



**SS. CYRIL & METHODIUS CATHOLIC CHURCH**

159 131st Ave † Wayland, MI 49348

Phone 269.792.3543 † Fax 269.792.9062 † Email [info@sscmparish.org](mailto:info@sscmparish.org)

*"Serving the Gun Lake Community"*

21 October 2020

Dear People of SS. Cyril & Methodius Parish:

I am sure you are united with me in gratitude for the service of our parish catechists. Many of them have undertaken this responsibility for many years as they assist our younger parishioners in their faith formation with enthusiasm and dedication.

We want to provide the best we can for our young people. And so, after a few discussions, phone calls, and meetings, we are undertaking a re-alignment of responsibilities regarding children's faith formation in our collaborative. Our current Directors initiated this change and Fr. Ken is totally on board with this plan.

Essentially, Liz Ryan will serve as the Director of Religious Education for both parish programs, and Kara Harmon will serve as the Site Coordinator for the program at St. Cyril & Methodius while Liz is the Site Coordinator at St. Therese. All of us have agreed to a division of responsibilities and tasks.

The programs will remain on their own schedules at their separate parish sites. The First Reception of Holy Communion will take place in each parish. The new bishop will decide about the site(s) of celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation.

We are excited about this alignment, while expecting a couple of bumps along the way for "things we never thought of." Please direct your questions to any of us as we move forward. And may all our efforts be blessed as we collaborate with our God in the formation of our children's faith.

Kara Harmon, Site Coordinator, SSCM

Liz Ryan, Collaborative DRE

Fr. Ken Schmidt, Temporary Administrator