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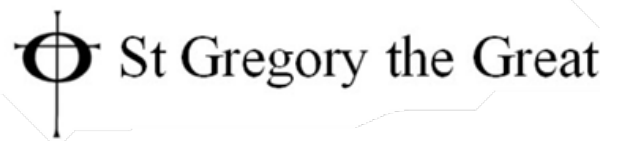
St. Gregory the Great Parish is participating in *One Church, Many Disciples*, along with every church in the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City. This first ever major campaign will build a Shrine for Blessed Stanley Rother, support faith formation ministries, and strengthen local parishes, including St. Gregory.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



Rev. Joseph M. Irwin



## OUR PARISH ROOTS

In the early 1970's, growth of Enid toward the north inspired Bishop Reed to create a new parish in Enid to serve the growing community. Fr. Robert Seibs was assigned as the first Pastor and masses were initially celebrated in the Knights of Columbus Hall. At one of the first parish meetings, the members of the new community voted to name the parish in honor of St. Gregory the Great.

When Fr. Seibs was transferred in 1972, Fr. Larry Gatlin was assigned to take his place. Fr. Gatlin lead the parish through fundraising and construction of the new church. Archbishop Quinn presided at its dedication on July 13, 1974. The church was expanded in 1982, and remodeled in 2009, and is now home to over 400 families.





## PARISH LIFE TODAY

St. Gregory the Great continues as a beacon of Christ's love in North Enid. With the recent completion of improvements to the Sanctuary of the church, St. Gregory is looking better than ever and ministries are flourishing throughout the parish.

The Altar Society and Musical ministry continue to support and contribute to worship, and religious education ministry is guiding the youngest Catholics in the faith. The continued work of these ministries has led to a vibrant youth community poised to spread the faith here in Enid.



## OUR CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION

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

## OUR SHARE OF THE FUNDS

With the parish's share of the funds raised in this campaign effort, we will begin a project to build a new rectory for St. Gregory the Great and St. Francis Church communities. This would provide a rectory to house all the priests of Enid in one place and provide two major benefits:

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### Creating community

Living in a community is healthy for priests and allows for a central place to live, meet, and share together.

### Work and life separation

A new rectory will provide separate spaces for the St. Francis Xavier parish offices and the priest's residence. This will benefit both the staff and pastor.