RCIA We pray for the Elect: To deepen their resolve to hold fast to Christ and to carry out their decision to love God above all.  Roman Missal

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OUR MASS SCHEDULE:
Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:00 p.m.
Sunday Masses are celebrated at
7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 12:15 p.m. & 5:00 p.m.
(We have an ASL interpreter at our 12:15 p.m. Mass.)
Monday - Friday Masses are celebrated at 6:40 & 8:30 a.m.
Saturday Morning Mass is celebrated at 8:30 a.m.
Confessions are at Saturday 2:30-3:30 p.m.,
other times by appointment.
The church is open from 6:00 a.m. - 9:30 p.m. for prayer.

Last Week’s Collection
March 31, 2019
526 Sunday Envelopes .............................................................. $17,142.00
WeShare Online .................................................................. $3,621.33
Loose .................................................................................... $15,777.43
Total Collection .................................................................... $36,540.76
Less 6% Diocesan Tax ............................................................. $2,192.44
Net Collection ...................................................................... $34,348.32
36 Children’s Envelopes ....................................................... $415.77
We sincerely thank all our parishioners and visitors for so generously giving
of their Time, Talent and Treasure in the true Spirit of Stewards.
May God richly bless you and yours!

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8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Monday – Friday
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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:
Parish Office Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday - Friday.
Registration: If you will regularly be worshipping with us, we
welcome you and invite you to register! You can register
online at www.stpaulcatholicchurch.org or visit our Parish
Office between Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. You
can also pick up a registration packet from an usher at Mass.
Baptisms: Baptisms are celebrated in the church on the first
Sunday of each month during the 12:15 p.m. Mass and after
Mass (at 1:30 p.m.) on the third Sunday of the month. Parents
are required to complete a Pre-Baptism Workshop before
having their child baptized. The workshop is held on the first
Sunday of the month from 1:45 - 3:00 p.m. in Lower Level
Room 3 (located downstairs in the church.) Godparents are
welcomed to attend. There is no need to register for the class.
Marriages: Please contact the Parish Office at least six
months in advance. A wedding date can only be set after
meeting with a deacon or priest.
Marian Gift Shop: (614) 882-5257 Located in the church, the
Marian Gift Shop is open 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. on Sundays;
9:15 a.m. until noon on Mondays and Fridays; from 2:00 p.m.
to 7:00 p.m. every Wednesday; and 2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. on
Saturdays. The shop is closed on Tuesdays and Thursdays.
Bulletin Deadline: All articles should be submitted to the
parish email address (stpaulchurch@stpacc.org) at least two
weeks in advance and are subject to approval by the pastor.
God's Gift of Forgiveness

A Pastoral Exhortation on the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

“Peace be with you!” With these words, the Risen Lord greeted his frightened Apostles in the Upper Room on the day of his Resurrection. They were troubled, anxious, and fearful—much like each one of us at some point in our lives. Christ repeated the words, “Peace be with you.” But then he added, “Receive the holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them” (Jn 20:19-23).

What an extraordinary gift! The Risen Lord was proclaiming that all the suffering he had just endured was in order to make available the gifts of salvation and forgiveness. He wanted the Apostles to receive these gifts. He wanted them to become apostles of this forgiveness to others.

In the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation, also called confession, we meet the Lord, who wants to grant forgiveness and the grace to live a renewed life in him. In this sacrament, he prepares us to receive him free from serious sin, with a lively faith, earnest hope, and sacrificial love in the Eucharist. The Church sees confession as so important that she requires that every Catholic go at least once a year.1 The Church also encourages frequent confession in order to grow closer to Christ Jesus and his Body, the Church. By the grace of the Holy Spirit, we seek forgiveness and repentance, let go of patterns of sin, grow in the life of virtue, and witness to a joyful conversion. Since the graces of the sacrament are so similar to the purpose of the New Evangelization, Pope Benedict XVI has said, “The New Evangelization . . . begins in the confessional!”2

We bishops and priests are eager to help you if you experience difficulty, hesitation, or uncertainty about approaching the Lord in this sacrament. If you have not received this healing sacrament in a long time, we are ready to welcome you. We, whom Christ has ordained to minister this forgiveness in his name, are also approaching this sacrament, as both penitents and ministers, throughout our lives and at this special moment of grace during Lent. We want to offer ourselves to you as forgiven sinners seeking to serve in the Lord’s name.

