenten fish fry, Hispanic music groups, regular parish community meals, and various other activities that ensure that there is something for everyone.



## OUR CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION

Church of the good shepherd 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, Church of the Good Shepherd will raise significant funds toward needs of beloved community. We are seeking five-year pledges to achieve the parish campaign goal of \$30,000. Church of the Good Shepherd 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 Church of the Good Shepherd.

## 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 Church of the Good Shepherd.

With Church of the Good Shepherd's share of the funds raised in this campaign effort, we will purchase a new sound system for the sanctuary. This will allow music and those speaking during masses or other events to be heard clearly.

**New Sound System**  
Better audio quality during mass