



Happy Chef Restaurant

Where Nostalgia meets Modern

Proudly serving great food to the Mankato area since 1963.

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THE BREAKFAST CLASSICS

COUNTRY BREAKFAST*

Two Eggs, golden hash browns and choice of four bacon strips, four sausage links, two sausage patties or slice of ham. Served with toast and jelly. 9.99

COUNTRY FRIED STEAK & EGGS*

Golden fried beef steak topped with country gravy. Served with two eggs, golden hash browns, toast and jelly. 12.99

HUNGRYMAN*

Three eggs, golden hash browns, three bacon strips and three sausage links. Served with choice of two sweet cream buttermilk pancakes or toast and jelly. 13.29

CORNED BEEF HASH*

Topped with two eggs, served with golden hash browns, toast and jelly. 10.79

LUMBERJACK*

Three eggs, golden hash browns and a half-pound chopped beef steak. Served with choice of two sweet cream buttermilk pancakes or toast and jelly. 13.99



SOUTHERN SKILLET*

Seasoned pork crumbles, grilled onions, fresh peppers, served on a bed of golden fried cubed potatoes, sprinkled with Cajun seasoning and topped with country gravy and two eggs. Choice of baked muffin, two sweet cream buttermilk pancakes or toast and jelly. 13.99

BISCUITS & GRAVY PLATTER*

Our homemade sausage gravy served over split buttermilk biscuits. Served with two eggs and golden hash browns. 11.59
Just Biscuits & Gravy. 7.49

ULTIMATE 3-MEAT & CHEESE SKILLET*

Diced ham, sausage, bacon, grilled onions, fresh peppers, shredded cheddar cheese served on a bed of golden fried cubed potatoes and topped with two eggs. Choice of baked muffin, two sweet cream buttermilk pancakes or toast and jelly. 13.99

EGGS BENEDICT*

A grilled English muffin topped with shaved ham, two poached eggs and creamy hollandaise sauce. Served with golden hash browns. 11.99

NEW YORK STRIP STEAK & EGGS*

10 oz. fresh, never frozen Center Cut New York Strip, two eggs and golden hash browns. Served with choice of two sweet cream buttermilk pancakes or toast and jelly. 21.99

Omelettes

Omelettes include golden hash browns and choice of baked muffin, two sweet cream buttermilk pancakes or toast and jelly.

HAM & CHEESE

Loaded with ham and shredded cheddar cheese. A classic. 11.29

SUPREME

Filled with ham, fresh peppers, onions, mushrooms, tomatoes and shredded cheddar cheese. This is supremely satisfying. See what we did there? 13.99

FARMERS

Filled with ham, sausage, bacon and shredded cheddar cheese. It's meatastic! 12.99

GARDEN HARVEST

A veggie paradise - loaded with fresh peppers, tomatoes, onions, mushrooms and shredded cheddar cheese. 11.79

BACON & CHEESE

Did you say Bacon? Bacon makes everything great. Lots of bacon and shredded cheddar cheese inside. 11.49

SAUSAGE GRILLER

Seasoned sausage crumbles and fresh grilled onions make this one delicious... oh and the shredded cheddar cheese. 11.49

DENVER

Ham, fresh peppers, onions, pepper jack and cheddar cheese. Lots of cheese on this one! 12.99

MUSHROOM & SWISS

Be the "fungi" at your table and order this one! 10.99

CHEESE

If you are lactose intolerant, it's best to stay away from this one. Lots of cheesy goodness inside (much like these menu descriptions)! 8.99

Off the Griddle

FRENCH TOAST

Four slices of batter-dipped French bread sprinkled with cinnamon sugar. Pretty basic yet filling and delicious. 7.59
Add Strawberries and whipped topping. 8.89

FRENCH TOAST SAMPLER*

Two eggs, golden hash browns, two slices of French toast and two strips of bacon or two sausage links. Our #1 best seller for over 50 years! Now that's consistency. 10.29

BELGIAN WAFFLE SAMPLER*

Two eggs, golden hash browns, choice of half or full Belgian Waffle and two strips of bacon or two sausage links. Half waffle or a whole waffle: How hungry are you? Half 10.29 | Full 11.49

BUTTERMILK PANCAKES

Four of our light, fluffy secret recipe sweet cream buttermilk pancakes. The foundation upon which we are built. 7.29
Add Strawberries and whipped topping. 8.59

