



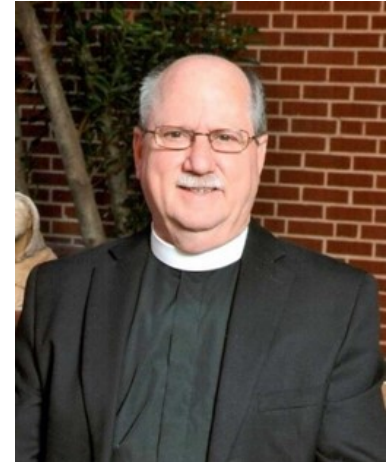
## DEAR FRIENDS IN CHRIST

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

Rev. Mark E. Mason, Pastor



## OUR PARISH ROOTS

The first Mass in Union City took place in 1893, and was offered by Fr. Beck, in a local hotel. The following year a church was constructed and Bishop Meershaert dedicated the new church to St. Theophile. Unfortunately, a tornado

demolished that church in 1896. A new church was constructed in 1899, this time being named for St. Joseph. In 1930, fire destroyed the frame church, but the 60 Catholic families that made up the parish ensured that a new church was constructed and dedicated within the year.

A huge tornado struck the parish on May 24, 1973, flattening the school, convent and parish hall. The church itself was heavily damaged with the roof having been torn off and resultant damage to the interior. Repairs were made, and new stained glass was added to the church. This same church, bowed but unbroken, serves our parish to this day.





## PARISH LIFE TODAY

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St. Joseph Parish continues its proud and resilient history to this day. With the recent installation of a new organ, the parishioners have again shown their commitment to the church and their fellow parishioners.

We have a vibrant religious education program that serves 67 children each year. In addition we have continued adult formation classes and bible studies throughout the week that ensure our parishioners are well informed about our faith. We are a small but mighty country parish that is truly filled with the Holy Spirit.



## OUR CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION

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Saint Joseph's 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, Saint Joseph Catholic Church will raise significant funds toward needs of our beloved community. We are seeking five-year pledges to achieve the parish campaign goal of \$130,000. Saint Joseph will receive 20% of all funds we raise up to the goal, totaling \$26,000. Plus, 50% of every dollar raised above our goal will be returned to our parish.

## 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 St. Joseph.

With St. Joseph's share of the funds raised in this campaign effort, we will address repairs to the roof of the parish hall. The installation of a pitched roof will alleviate ongoing issues the parish has dealt with related to the current flat roof.

This provides three major benefits:

Improved appearance

Consistent Availability

Healthier Environment

