

Parish

# News



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## *A Message from Father James*

### **A New Position at St. Agnes Parish**

St. Agnes Parish continues to grow in congregation size and in many services we offer parishioners. Our evangelization efforts are reaching many families who are finding the love of God through our programs.

Two years have passed since parishioners adopted our vision, giving us a clear picture of our destination in 5 to 10 years. We've been blessed with wonderful progress towards becoming the healthy, balanced parish we want to be.

Much of the growth and progress seen in our parish is due to the unwavering work of countless volunteers. Although we rely almost completely on the energy and enthusiasm of their leadership, this is unlikely to be sustainable in the long term. Many volunteers have jobs and also dedicate time in raising their families.

To sustain existing ministries and continue to move forward, our volunteer leaders require more consistent, qualified support than my time allows. As Pastor, it's my responsibility to shepherd parishioners with spiritual comfort and guidance, to address parish issues that can only be dealt with by the Pastor, and to provide parish leadership.

Following consultation with our Senior Leadership Team and Finance Council, I believe it is timely and appropriate to add a full-time pastoral assistant this fall. The creation of this role will greatly help our long term efforts to build and grow our parish. To achieve this end, we will follow due process by inviting applications from interested persons throughout the Diocese of Thunder Bay.

The following announcement is for those in our parish who may have an interest in this new position.

#### **Director of Pastoral Ministries**

St. Agnes Parish invites applications for the position of Director of Pastoral Ministries. This full-time position commences mid-September 2021. Responsibilities include supporting ministry leaders, sacramental preparations, involvement in evangelization programs, and assisting the Pastor in various services to the parish.

A detailed position description and the application process are available on the St. Agnes Parish website <https://www.stagnesrc.ca/careers>, the [St. Agnes Facebook page](#), and through the Parish office at [st.agnes@shaw.ca](mailto:st.agnes@shaw.ca) or 807.475.7489.

Applications will be accepted until August 13, 2021