



***Be Sealed with the Holy Spirit***  
**The Confirmation Preparation Process at St. Benilde:**

In the archdiocese of New Orleans baptized teens entering the 11th grade are eligible to receive the sacrament of Confirmation. This year Confirmation preparation will be happening with the context of St. Benilde's Built Up Nights. These nights will take place monthly September-April, beginning at 6:00 PM. The individuals preparing for the sacraments of first Reconciliation & Communion, Confirmation, and OCIA candidates and catechumens will break into appropriate groups.

Confirmation formation will occur from 6-7:30 within the context of gender exclusive small groups led by two or more safe-environment trained adult mentors. Active participation in these sessions is essential, and candidates must attend a minimum of 6 sessions to be eligible to receive the sacrament of Confirmation.

Candidates must also attend a mandatory Day of Service scheduled for Saturday, December 6, 2025 from 9:00 am. – 2:00 pm, and a Confirmation retreat, scheduled for Saturday, March 21, 2026 from 9:00-4:00 pm.

Candidates will also attend a one-on-one interview with Fr. Mathew Johnston, pastor, in March/April to determine their readiness to receive this important sacrament.

**Registration forms and paperwork are due by Monday, September 15, 2025 along with the preparation fee (covering supplies, retreat, robes, etc.) of \$90.** Parents/guardians are expected to attend a introductory meeting on Wednesday, September 17, at 7:00 pm. in the Cafeteria.

For more information about the 2025-2026 Confirmation Program, please contact coordinator Samantha Keller at [skeller@arch-no.org](mailto:skeller@arch-no.org). Scan the QR Code below to fill out the online registration form.



## Summary of Confirmation Preparation Dates & Requirements:

- **Mandatory Orientation for both parents and candidates** – Wednesday September 17, 2025, at 7:00 pm in the Cafeteria
- **Active participation in a small group** (consisting of approximately 8 gatherings) in the months leading up to the sacrament. At least 6 scheduled sessions must be attended to be eligible to receive the sacrament.
- **Mandatory Day of Service on Saturday, December 6, 2025** from 9:00 am. –2:00 pm
- **Mandatory Confirmation Retreat on Saturday, March 21, 2026**, from 9:00-3:30 pm. (Location St. Benilde Campus).
- **Personal interview with Fr. Matthew Johnston, Pastor**, in March/April. These will be scheduled at a later date.
- Confirmation Sponsor Form & Confirmation Saint - **Sunday, March 29, 2026**
- **Confirmation Practice Thursday, April 23 at 6:15 pm.** in the Church - Sponsors must attend
- **Confirmation Mass is Saturday, April 25 at 4:00 pm. in the Church**

Date	Time	Session/ Event	Location
Wednesday, September 17th	7:00 PM	Mandatory Parent & Candidate Meeting	Cafeteria
Sunday, September 28th	6:00 PM	Preparation Session #1	Teen Center
Sunday, October 19th	6:00 PM	Preparation Session #2	Teen Center
Sunday, November 30th	6:00 PM	Preparation Session #3	Teen Center
Saturday, December 6th	9:00-2:00PM	Day of Service & Preparation Session	St. Benilde Campus
Sunday, January 18th	6:00 PM	Preparation Session #4	Teen Center
Sunday, February 22nd	6:00 PM	Preparation Session #5	Teen Center
Saturday, March 21st	9:00- 3:30 PM	Confirmation Retreat	Teen Center
Sunday, March 29th	6:00 PM	Preparation Session #6	Teen Center
Sunday, April 19th	6:00 PM	Preparation Session #7	Teen Center
TBD	TBD	Candidate Interviews	Parish Office
Thursday, April 23rd	6:15 PM	Confirmation Practice	Church
Sunday, April 25th	4:00 PM	Confirmation Mass	Church