



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 within 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 5:15-6:45 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, October 10, 2026 from 9:00 am. – 2:00 pm, and a Confirmation retreat, scheduled for Saturday, February 20, 2027 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 14, 2026 along with the preparation fee (covering supplies, retreat, etc.) of \$90. Parents/guardians are expected to attend a introductory meeting on Wednesday, September 16, at 6:00 pm. in the Cafeteria.

For more information about the 2026-2027 Confirmation Program, please contact coordinator Samantha Keller at skeller@arch-no.org. Scan the QR Code below to fill out the online registration form.



Summary of Confirmation Preparation Requirements:

- **Mandatory Orientation for both parents and candidates** – Wednesday September 16, 2026, at 6pm 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** October 10th from 9am-2pm
- **Mandatory Confirmation Day Retreat** February 20th from 9am-3:30pm at St. Benilde's 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 TBA. in the Church - Sponsors must attend
- Confirmation Mass is TBA. in the Church

Confirmation Preparation Dates

- Wednesday, September 16, 2026, at 6pm in the Cafeteria Orientation for parents and candidates
- Sunday, September 20, 2026 Preparation Session #1 5:15-6:45pm
- Saturday, October 10, 2026 from 9am-2pm Day of Service and Preparation Session #2
- Sunday, October 18, 2026 Preparation Session #3 5:15-6:45pm
- Sunday, November 29, 2026 Preparation Session #4 5:15-6:45pm
- Sunday, January 24, 2027 Preparation Session #5 5:15-6:45pm
- Saturday, February 20, 2027 Retreat (St. Benilde's Campus) 9am-3:30pm
- Sunday, February 28, 2027 Preparation Session #6 5:15-6:45pm
- Sunday, March 14, 2027 Preparation Session #7 5:15-6:45pm
 - Confirmation Saint and Sponsor Form DUE
- Sunday, April 18, 2027 Preparation Session #8 5:15-6:45pm
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