



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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October 25, 2025

11:00AM - 4:00PM

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH
1015 BAKER STREET COSTA MESA

12th Annual

Chili Cook-Off Rules

Chili Contestants are encouraged to show up as early as 10am to start setting up their station.

The event starts promptly at 11am. Please be ready to serve your chili at that time.

Contestants will be arranged 2 per EZ-Up sharing 2 tables - 4 feet of space each

You may want to bring a small table for setup behind the booth if you plan to bring lots of extra items.

Only 2 people per station at a time due to limited space.

Create and decorate a sign naming your chili, indicating key ingredients (especially for allergies) and heat level.

Tables may be decorated however you like but bear in mind you only have about 4 feet as the tables are shared.

You will be supplied with one 110 power outlet - perfect for a crock-pot to keep your chili warm.

We encourage camp stoves or other heating sources that do not require electricity for additional chili warming.

We will be selling wristbands the day of the event for people who want to taste the chili.

Wristbands are good for unlimited tastings. Please encourage people to try all the chilis.

For those wanting to taste your chili without a wristband, please direct them to purchase one.

Serving chili to those not wearing wristbands takes away from the fundraising of our event.

Tasting spoons, 2 oz serving cups, and napkins will be provided to you throughout the event.

Please do not bring your own servings cups!

You will need to bring a serving spoon (2 oz ideal, - 2 tablespoons is 2 oz).

Your chili may contain whatever contents you like, anything goes.

You may also bring whatever side items you like.

You must be willing to eat your own chili!

We recommend making at least 3 gallons of chili.

A blind judging will take place around noon, 1 hour into the event. Containers will be provided to you with a number on the bottom indicating your booth at the start of the event.

Blind judging will be made based on color/appearance, aroma, taste, consistency/balance, and aftertaste.

No side items allowed in or with your chili for the blind judging.

The heat level of your chili is at your discretion.

Points will be awarded as follows:

Visual Appeal (15), Aroma (15), Taste (30), Consistency (25), Aftertaste (15)

Top 3 combined scores will be determined as the winners.

Winners will be announced around 3:00pm

Contest Awards

1st Prize	\$300	+ Commemorative Golden Ladle Award
2nd Prize	\$200	
3rd Prize	\$100	

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