

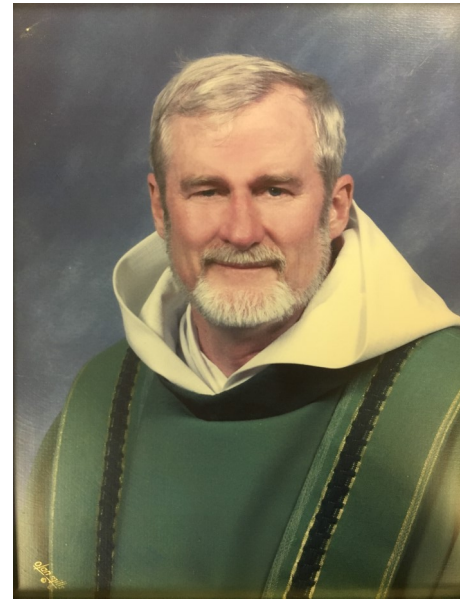


DEAR FRIENDS IN CHRIST

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



Rev. Tom McSherry

OUR PARISH ROOTS



Saint Patrick Catholic Church, “the church the people built,” as it came to be known, opened for its first service on September 23, 1962. The idea for the church was born when the congregation at the time received Monsignor Don J. Kanaly as their priest. Before arriving in Oklahoma, Msgr. Kanaly had studied and traveled throughout Europe, where he had become intrigued with the Medieval tradition of villagers coming together to construct the churches. When construction began in 1959, hundreds of parishioners came out to assist with the project, and only the structural steel, concrete and electrical work was hired out to others. Almost

500 people worked for two years on the church, and Bishop Reed blessed the church in September of 1962. Since then, the church has paid for the building, constructed a chapel for adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, and developed many ministries, especially for the sick and elderly. The design of the church has won awards such as the Oklahoma City Arts Council's Design Excellence Award in 1970, and the Oklahoma Council of Architects' “25-Year Award for Excellence” in 1991.



PARISH LIFE TODAY

Saint Patrick parish strives to foster a vibrant, spiritual community, linked by Baptism, celebrating our diversity, openness and commitment to the teachings of Christ in the Catholic tradition through mercy, service, and faithfulness. Our Religious Education RCIA ministries ensure that children and those new to the faith are well informed, well prepared for their sacraments, and ready to answer Christ's call in their lives. Hispanic Charismatic Renewal addresses the needs of our Hispanic community. Our annual carnival brings everyone in the parish together. Through these activities, and those of so many parishioners, St. Patrick continues to fulfill the mission of Christ.



OUR CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION

St. Patrick 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. Patrick will raise significant funds toward needs of beloved community. We are seeking five-year pledges to achieve the parish campaign goal of \$405,000. Saint Patrick will receive 20% of all funds we raise up to the goal, totaling \$81,000. Plus, 50% of every dollar raised above the goal will be returned to St. Patrick.

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. Patrick.

With St. Patrick's share of the funds raised in this campaign effort, we will renovate areas around our campus that have not previously been updated, to make them more comfortable for our growing number of parishioners, and provide more space for ministries including:

Installing new air conditioning and heating systems for the church

Planning for new classrooms for Religious Education and community meetings