During Lent—in addition to the various penitential services during which individual confession takes place—we bishops and priests will be making ourselves available often for the individual celebration of this sacrament. We pray that through the work of the Holy Spirit, all Catholics—clergy and laity—will respond to the call of the New Evangelization to encounter Christ in the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation. Come to the Lord and experience the extraordinary grace of his forgiveness!

Our Lenten Parish Penance Service will be held on Sunday, April 7 at 7:00 p.m.

1 Catechism of the Catholic Church, nos. 1457-1458.
Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, April 8
Dn. 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or Dn. 13:41c-62; Ps. 23:1-6; Jn. 8:12-20
6:40 a.m. Wayne Couts
8:30 a.m. Rudy Klecarn

Tuesday, April 9
Nm. 21:4-9; Ps. 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn. 8:21-30
6:40 a.m. Douglas Gossman
8:30 a.m. Mary & Steve Szabo
1:30 p.m. (at Heartland of Wville) Agnes Wahl

Wednesday, April 10
Dn. 3:1-14, 20; 91-92, 95; Dn. 3:52-56; Jn. 8:31-42
6:40 a.m. James Pfister
8:30 a.m. Joyce O’Reilly
2:00 p.m. (at Paramount) Paul Krupp

Thursday, April 11, Saint Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr
Gn. 17:3-9; Ps. 105:4-9; Jn. 8:51-59
6:40 a.m. A.J. Rayon
8:30 a.m. Deborah Waggoner
2:00 p.m. (at Parkside) Jim Williamson

Friday, April 12
Jer. 20:10-13; Ps. 18:2-7; Jn. 10:31-42
6:40 a.m. Sharon Dauer
8:30 a.m. Ellen Gray

Saturday, April 13, Saint Martin I, Pope and Martyr
Ez. 37:21-28; Jer. 31:10-13; Jn. 11:45-56
8:30 a.m. Thomas and Marie Lowry

Vigil Mass for Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
4:00 p.m. Jenny Mackinaw

Sunday, April 14, Palm Sunday of the Lord’s Passion
Lk. 19:28-40; Is. 50:4-7; Ps. 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Phil. 2:6-11; Lk. 22:14—23:56 or Lk. 23:1-49
7:30 a.m. People of St. Paul’s Parish
9:00 a.m. James Farley
10:30 a.m. Rina Tiberi
12:15 p.m. Rudy Klecarn
5:00 p.m. Jeff Hartnell

Rosary & Litany: Daily following the 8:30 a.m. Mass
Holy Hour: Thursdays at 6:00 p.m. unless noted.

Sunday, April 7
Coffee & Donut Sunday, LL Rm. 3 (Church), after a.m. Masses
Hosted by our St. Vincent DePaul Society Conference
Children’s Liturgy of the Word during the 9:00 & 10:30 Masses
Nursery Services, Angel Room, during the 9:00 & 10:30 Masses
Sunday Preschool during the 9:00 & 10:30 Masses
RCIA dismissal at 10:30 a.m. Mass
Baptisms celebrated during 12:15 Mass
Pre-Baptism Workshop, LL Room 3 (Church), 1:45 p.m.
Teen Choir to celebrate at 5:00 p.m. Mass
AA “Big Book” Recovery Mtg., Rm. 2 (Parish Office), 6:00 p.m.

Lenten Penance Service, Church, 7:00 p.m.
Come to the Lord and experience
the extraordinary grace of His forgiveness!

Monday, April 8
Parish Listening Session, Activities Center, 7:00 p.m.
Nar-Anon, Room 1 (Parish Office), 7:00 p.m.
Charismatic Prayer Group, LL Room 4 (Church), 7:15 p.m.

