## RECIPE

## **Cherry Hand Pies**



**Prep Time: 15 minutes** 

Cook Time: 20 minutes

Makes 8 pies

## **Ingredients**

- 2 Refrigerated pie crust for 9 inch double crust pie
- 4 cups frozen cherries
- ¼ cup water and 1 tbsp
- 2 tbsp cornstarch
- 1 tbsp lemon juice
- 1 tsp almond extract
- 1 egg
- 3 tbsp sugar

## **Preparation**

- 1. Preheat oven to 400 degrees and line a baking sheet with parchment paper
- 2. In a saucepan, add ¼ cup of water, cornstarch, lemon juice and sugar.
- 3. Place saucepan over medium heat and whisk constantly until mixture starts to thicken
- 4. Add frozen cherries and stir occasionally until mixture is at a light boil, about 15 minutes
- 5. Remove from heat, stir in almond extract and let cool to room temperature
- 6. On a lightly floured surface, roll out dough slightly. Using biscuit or cookie cutters, cut out dough into 5 inch circles
- 7. Whisk the egg and remaining water together until well incorporated.
- 8. Place about 2 tbsp of the cherry pie filling in the middle of each circle.
- 9. Brush the egg wash around the rim of the pie crust circle. Add another pie crust circle on top and use a fork to seal the edges
- 10. Place pies onto the prepared baking sheet. Use a knife to make two slit in the top of each pie and brush the tops with egg wash
- 11. Bake for 20 minutes or until golden brown.
- 12. Cool on the baking sheet for 5 minutes and then transfer to a wire rack to continue cooling