



DEAR FRIENDS IN CHRIST

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

Rev. James Mickus



OUR PARISH ROOTS



Stroud, named for an early-day trader, was organized shortly after the Run of September 1891 and a post office opened in the fall of 1892. The Parish began some ten years later when Fr. E.V. Reynolds from Chandler began offering Mass in the homes of area Catholics. The first St. Louis church was built in 1901. It was named in honor of the Crusader saint and in memory of the soldiers who fell at the battle of Gettysburg in 1863. In the years since its beginning, St. Louis parish has been under the care of pastors from Chandler, Bristow, Cushing, and Shawnee.

A new church, designed by Oklahoma City architect James Biegnell, was dedicated February 28, 1969.



PARISH LIFE TODAY

Saint Louis parishioners continue their journey of faith, worshiping at St. Louis Church. The mission of the parish continues to be a worshipping Roman Catholic Community in Stroud, Oklahoma, who strive to live the mission of Jesus Christ through prayers, the Sacraments, the study of His work, the teachings of His Church, and through stewardship. The parishioners are committed to minister to all parishioners and non-parishioners with love, respect and support. Inspired by God, with the aid of the Holy Spirit, they wish to achieve a true sense of family and help all attain eternal life.



OUR CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION

Saint Louis parish 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. Louis will raise significant funds toward the needs of our beloved community. We are seeking five-year pledges to achieve the parish campaign goal of \$40,000. Saint Louis will receive 20% of all funds we raise up to the goal, totaling \$8,000. Plus, 50% of every dollar raised above the goal will be returned to St. Louis.



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 St. Louis. With St. Louis' share of the funds raised in this campaign effort, we will replace the carpeting in the church and landscape the church property.

**Church Carpeting Replacement
Church Property Landscaping**

