Blessed Trinity Catholic Church

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Congratulations and blessings for you and your child! We offer the following notes and guidelines to assist you in the preparation for the Sacrament of Baptism for your child. Please read them carefully.

We celebrate Baptisms twice a month:

ENGLISH: The first Sunday of the month at 2PM **SPANISH**: The second Sunday of the month at 2PM.

<u>Baptismal Preparation Class</u>: Since you are the primary educators of your child, we will present a refresher class on certain basic points for you and the Godparents. This class is offered twice a month:

ENGLISH: The first Thursday of the month at 7 PM in the school library.

SPANISH: The second Tuesday of the month at 7 PM in the 8th grade classroom.

Godparents: Godparents are to assist the parents in the faith development of the child. Godparents must be baptized, confirmed, and practicing Catholics.

<u>Documentation required</u>*: Before we can baptize your child, we must have the following information on file:

- 1. Completed Baptismal Register (yellow form attached).
- 2. Copy of your child's birth certificate.
- 3. Sponsor form for the Catholic Godparent (Certificate of Eligibility). The godparent obtains this form from the parish where he/she is registered and active.
- 4. \$30 donation¹.

2 PM Baptisms

os Please, be at the Church by 1:45 PM.

s The baby must wear a white garment and it should be loosened around the neck during the ceremony in order for the Priest/Deacon to be able to anoint the chest of the child.

S Photos are at the celebrant's discretion.

s Memorial cards should not have the name of the Priest/Deacon printed on them, since the celebrants are not assigned to Baptisms until the Friday before the ceremony.

Baptismal Certificate The Church Secretary will mail you the Baptismal Certificate as soon as possible. Please make certain that we have your complete address on the yellow Baptismal Registration Form.

^{*} All documentation and a contribution to the Church will be required before the class.

¹ Please note that the Church does not charge for sacraments. The suggested donation serves as a guideline. You may give more or less depending on your means to help the parish with its expenses.