Tuesday, April 9
PSR (Grades K-8), School, 4:45 p.m.
Rosary, Church, 6:30 p.m. (Please note the time change during Lent.)
Elizabeth Ministry, School Room 713, 6:30 p.m. (reservations required)
RCIA Lenten Sessions, Church, 7:00 p.m.
Employment Ministry, Room 1 (Parish Office), 7:00 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous, Room 3 (Parish Office), 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, April 10
Kindergarten Readiness Inventory (KRI); (assigned times)
Prayer Shawl Ministry, Room 3 (Parish Office), 1:30 p.m.
PSR (Grades 1-8), School, 6:30 p.m.
Lenten Bible Study, Miller Hall, 7:00 p.m. (note location change!)
Overeaters Anonymous, Room 2 (Parish Office), 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, April 11
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament following
8:30 a.m. Mass; Benediction at 6:45 p.m.
Kindergarten Readiness Inventory (KRI); (assigned times)
Alpha Young Adult Session, LL Room 3 (Church), 6:30 p.m.
K of C First Degree Team, St. Peter’s Room, 7:00 p.m.
Al Anon, Room 1 (Parish Office), 7:30 p.m.

Friday, April 12
Kindergarten Readiness Inventory (KRI); (assigned times)
Stations of the Cross, Church, 1:30 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.
Knights of Columbus Fish Fry Miller Hall, 5:00-7:30 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous, Room 2 (Parish Office), 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 13
Men’s Prayer Group, LL Room 2 (Church), 7:15 a.m.
Bridge Group, LL Room 3 (Church), 5:30 p.m.

Palm Sunday, April 14
K of C to serve breakfast in Miller Hall after all a.m. Masses
SVDP to collect donations for the Haven in vestibule after all Masses
Children’s Liturgy of the Word during the 9:00 & 10:30 Masses
Nursery Services, Angel Room, during the 9:00 & 10:30 Masses
Sunday Preschool during the 9:00 & 10:30 Masses
Pre-Natal Blessing following the 12:15 Mass.
AA “Big Book” Recovery Mtg., Rm. 2 (Parish Office), 6:00 p.m.
Middle School Youth Ministry Gathering, YM Center, 6:00 p.m.
PAA, Room 1 (Parish Office), 7:00 p.m.

This is not a complete listing of parish meetings and events. Please call
the Parish Office (614-882-2109) to learn more about parish ministries.
Reflecting on Today’s Gospel...

The Fifth Sunday of Lent
April 7 (Cycle C)

First Reading: Isaiah 43:16-21
Second Reading: Philippians 3:8-14
Gospel: John 8:1-11

The Gospel for the fifth Sunday of Lent continues to offer lessons about God’s mercy and forgiveness. Last Sunday we heard the Parable of the Prodigal Son from the Gospel of Luke. Today we hear not a parable, but the report from John’s Gospel of an encounter among Jesus, the scribes and Pharisees, and a woman caught in adultery.

In John’s Gospel, the conflict between Jesus and the scribes and Pharisees occurs much earlier than in the Synoptic Gospels. Jesus’ cleansing of the Temple in Jerusalem is reported at the beginning of John’s Gospel. Even after this event, Jesus continues to teach in the Temple. After returning to Galilee for a time, Jesus again enters Jerusalem and cures a man on the Sabbath. From this point forward in John’s Gospel, the Pharisees are described as making plans for Jesus’ arrest and seeking his death.

What do you do to keep from judging others?

How can we better help one another grow in God’s love and refuse to focus on one another’s faults and sins?

In what way does having your sins exposed help you towards greater compassion?

Preparing for next Sunday...

Palm Sunday of the Lord’s Passion
April 14 (Cycle C)

First Reading: Luke 19:28-40
Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

This Sunday, called Palm or Passion Sunday, is the first day of Holy Week. Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday are called the Triduum, three days that are the highlight of the Church year. There are two Gospels proclaimed at today’s Mass. The first Gospel, proclaimed before the procession with palms, tells of our Lord Jesus’ triumphant entrance into Jerusalem. Riding on a borrowed colt, Jesus was hailed by the crowds as they shouted blessings and praise to God. This event is reported in each of the four Gospels.

Jesus suffered when he was innocent. What does this say to you?

What crosses do you carry in your life?

How do you see God (or not see God) in your trials and difficulties?
Lenten Prayer for Spiritual Renewal

God, heavenly Father, look upon me and hear my prayer during this holy Season of Lent. By the good works You inspire, help me to discipline my body and to be renewed in spirit.

Without You I can do nothing. By Your Spirit help me to know what is right and to be eager in doing Your will. Teach me to find new life through penance. Keep me from sin, and help me live by Your commandment of love. God of love, bring me back to You.

I ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever. Amen.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Spend some time in prayer and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Thursdays during Lent following the 8:30 a.m. Mass. Benediction at 6:45 p.m.

Journey with Jesus

We will pray the Stations of the Cross on Fridays during Lent at 1:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Come, pray and reflect on our Lord’s journey to the cross. Consider bringing your family!

The many facets of faith and justice are the focus of the annual Walking Stations of the Cross that takes place downtown Columbus. The three-mile walk will begin with prayer at St. Joseph Cathedral at 8:00 a.m. on Good Friday, April 19.
Lenten Collection for St. Lawrence Haven

Last month our St. Vincent DePaul Society Conference kicked off an almsgiving program to inspire parishioners to “give up” and “give back” to the very many who are supported by the St. Lawrence Haven in downtown Columbus. Coffee cups were distributed to serve as containers in which to collect the money saved when going without – or the spare change accrued at the end of each day. Donations to the Haven will be collected in the vestibule after all Masses NEXT WEEKEND – and can also be made via the WeShare link on our parish website.
Please note:

Father Charlie has initiated a follow-up to the “Listening Session” held in October to further address the sexual assault crisis within our Church. All St. Paul parish priests and lay staff will be present. Parishioners will be encouraged to share their concerns in small groups. We invite you to please consider joining with others from 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. on Monday, April 8 in the Parish Activities Center.

Can You Please Help Our Transportation Ministry?

What better way to serve than to help our homebound parishioners attend Mass? Our Helping Hands for the Homebound Ministry needs volunteers to help parishioners attend our weekend Masses. Please contact Transportation Coordinator Rich Danko at either 614-895-0874 or rdanko70@gmail.com to learn more about this important ministry.

Friday Night Family Fun!

Dine in or carry out!
5:00 – 7:30 p.m. in Miller Hall
Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus
Gluten Free Choices! Beer and Wine!
All you can eat $11.00 Adults $9.50
Seniors $8.00 Children (age 6-12) $4.00
Tomato Basil Soup and Clam Chowder $2.50
Enjoy delicious food and great fellowship while supporting our parish and school!

Called to Serve

If you are a Lector, Extraordinary Eucharistic Minister or Altar Server and are available to serve at our Easter Masses, please be sure to sign-up online or simply refer to the schedule on the podium in the vestibule. Thank you!

The Knights of Columbus will hold our annual Easter Egg Hunt at 10:00 a.m. on Holy Saturday, April 20 in the Moss Road field located directly across from the school’s main entrance. Plan now to bring your children!

Parish Council Openings

St. Paul’s Parish Council is a prayerful and respectful advisory board to the pastor and pastoral staff that serves as a forum for sharing information vital to the many apostolic, missionary and spiritual needs of the parish. The council meets just eight times per year on the third Wednesday of the month (there are no meetings in December or June through August). Members serve terms of three years; married couples may serve together as one voting member. This year we will have four openings for new members with terms beginning in September. If you are interested in serving in a leadership role in the parish or would like more information before submitting your name, please contact Angel Fox, Chair Parish Advisory Council, at foxang444@gmail.com no later than Thursday, April 25.
Stained Glass for Father Charlie

Father Charlie has been our pastor since July 2003. During that time, he has certainly made a difference in all our lives. Our beautiful church is a great example. The renovation and expansion to our school building is another wonderful illustration. His leadership, spiritual strength, vision, kindness and love for St. Paul Parish and its people are well known and appreciated. He will be greatly missed.

As a farewell gesture, let us come together one more time in Father Charlie’s name to complete an important project for him. You may recall that it was always our intent to re-purpose some of the stained glass from the old church and incorporate it within the newly built section of the school. The installation of this stained glass was in our original plan but was cut from the budget due to cost. Father Charlie understood the decision and the need to postpone the project at that time. However, now that the construction is complete, he has expressed his interest in seeing that the stained glass be installed. Using this stained glass is of great significance to him as it connects the impact of our parish’s history with the present. The use of these stained-glass windows shows in a concrete way that we are rooted in the sacraments and with our patron Saint Paul as we give witness to spreading the Gospel to the world.

