

# St. Bernardine of Siena Youth Ministry

## Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)



*Welcome to the St. Bernardine of Siena Youth Ministry!*

*Whether you're new or returning, this FAQ will help answer common questions about our programs for junior high and high school students. We're excited to grow in faith and community with you!*

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### 1. Who can join the Youth Group Programs?

Anyone in **grades 6–12** is welcome to Youth Group Events! We have programs for both **junior high (6th–8th)** and **senior high (9th–12th)** students.

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### 2. When and where do meetings take place?

All meetings are held at **St. Bernardine of Siena Parish**:

- **Junior High Faith Formation:** Tuesdays, 4:00–5:00 pm
    - \$90/year
  - **Senior High Confirmation:** Sundays, 3:30 – 6:00 pm - includes 5:00 pm Mass
    - \$200/year
  - **Youth Groups:** Sundays 6:00 – 7:30 pm after the 5:00 pm Mass
    - \$5/person and includes a light dinner
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### 3. What is the Confirmation program like?

- **Year 1 (August–July):**  
Focuses on scripture, sacraments, the Alpha video series, an overnight retreat, and service projects.
- **Year 2 (August–May):**  
Emphasizes living as saints, the Decision Point video series, a two-night retreat, and service projects.

*Students typically begin Confirmation in **9th grade**, but all high school students may participate. Please contact us if you have questions about eligibility.*

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#### 4. Are retreats required?

Yes, retreats are a key part of both Year 1 and Year 2 Confirmation. They help deepen your faith and build community.

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#### 5. What if I have to miss a session?

We understand things that come up! Please let us know in advance. **Make-up options** are available for most sessions.

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#### 6. Is Mass attendance required?

Yes, **Mass is central** to our program. Most Sunday activities include the **5:00 pm Mass**.


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#### 7. Are there service opportunities?

Absolutely! We offer **service projects** for all youth.

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#### 8. How do I register?

Contact the **St. Bernardine Youth Ministry Office** ([youthministry@stbernardine.org](mailto:youthministry@stbernardine.org)) or access the online registration forms by visiting the **St. Bernardine Youth Ministry** webpage at:  <https://www.stbernardine.org/confirmation-at-st-bernardine>

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#### 9. Can friends join even if they're not parish members?

Yes! Friends are always welcome to join our youth group events.

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#### 10. Who can I contact for more information?

Reach out to **CJ Kruska - Youth Ministry Coordinator**, at the parish office or email:  [youthministry@stbernardine.org](mailto:youthministry@stbernardine.org)

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#### 11. Can parents or adults volunteer?

Yes! We welcome adult volunteers to help with events, retreats, and more. Please contact the **Youth Ministry Coordinator** to get involved.