

# St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Some of you may already have heard the news that we will not be offering Faith Formation here at St. Francis Xavier Parish due to the fact we couldn't find a Director to oversee the religious education program. We are all saddened by this news; however we have to move forward in faith. The new school year is fast approaching and we owe it to you as the primary teachers of your child(ren) of the Catholic faith to let you know where things stand. We are hoping that you will register your child(ren) at one of the neighboring parishes. This is vitally important for their spiritual growth and for the salvation of their souls.

Our sister parish, SS. Charles and Helena Church in Clio, will be open to accepting your child(ren) into their Faith Formation, which will be held on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 p.m.- 7:45 p.m. This was exactly the same day and time that it was here at St. Francis. We are aware that this will certainly be a longer drive and also more time consuming. Thus you may want to choose another program at a neighboring parish--- St. John the Evangelist in Davison, Immaculate Conception in Lapeer, or any other. If you choose to register at SS. Charles and Helena Church it has to be done prior to October 2nd. Please contact Marci Long, the Director of Faith Formation (phone number 810-686-9861 @ ext. 223) at that parish. She can answer any of your questions, let you know about the fees, and send you information on registering. I am not aware of the times and dates at any other parishes.

I am sorry that this is something you were not expecting, nor was I hoping for, but it is the reality we find ourselves in. Please know that whatever parish you choose to send your child(ren) that they can still celebrate their sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion here at their home parish. If that is what you desire. May our gracious Lord, the Divine Teacher, help all of us through this time of change and transition. I will keep you in my prayers.

In Christ,

Rev. Kenneth F. Coughlin  
Pastor