There is still $100,000 needed for this stained glass to be installed. What a tribute to Father’s love for our parish and support of Catholic education it be would be if his beloved parishioners came together to raise these remaining funds as a demonstration of our love and support of him and his 16 years of service to our parish.

Our St. Paul community has been so generous in supporting every campaign that benefits our parish. Would you consider making a donation to secure the funding needed for the installation of the stained glass in the school building addition? Look for more information to come outlining how you can donate. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please contact our Parish Development Director Dana Forsythe at dforsythe@stpaulk-8.org or 614-882-2109. Thank you!
One of the many great things about Vacation Bible School (VBS) is how creatively and seamlessly it combines all the above elements into a week-long, half day summer camp that teaches our children about their faith. We use good, old fashion fun to teach students about God, the saints and the Bible. Broken into five stations each morning, the youth rotate through each station to complete themed activities that reinforce the day’s Bible message.

In Wild Bible Adventures, the Bible comes to life with period costumes, scripted actors, props and special effects! The children don’t just hear a Bible story, they experience one! They may be transported to Pharaoh’s palace, onto Noah’s Ark or even to the foot of the cross. What better way for children to truly connect with scripture than by experiencing it?

Children learn firsthand how God’s creations work by using science experiments, technology and art to drive home particular Bible points. This is followed by putting those lessons into actions as the children perform daily service projects hosted by various St. Paul ministries. All this and more are punctuated by a concert-like finale each day!

Another great aspect of VBS is that the entire family can participate! The main body is made up of students from age 3 through 6th grade, broken into programming specifically for their age group. Students in 7th grade and older make up the bulk of our crew leaders and VBS is often their first taste of leadership and evangelization. Adults of all generations volunteer their time and talents to share their faith with our parish’s young people. Even our tiniest parishioners (infants and toddlers) are welcome to participate with their parents.

We hope you are “roaring” to join us on this summer’s wild expedition as we celebrate our ferocious faith! To learn more and to register, please refer to the parish website.
LEAF Ministry
Listening, Encouraging and
Assisting Families of the Incarcerated
Do you have a loved one or family member who is incarcerated? Are you looking for a safe, welcoming community where you will be accepted without judgment? Plan to attend an upcoming LEAF meeting at:
St. John Neumann Catholic Church
9633 State Route 37, Sunbury, OH 43074
on Sunday, April 14 at 4:00 p.m.
in Parish Office Classroom 9
(located downstairs in the Faith & Family Center)

Meetings are confidential.
All are welcome regardless of faith affiliation.
Children are welcome.

For more information about future meeting times and locations, please contact either Chuck Nell at cnell1962@gmail.com or Chris Shamro shama@verizon.net.

Ohio Dominican to Host Discussion on Opioid Epidemic
Ohio Dominican University will explore concerns with the current opioid epidemic on Monday, April 15 as it hosts, “Inside the Epidemic: The Opioid Crisis in Columbus.” The FREE event will take place in the Matesich Theatre, located in Erskine Hall on ODU’s campus at 1216 Sunbury Road, Columbus, 43219. The program will begin with a reception at 6:15 p.m. before the panel discussion which will be held from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Featured panelists will include anesthesiologist Steven Lins, MD; a representative from the Columbus Division of Fire; and individuals who are currently recovering from addiction.

(Interesting to note, the event was planned after a group of students from Cristo Rey and Bishop Ready high schools presented the idea during last May’s ODU’s Catholic High School Visitation Day.)

It’s Not Too Late to Order Your Mulch from Our Scouts!
Boy Scout Troop 85 is conducting its 2019 mulch sale and are seeking your support. The sale provides high quality mulch and financial support for our Boy Scouts. Please refer to troop85bsa.org to download an order form and return it by Wednesday, April 17. The mulch will be delivered at no charge for orders over 15 bags in the Westerville area. Delivery will take place on April 26–April 29. Questions? Please call 614-699-0850 or email bsat85mulch@gmail.com. Thank you!

