

## COVID INFORMATION - 2021

**Sacrament of Confirmation:** Information received from the Congregation for Divine Worship says that “the use by the minister of an instrument (glove or cotton swab) does not affect the validity of the sacrament of Confirmation. So, you could use a new cotton ball (for each candidate) dipped in Chrism to anoint and then burn the used cotton balls with Chrism after Mass. The bishop has been using a small bowl (about an inch deep) of 90% alcohol with a small sponge immersed in the alcohol and after each anointing, he dips/wipes his thumb in/on the alcohol soaked sponge and then wipe it on a towel. (both bowl/towel either placed on a small table or held by the deacon.)

Candidates should wear masks like we would for communion when they come up.

Picture suggestions:

- When candidate and their sponsor come into the Church to be seated before the ceremony begins
- Bishop stands alone or with the pastor on a first step of the sanctuary and the candidate and sponsor come and stand in front of us.
- In both cases masks were removed for the picture.

The pastor can make any changes necessary to past instructions based on their situation. The bishop leaves it up to the pastor’s good judgment to keep everyone safe during this pandemic.

If you have any questions, feel free to give me a call.