St. Patrick's Ribfest, September 12, 2026

St. Patrick Catholic Church
19921 Nightingale St. NW, Oak Grove, MN 55011

Rules for Pitmaster/Team

- **Pre-registration** is required.
- **Hold Harmless Agreement** due at check-in.
- **No refunds**; the event runs rain or shine.
- Teams need one pitmaster and any number of helpers.
- All smoker types are allowed.
- 10x20 spaces assigned at check-in; no parking in cooking zones.
- **No rib handouts** without written permission from St. Patrick's Church.
- **Only on-site alcohol** is allowed.

COOKING:

- Each team receives a **minimum of 10** St. Louis-style ribs provided by St. Patrick's. Teams are encouraged to cook as many as possible.
- Teams must comply with all food safety and health sanitation requirements.
- St. Patrick's provides the ribs, grilling space, serving boats, and paper towels. Teams must bring all other necessary supplies.
- All ribs must be cooked entirely on-site.
- Power is limited. Please contact Tom Matlon at tom.matlon@gmail.com to reserve a spot.

JUDGING:

- **Judges: Three professional Minnesota Barbeque Society judges will score entries and determine the Grand and Reserve Champions.**
- **Submission:** Each team must submit two entry boxes (provided by St. Patricks), each containing exactly three ribs.
- **Criteria:** Ribs are scored on a 10-point scale (10 being the highest) for Taste, Tenderness, and Appearance.
- In case of a tie, the appearance score is dropped; if a tie persists, the head judge will declare the winner.
- Garnish is optional and must strictly follow Minnesota Barbeque Society guidelines.
- **The strict turn-in time is 6:00 PM**
- **All remaining ribs** go on sale to the public immediately after judging submission. Price: 3 tokens per rib. Tokens only — no cash.
- Attendees will vote for their favorite rib using special tickets. The team with the most votes wins the People's Choice Award. We encourage teams to prepare extra ribs, as a higher volume of samples directly increases your chances of winning.

QUESTIONS?

Contact Tom Matlon at (763)427-0478 or tom.matlon@gmail.com.

Pitmaster/Team Registration

Entry fee of $100 due by September 1, 2026.

Hold Harmless Agreement

By signing below, the applicant/participant expressly agrees to assume full and sole responsibility for, and hold St Patrick's Church harmless from, any and all liabilities arising from the applicants, applicant's agents, and representatives' conduct and actions.

Applicant/participant understands that he/she is solely liable for any and all claims and losses related to his/her actions and products exhibited, created, or brought to the event.

Applicant/participant also understands that there will be NO REFUNDS due to inclement weather, ejection, disqualification, or other occurrences beyond the control of St. Patricks Catholic Church.

I have read and agree to abide by the hold harmless agreement, rules, and refund policy.

Pitmaster Name (please print)_____

Team Name (please print)_____

Address:_____

E-mail:_____

Cell Phone:_____

Signature:_____ Date:_____

Requested number of racks (10 minimum): _____

Please help with our fundraising efforts by COOKING AS MANY AS YOU CAN!