

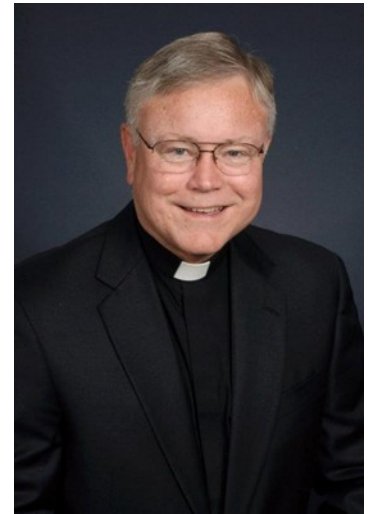


DEAR FRIENDS IN CHRIST

St. James the Greater 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 ours. 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 our parish. This campaign has my full support and, as your pastor, I hope you will embrace this opportunity here at St. James the Greater.



SAINT JAMES
the Greater

Reverend Bill H. Pruett

OUR PARISH ROOTS

St. James the Greater Catholic Church was established on Oklahoma City's south side in 1954, on seven acres of land purchased by the diocese. Monsignor Cecil E. Finn was appointed as the first pastor, and construction began on the parish complex, which was completed and dedicated November of 1956. Four years later, a large hall and spacious new church were built, and Bishop Reed blessed them in the fall of 1960. Early in 1971 a fire destroyed the church, and the parish embarked once again on construction of a new one. That church was finished before the end of the

year, being blessed just before Advent of 1971, and serves the parish to this day.

In 1982, the family center and more classrooms were added. Archbishop Beltran blessed the most recent construction project which included an extensive renovation in November of 2001.





PARISH LIFE TODAY

St. James the Greater continues to flourish as can be witnessed by attendance at our ministries and Masses.

St. Vincent de Paul caters to the poor and disadvantaged among us by assisting with food and utility bills. The Altar Society ensures that our church and priests are properly provided for at Mass. Our Religious Education ministry endeavors to teach the faith to the youngest and newest members of the church. Through these ministries, classes, and so many more such as our Scripture Prayer Groups, RCIA Teen, Bible study groups, and Catechism, we continue the mission of Christ.



THE PARISH'S CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION

St. James the Greater 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 our participation in this campaign, St. James will raise significant funds toward needs of our beloved community. We are seeking five-year pledges to achieve the parish campaign goal of \$1,355,000. St. James will receive 20% of all funds we raise up to the goal, totaling \$271,000. Plus, 50% of every dollar raised above our goal will be returned to our parish.

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 to accommodate the ongoing growth we have been experiencing for some years well into the future.

The funds raised in this campaign effort will allow our parish to accelerate the construction of a chapel, two confessionals and additional office space. This new addition to our parish will provide much-needed, cost-efficient space for:

- An appropriate sanctuary for daily Mass with the capacity for overflow for Sunday Mass
- A dedicated place for Adoration and Vespers on a regular schedule
- Necessary worship and office space for our growing ministries
- Wakes that we have been unable to accommodate
- Additional confessionals