

One year ago, Archbishop Hebda appointed us to serve the parish of St Nicholas. With the announcement that Fr. Tony VanderLoop will become Pastor of St. Nicholas on July 1, 2021, our appointment comes to an end on June 30, 2021. It has truly been our honor and privilege to serve God's people at St. Nicholas. Thank you for your support, participation, and patience with us.

This past year has been one of challenges and celebrations. One of the biggest challenges was due to the pandemic and the precautions that we were required to follow. We celebrated with Mass on Thanksgiving, Feast of St. Nicholas, Christmas, and Easter. God's mercy was offered through the sacrament of reconciliation. We welcomed a new member to the family of Christ through Baptism, and we prayed for two parishioners at their funerals. A First Communion was celebrated and one wedding! Through the dedication of volunteers, we conducted our Faith Formation program for our youth. All this done without any exposure to COVID! Thank you for your diligence.

We fulfilled the request of the archbishop providing him our input for the future of St. Nicholas. This was done with an open process and multiple methods to gather input from as many people as possible. Once again, volunteers stepped forward to participate in producing an excellent product, (a 3-ring binder of 115 pages, 7 sections, and a 2-page Executive Summary recommendation). We know the Archbishop took the recommendation to heart. We are also confident that the work done to prepare and present the recommendation can be used to help guide St. Nicholas in the future. We are working with Fr. VanderLoop for a smooth transition.

Be assured of our prayers for you.

May God continue to bless you.

Father Rolf Tollefson and Deacon Jim Bauhs