

Kairos Prison Ministry

...bake cookies, serve Christ



What is Kairos? Kairos is an ecumenical Christian ministry designed for use in men's and women's correctional institutions. The ministry is conducted, in cooperation with chaplains of correctional institutions, by teams of laity and clergy who are qualified by their experiences in Christian renewal movements.

How are Thousands of Dozens of Cookies Used on a Kairos Weekend? On Thursday evening, cookies go with coffee and other beverages to soften the first tense minutes of the meeting between resident participants and team members. • Every evening, each of the 42 participants takes back to his/her cell or dormitory a bag containing dozens of cookies that are shared with other inmates as the participants answer questions about the Kairos weekend. • Cookies are available to the 42 participants throughout the retreat in the meeting room. • Cookies are provided daily to the security stations, break rooms and staff offices as a way of thanking the corrections officers and other staff for assisting Kairos and letting them know that they too are loved by the Lord. • All inmates not involved in the Kairos weekend receive a dozen cookies. This takes almost 3,000 dozen. Also, Kairos participants return to their units on Friday evening with a second grocery bag full of cookies to eat and give away in their cell block or dormitory. By this time everyone in the institution knows that something really special is happening inside the walls. • Saturday is forgiveness day. Kairos participants learn about forgiving themselves, asking for and accepting God's forgiveness and forgiving others. They each get an extra grocery bag of cookies to give to other inmates or corrections officers against whom they bear a grudge or from whom they desire forgiveness for something.

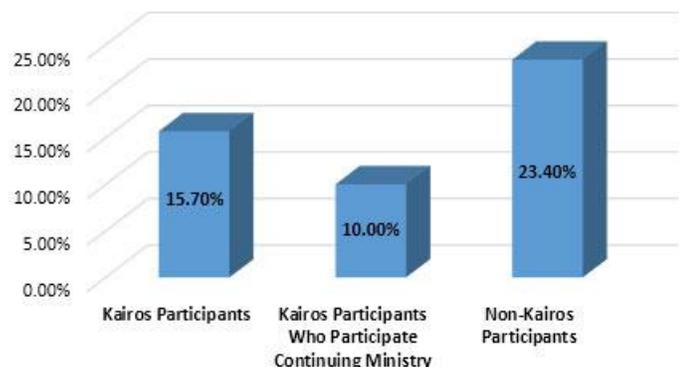
All Saints is sponsoring a cookie drive for a men's Kairos retreat at Southern Ohio Correctional Facility on...

September 27-30, 2018.

Cookies can be dropped off at the All Saints Parish Library on **Saturday, Sept. 15th by 5:00 pm.** Cookies may also be dropped off on **Friday, Sept. 14th to the Parish Center between the hours of 8:30am-4:30pm** or sent in with your child through the **school office on Thursday or Friday, 9/13-14.**



Recidivism Rate of Kairos Graduates



How to Participate in the Kairos Cookie Ministry

It's easy, faith-filled, prayerful, and positively impacts individuals and our communities!

Cookie Preparation The type of cookies that are acceptable are Oatmeal, Peanut Butter, Molasses, Chocolate Chip, Ginger and Sugar. Brownies, Rice Krispie treats, Fruity Pebble treats are a favorite. *No powdered sugar, icing or raisins, please.* Cookies should be about 2 to 2-1/2 inches in diameter. Cookies should be uniform in size. It's perfectly fine to bake from pre-prepared dough, no store-bought cookies though, please 😊. The sturdier the cookie the better due to transportation and handling.



The Key Ingredient: PRAYER



Pray individually or as a family over the ingredients before and during mixing. Pray over the cookies as you place them onto the sheets and bake them. Ask God to use your cookies as a source of His love to shine on the prisoners and staff on this 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.

Packing the Cookies Thoroughly cool cookies then carefully place 2 dozen cookies into each gallon sized zip lock bag (use basic zip loc bags *without the thumb notch slider on the top of the bag* – this piece of plastic can be a hazard in prison environments). Cookies that are neatly stacked in the bags usually make it to the prison in one piece. Freeze cookies if not delivering within 3 days. Label each gallon-size zip lock bag with the cookie type and “2 dozen”. **NOTHING GOES INSIDE THE BAGS BUT COOKIES. NO PLATES, TINS, TUPPERWARE, NOTES OR ANYTHING ELSE IS ALLOWED. COOKIES GET HANDLED SEVERAL TIMES AND ARE INSPECTED BY PRISON STAFF.**

