

Sponsored and run by the STA High School Youth Group

# STA Chili Cook-Off

Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2026 @ 4:30pm in the Aquinas Center



## 2026 Registration Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime phone \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Space is limited to 25 entries, please register early!

\$25 registration fee includes tasting privileges for the cook only

Cash or check accepted (please make checks payable to St. Thomas Aquinas)

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*Keep lower portion for your records*

### **Rules & Regulations**

1. Each contestant must fill out the registration form in pen and answer every question. One person per registration form, please. Limit of 2 entries per person.
2. Registration fee is \$25.00 (cash or check) and must be submitted with the registration form **to the parish office or a youth group leader** no later than **Thursday, April 30th, 2026**. Each registration fee includes tasting privileges for the cook only.
3. **You may call the parish office to register, but your registration form and payment must be received within 3 business days of calling or your registration cannot be confirmed. We can only accommodate 25 registrations. You will be notified when your registration is confirmed.**
4. Check in at the welcome table just inside the Aquinas Center doors **no later than 4:30pm**. For safety purposes, your chili will be temperature checked at **5:00pm** by a volunteer to ensure **it is at least 165°F**. If it is not, your chili cannot be served, and no registration refund will be given. A crock pot set to high can achieve this temperature easily, but you should check / verify this at home beforehand.
5. Someone must be representing your chili during the entire chili cook-off and will be responsible for serving the tasters who visit your table. Please use good food safety practices while serving.
6. Please prepare at least 8 quarts of chili. Each taster will receive 1 oz. of your chili. Tasting cups, 1 oz serving ladles, spoons, napkins, serving gloves, and tables will be provided by the youth group.
7. Contestants must supply their own crock pots, extension cords, and any other desired items. Chili must be made off premises & a list of your chili's ingredients must be clearly displayed next to your chili.
8. All contestants will be judged starting at **6:00pm with awards presented by 8:00pm**. Blind judging will be based on appearance, aroma, originality, texture and taste. Heat index will also be a consideration, but hotter isn't necessarily better. People's Choice judging will be made by the tasters, who will vote for their overall favorite chili.
9. In addition to bragging rights and ribbons, awards are as follows: \$100 for 1st place; \$50 for 2nd place; \$25 for 3rd place; \$50 for People's Choice. You must be present to win.
10. Each contestant is responsible for cleaning his/her area at the end of the cook-off.

*All proceeds go toward supporting the STA HS Youth Group Ministries.*

*Thank you for your support, and good luck!*