Mattress Sale Event
On Saturday, April 27 (10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.) DeSales will host its third annual Mattress Sale in their school gymnasium. Try out mattresses from world class brands such as Tempur-pedic, Beautyrest and Simmons on display. Prices will all be up to 50% lower than at local retail stores. DeSales will receive up to $800 from every mattress purchased! Order your mattress that day and it will be ready for "white glove" delivery in approximately 2 weeks. If you need a mattress but can't make it to the event or have any additional questions, please contact the Just Get Sleep partner Parker Boveroux at pboveroux16@gmail.com or 312-286-6580.
Caring Host Families Needed

Looking for an intercultural experience for the whole family? Join the International Partnership of Education Research and Communication (IPERC) by hosting an international student! Partnering with several local schools, IPERC helps middle and high school Chinese students to study in the United States. With over 50 students currently attending schools in the Columbus area, IPERC works with many Catholic schools such as Bishop Watterson, St. Francis DeSales and Bishop Ready. (This picture was taken in January when many students visited St. Paul School.) As we prepare for the 2019-2020 school year, we are looking for caring host families to help welcome our incoming students and assist them in becoming active members of the school community.

Hosting an international student is one of the most rewarding experiences that you and your family can have! Learning about the language and customs of another culture is a priceless gift that you receive as a host family while at the same time giving back to your exchange student. Both your family and student will gain a deeper understanding of how culture varies across the world. However, it is the lifelong friendship between your family and student that makes the cultural exchange program valuable!

To qualify as a host family, IPERC requires that students are provided with the following: a safe, stable environment, their own bedroom with a desk, transportation to and from school and school-related activities, and all meals outside of school lunches. To help offset these costs, host families are provided with a monthly stipend as well as round the clock local support.

If you and your family are interested in exploring this exciting opportunity, please contact the IPERC Program Director and Coordinator for the Columbus area, Rachel Fullin, at (614) 499-3958 or rachelfullin.iperc@gmail.com – or go to www.iperc.org to learn more about the hosting program.

Fall Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

Check an item off your bucket list and join Fr. Joe Trapp, pastor at St. Joseph’s in Plain City, on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land on September 8 – 18! Enjoy Cana in Galilee, Capernaum, the Basilica of the Annunciation, the baptismal site on the River Jordan, The Mount of Olives, the caves in which the Dead Sea Scrolls were found, and more! The price of $3868 includes round trip airfare from Columbus, all breakfasts and dinners, lodging in 4-star hotels, land transportation by deluxe motor coach, a Catholic local guide, and all entrance fees. Mass will be celebrated daily.

To learn more about the September pilgrimage, please plan to attend an information meeting on May 7 at 6:30 p.m. at the St. Joseph Activity Center located at 670 W. Main Street in Plain City. In the meantime, please contact Judy Lorms with Mary’s Pilgrims at 614-404-6454 or judylorms@gmail.com.
Our St. Paul Prison Ministry is looking for volunteers to bake KairoS Cookies! Your gifts of homemade cookies are a tangible expression of Christian love to a group of people who seldom encounter concern or love in their daily lives. Following these guidelines will help ensure that your cookies will be most effectively used to do the work for which God inspired you to bake.

Cookie Guidelines

☑ Plain chocolate chip cookies only please. No powdered sugar, frosting, or raisin cookies please.
☑ Please make your cookies sturdy. They will need to be handled several times before they arrive in the prisoners’ hands. Delicate cookies will crumble; chewy cookies tend to end up as a single large lump.
☑ Try to make the cookies 3 inches in diameter. Consistent size is important.
☑ The cookies are intended to represent God’s unconditional love to the prisoners. No burned or blemished cookies please.
☑ Cookie mixes and pre-mixed dough are fine.
☑ Please use zip-lock baggies to keep the cookies as fresh as possible. Remember to let them cool please before placing them in the baggies.
☑ Please count your cookies carefully to ensure there are only 1 dozen cookies per quart sized bag.
☑ Please don’t put anything except cookies in the bags. No paper plates, notes, cardboard backing, or even plastic wrap – anything but cookies must be removed before the cookies go into the prison.
☑ Pray! Pray! Pray! Pray as you bake the cookies and pray for the inmates who will receive them. Your prayers are very important to the prisoners.

No time to bake? Tubs of chocolate chip cookie dough are also appreciated! Cookies and tubs of chocolate chip cookie dough are needed by Tuesday, April 23. Collection boxes will be in the vestibule; cookies will be collected daily. If you have any questions, please call parishioner Bob Tavenner at 614-296-8432. Thank you!
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