

WANTED: KAIROS COOKIES



Divine Savior Parish Cookie Drop Weekend: April 6th and 7th at each Mass

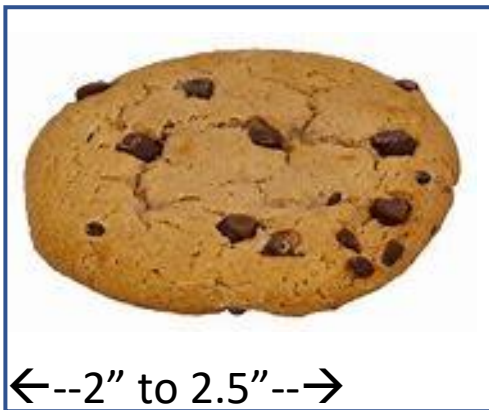
Location: In the Church Vestibule – look for the cookie table

Divine Savior parishioners and friends We need up to **250 dozen cookies** for the upcoming Kairos retreat at Folsom prison in early April 2024. Yes, that's 3000 cookies! In the past, you have all been very generous. If we do exceed our goal, we'll use the excess cookies for our youth ministry or other events here at our parish.

Homemade cookies in Prison are a rare and tangible expression of Christian love and as indication of God's concern for a group of people who seldom encounter either in the course of their daily lives.

Many have said "I came for the cookies, but found Jesus." Your loving sacrifice will provide "bread" that shines the Light of God's Grace into the darkest corners of a prison unit. This is a gift of love and compassion in which the entire family can participate. Mom, Dad and the kids.

May God bless you for the gift of baking! You have no idea who your cookies will touch.....but God does!



Cookie Guidelines

Cookies should be **between 2 inches and 2-½ inches in diameter and not more than ½ inch thick.** A Mellon Baller works great to get the perfect size.

See page 2 for more Baking Instructions and Recipes.

Packaging Instructions

- Allow cookies to cool before packaging or they will stick together.
- Bag the thoroughly cooled cookies in a **quart sized** Zip Lock bag (do NOT use the SLIDER TYPE Ziplock bags).
- Place one dozen cookies into each bag. If a dozen doesn't fit in a quart sized bag, they are probably too big.
- Label each bag with the cookie type.
- Freeze all cookies if they are not dropped off within 3 days of baking.

Questions: Contact Barbara at bam Marquez23@gmail.com or 916-342-1824

Baking Instructions

THE MOST IMPORTANT INGREDIENT: PRAYER!!! Pray individually or as a family over the ingredients before and during mixing.....or as you drop them onto the cookie sheets and bake them.

Ask God to use your cookies as a source of His love to shine on the prisoners and staff on the Kairos weekend. Pray that each cookie brings the inmate, officer or warden who eats it closer to God. We want every person to become part of the family of God.

YES to Chocolate Chips or other flavored Chips (Butterscotch, White Chocolate, etc.)

THE NO's

NO Raisins or other dried fruit (Used to make alcohol)

NO Coconut or Poppy Seeds (False Positive for Drugs)

NO Nuts

NO Toppings such as sugar, frosting or decorations

NO M&M's or Hershey Kisses

Suggested Cookie Recipes

Chewy Oatmeal $\frac{3}{4}$ cup butter flavor Crisco. $1\frac{1}{4}$ cup firmly packed brown sugar. 1 egg. $\frac{1}{3}$ cup milk.
 $1\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon vanilla. 3 cups quick cooking oats. 1 cup all-purpose flour. $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon baking soda.
 $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon salt. $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon cinnamon.

Combine Crisco, brown sugar, egg, milk and vanilla in a large bowl. Mix at medium speed until well blended. Combine oats, flour, salt, baking soda and cinnamon in a separate bowl, mix well. Add to Crisco/sugar mixture until just blended. Drop rounded tablespoons of dough onto cookie sheet. Bake at 375 degrees for 10 to 12 minutes or until lightly browned. Makes 2-1/2 dozen cookies.

Chocolate Chip $\frac{3}{4}$ cup Crisco shortening. $1\frac{1}{4}$ cup firmly packed brown sugar. 2 tablespoons milk.
1 teaspoon vanilla. 1 egg. $1\frac{3}{4}$ cup all-purpose flour 1 teaspoon salt. $\frac{3}{4}$ teaspoon baking soda
1 cup semi-sweet chocolate chips

Combine shortening, sugar, milk and vanilla in a large bowl, mix until well blended. Add egg and mix well. In a separate bowl combine flour, salt and baking soda, mix well. Add to shortening/sugar mixture until well blended. Stir in chocolate chips. Drop by rounded tablespoon onto ungreased cookie sheet. Bake at 375 degrees for 8 to 10 minutes for chewy cookies or 11 to 13 minutes for crisp cookies. Makes 3 dozen cookies.

Peanut Butter $\frac{3}{4}$ cup Creamy Peanut Butter. $\frac{1}{2}$ cup Crisco Shortening. 3 tablespoons milk.
 $1\frac{1}{4}$ cup firmly packed brown sugar. 1 teaspoon vanilla. 1 egg. $1\frac{3}{4}$ cup all-purpose flour.
 $\frac{3}{4}$ teaspoon salt. $\frac{3}{4}$ teaspoon baking soda.

Combine peanut butter, shortening, sugar, milk and vanilla in a large bowl and mix at medium speed until well blended. Add egg and mix well. In a separate bowl combine flour, salt and baking soda, mix well. Add flour mixture to peanut butter and mix until just blended. Drop by heaping teaspoons onto ungreased cookie sheet and flatten slightly in a crisscross pattern with the tines of a fork. Bake at 375 degrees for 7 to 8 minutes until set. Makes 3 dozen cookies.

**You may use other recipes but please adhere to the size and ingredient restrictions.....
otherwise the Prison security will reject them.**

Other Ways to Participate...

PRAY.... Make a commitment to pray for the retreatants each day between April 11-14, 2024.

CREATE A HAND to be used on the retreat.... make one on your own of construction paper or colored cardstock. Handprints should be oriented downward; Trace it, cut it out, and include your message. Handprints can be dropped off in the vestibule or to the parish office no later than April 7th. See sample below:

