



Cooking Class Event Styles

Hands-on Cooking Parties

Guests are divided into groups and guided by the chef instructor. Each group prepares one course of the chosen menu. Hands-on parties last 2-3 hours and finish with guests sitting down to enjoy the family-style meal they prepared. Sufficient courses must be selected to limit groups to 4-5 people/group (i.e. an event for 14 guests must consist of at least 3 courses). Each guest will receive copies of all recipes prepared in the party.

- Pricing: Starting at \$65/person*
 - based on menu selection and number of courses
 - ** plus beverages, sales tax, 20% gratuity, facility rental/standard travel fee, any premium menu/date upcharges, and possible extended travel fees (beyond 25 mile radius of 63104 or 46307); \$500 minimum must be met for all private events in STL (\$1000 minimum for Chicagoland events)*
- Capacity: Maximum of 14 guests on-site at Vicini; (variable based on host's kitchen for in-home events)
- Length: 2-3 hours

Demonstration Classes and Demo/participation Classes

Guests sit-back, relax, and watch the chef instructor demonstrate how to prepare the chosen menu.

Demo/participation classes are modified demo classes where the chef prepares and demonstrates the recipes with some hands-on help from guests who would like to be involved. Host may choose a full demonstration class or to have only 1 or 2 dishes demonstrated to allow more time for guests to mingle and visit with each other. Choose either a full-meal or smaller taste portions of the demonstrated recipes. Each guest will receive copies of all recipes prepared in class.

- Pricing: Starting at \$50/person* (taste portions); Starting at \$65/person* (full meal)
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- Capacity: Maximum 16 guests (full meal); Maximum 20 guests (taste portions) on-site at Vicini (variable based on host's kitchen for in-home events)
- Length: 2 – 3 hours

Additional options (call for pricing)

- Custom aprons to commemorate your event
- Paper chef hats
- Prizes for culinary competitions
- Goody bags/guest favors

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Sample Menus

Choose from one of our sample menus below or work with our chef instructors to customize an event unique to your group. Menus/prices are subject to change based on ingredient availability and variable food cost. Most menus are appropriate for either a demonstration (D) or hands-on (HO) format as indicated. A dinner party format (no instruction) is also available. Please specify your format preference at time of booking.

Small plates (\$70-90/person*)

Asian fusion (D or HO):

Sushi-California rolls and spicy tuna rolls
Vietnamese spring rolls
Crab rangoon
Shrimp and pork shumai
Potstickers

Elegant Hors d'oeuvres (D or HO):

Cherry tomatoes stuffed with roasted garlic cream cheese
Baked Crab Rangoon in wonton cups
Freshly Shucked Oysters with Mignonette
Smoked salmon canapés

These items will be available when guests arrive:

- Cheese plate served with assorted crackers
- Crudités with Tzatziki Cucumber Yogurt Dip

Spanish Tapas (D or HO):

Chimichurri flank steak crostini
Crab croquettes with red pepper dipping sauce
Potato and saffron tortilla
Garlic steamed mussels

These items will be available when guests arrive:

- Cheese plate with assorted crackers
- A selection of Spanish olives and nuts

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Delectable Dinners (\$75-100/person*)

Hands-on Pasta Workshop (HO only):

Attention pasta lovers! Join us for this hands-on pasta workshop where you'll learn techniques for preparing fresh pasta dough and create a variety of hand-rolled, stuffed, and machine-cut pasta shapes. Antipasti will be provided to snack on throughout class. We'll conclude class with a pasta meal of some of your creations (if desired) and/or students will leave with a selection of handmade pastas to enjoy at home.

Pasta Party (HO or D):

Hors d'oeuvres (prepared in advance): Antipasti platter

Made-from-scratch pasta: Choice of 1 ravioli, 1 non-stuffed pasta, and 2 sauces

- Ravioli (choose 1): mushroom, butternut squash, spinach, 3 cheese, basil and goat cheese, Sweet corn-lobster (+\$2/person), Seasonal
- Non-stuffed Pasta (choose 1): fettucine, spaghetti, tagliatelle, farfalle, garganelli
- Sauces (choose 2): Arugula-almond pesto, Three cheese sauce, Vodka tomato-cream, Pomodoro, Puttanesca, Roasted red pepper pesto

Dessert (choose 1): Tiramisu or Torta Caprese (flourless chocolate cake)

Quick and Easy Meals (D or HO)

Pan-seared chicken breast or pork tenderloin with pan sauce

- Choice of chicken breast OR pork tenderloin
- Choice of piccata, marsala, apricot-orange, brown ale, michelada, mojito, cherry-port, balsamic-fig, or mustard-cider sauces

Glazed wild salmon

- Choice of honey-chipotle, balsamic-tarragon, honey-lemon, maple-horseradish, ginger-orange, or michelada glazes

Roasted seasonal vegetable and chef-selected grain

Taste of China (D or HO):

Crab Rangoon

Hot and Sour Soup

General Tao's Chicken

Gingered pear crisp with five-spice whipped cream

French Classic Sauces (D only):

Vinaigrette-Walnut arugula salad with Champagne vinaigrette

Béchamel-Leek and Potato au gratin

Hollandaise-over asparagus

Bordelaise-Steak au poivre with Bordelaise sauce (add \$5/person for filet mignon)

Coulis-Flourless chocolate cake with raspberry coulis

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French Country Fare (D only):

Brie en croute
Walnut arugula salad
Coq au vin (chicken stewed in red wine) **OR** Beef Bourguignon
Crème Brulee

An Evening in Provence (D or HO):

White wine steamed mussels with tarragon
Halibut Provencal
Baked ratatouille
Lavender Crème Brulee

Vegetarian Winter Squash (D or HO):

Butternut squash and apple soup
Squash Risotto served in roasted acorn squash
Pumpkin Mousse with pumpkin seed brittle

Regional Italian (D or HO):

Caprese or Winter Caprese Salad
Basil Artichoke Risotto
Tuscan Seafood Stew
Tiramisu

Southern Celebration (D or HO):

Fried green tomato stacked salad
Cheddar Grits
Baked macaroni and Cheese
Pomegranate-glazed Ham
Peach cobbler

Mexican Fiesta (D or HO):

Classic guacamole with tortilla chips
Chile rellenos de queso
Seared tuna tacos with grilled pineapple salsa
Coconut sorbet with mango-lime coulis

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Elegant Dinner (D or HO):

Crab croquettes with red pepper dipping sauce
Basil artichoke risotto
Herb-crusted rack of lamb
Dark chocolate espresso mousse

Night on the town (D or HO):

Oysters Rockefeller
Basil and goat cheese ravioli with red pepper pesto
Red pepper steak roulade with creamy parmesan polenta
Champagne and roses sorbet (prepared in advance)

Latin Fusion (D or HO):

Potato and chorizo empanadas
Tomato gazpacho with cilantro-lime cream
Argentinean flank steak with chimichurri
Mexican chocolate cake with toasted almonds

Flavors of Japan (D or HO):

Miso soup
Sweet and sour cucumber salad
Assorted maki rolls (California, spicy tuna, asparagus)
Chicken teriyaki
Green tea mochi

Sushi (D or HO)

Miso soup
Sweet and sour cucumber salad
Assorted maki rolls (California, spicy tuna, asparagus)
Assorted nigiri

Gadget Party (HO only):

The perfect party for a wedding shower to show the bride and groom what to do with all those kitchen gadgets they registered for. Group is split into teams and paired with an appliance often found on wedding registries to prepare a course for all the guests to enjoy.

Stand mixer: Mushroom Empanadas

Blender: Tomato Gazpacho with cilantro-lime cream

Food Processor: Argentinean flank steak with chimichurri

Ice cream maker: Coconut Sorbet with Mango-lime Coulis

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Luscious Lunches/Brunches (\$65-85/person*)

Bistro Lunch (D or HO):

French onion soup
Croque monsieur **OR** Mushroom and Leek Quiche
Nicoise Salad
Chocolate mousse

Sunday Brunch Buffet (HO or D):

Potato pancakes with smoked salmon and crème fraiche
Asparagus, leek, and prosciutto quiche
Citrus Salad
Challah French toast with maple apple butter
Parmesan Pear Scones

Afternoon Tea (HO or D):

Cranberry Orange Scones
Assorted Tea sandwiches
Lemon cakes with lemon glaze
Caramelized onion tartlets
Assorted Hot and iced teas

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