

Dear Cuisine for the Spirit friends,

Cuisine for the Spirit is a wonderful way to meet fellow parishioners, develop friendships and expand our parish family. For those of you who are new to the experience, “welcome,” for those returning, “welcome back.” This experience truly is one of the unique attributes of our church community which makes St. Mark Catholic Church such a welcoming parish. .

We would just like to give a quick explanation of how this works for everyone. First things first, the first two pages following this letter (**check your mail or email for the roster**) are the complete roster listing names, addresses, phone numbers and email addresses of everyone who is involved. **Please check this information right away to make sure it is complete and correct, if not, please call, mail or email corrections to John and Rita Schmisek so we can send out a revised list to everyone...also mark the dinner dates down in your calendars!**

Note the number which is next to your name from the roster, wherever you see that number on the schedule that is your dinner arrangement. There is a legend at the bottom of the schedule that explains what each capitol letter represents to let you know what your dinner “task” is. After you have located your number, the other numbers in the same column are the other parishioners you get to meet over dinner! We make an effort to make sure that each month you bring something different, but sometimes a recurring encounter or meal “assignment” may occur.

If you are the “host” family, please contact the other participants within your group **at least the week** before the scheduled dinner to inform them of the time, directions to your home, and what you plan on preparing for the main course so your guests can bring something to compliment your entree. As the host, if the “scheduled date” is inconvenient, you can change the date, whatever works for you, it’s your dinner! If you are going to be out of town the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month, then change the day to a Friday, Sunday, etc. whenever you can get everyone to come together. We would like FULL participation from everyone, please try **not** to cancel a dinner altogether!

If you are a guest scheduled to provide other items for the dinner but cannot attend, as a courtesy, it is your responsibility to call the host as soon as possible if you can not make a dinner! Please don’t wait until the night of the dinner! This is very unfair to the host who has put a lot of time in arranging, and preparing for a certain number of people to attend that nights dinner. If you must cancel, please try and help the host, by looking for a substitute. Remember to always keep this commitment on your calendar every month; everyone looks forward to these dinners, meeting new people and making new friends! We currently have 53 participating households and a solid list of substitutes, but you can always invite someone extra, family, or other friends if you would like to and above all, have fun and enjoy each others company!

God Bless everyone and Bon Appetite,  
John and Rita Schmisek

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