BUTTERMILK SAMPLER*

Two eggs, golden hash browns, two sweet cream buttermilk pancakes and two strips of bacon or two sausage links. 10.29

BLUEBERRY PANCAKES

Three light and fluffy sweet cream buttermilk pancakes filled with whole blueberries and topped with real whipped cream. Try them with our signature blueberry syrup and you might just find yourself in heaven. 7.99



CINNAMON ROLL PANCAKES

Three light and fluffy sweet cream buttermilk pancakes filled with our homemade cinnamon glaze and topped with vanilla frosting. These pancakes are World Class Amazing! 7.99

CHOCOLATE CHIP PANCAKES

What's that? We should put chocolate chips into three of our already delicious pancakes and top them with whipped cream? Challenge accepted. 7.99

Breakfast Sides

OATMEAL 4.69

CINNAMON ROLL 5.49

TOAST & JELLY 2.99

BAKED MUFFIN 4.49

ENGLISH MUFFIN 4.29

BAGEL w/Cream Cheese 4.49

HASH BROWNS 3.99

BACON, HAM OR SAUSAGE (Links or Patties) 3.99

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Fresh Salads

TACO SALAD

Mixed greens, taco meat, cheddar cheese, tomatoes and ripe olives on top of and surrounded by nacho cheese tortilla chips. Topped with sour cream and served with our own fresh chipotle salsa. 12.39

CHEF SALAD

Mixed greens, sliced turkey, ham, cheddar cheese, ripe olives, tomatoes and a sliced egg. Served with choice of dressing and a parmesan bread stick. 11.99

CHICKEN CRUNCH SALAD

Crispy Chicken tenders, mixed greens, cheddar cheese, sliced egg, ripe olives, tomato, cucumber and red onion. Served with choice of dressing and a parmesan bread stick. 12.99
To upgrade to a grilled chicken breast add 1.49.

SUPER GARDEN SALAD

Garden greens topped with tomato slices, cucumber, red onion, ripe olives, sliced egg and cheddar cheese. Served with choice of dressing and a parmesan bread stick. 10.29

Soups

HOMEMADE VEGETABLE BEEF

Tender chunks of beef with a variety of garden vegetables.

SPECIALTY SOUP OF THE DAY

Ask your server about our daily selections.

HOMEMADE CHILI

Rich Midwestern chili simmered with our own selected seasonings. Smothered with sour cream, cheddar and onions add 1.49.
Cup 4.69 | Bowl 6.99

BOWL OF SOUP OR CHILI with 2 Breadsticks 8.49

CUP OF SOUP OR CHILI with 1 Breadstick 5.99

BOWL OF SOUP OR CHILI with side salad 8.99

CUP OF SOUP OR CHILI with side salad 6.69



Welcome to our Happy Chef Senior Citizen Club!

Happy Chef appreciates the patronage of all our guests, but we have something special for our Seniors, 55 years or older. Just ask for your registration card to get signed up. The birthday mailing includes any meal from the 55 Plus Menu, discounted to the percentage of your age.

55+ Breakfast

CAKES & EGGS*

Two sweet cream buttermilk pancakes, two eggs and two bacon strips or two sausage links. 8.59

FRENCH TOAST & EGGS*

Two slices French toast, two eggs, and two bacon strips or two sausage links. 8.59

BELGIAN WAFFLE

Crispy outside, light and fluffy inside. 8.49
With strawberries and whipped topping. 8.99

EGGS & HASH BROWNS*

Two eggs, golden hash browns, two bacon strips or two sausage links, toast & jelly. 8.59

CLUB 55 OMELETTE

Three egg omelette filled with ham and shredded cheddar cheese. Served with golden hash browns, toast & jelly. 10.29

55+ Lunch & Dinner

55 Plus dinners include freshly baked bread and two of the following sides:

Side Salad • Baked Potato • Mashed Potatoes • Cup of Soup • Hash Browns • Cajun Seasoned Fries
Cottage Cheese • French Fries • Dutch Apple Pie • Fried Cubed Potatoes • Coleslaw • Dressing
American Fries • Broccoli Florets • Buttered Corn

HOMEMADE MEATLOAF

A generous portion of a Midwest classic topped with our flavorful beef gravy. 12.69

COUNTRY FRIED STEAK

Golden fried beef steak with country gravy. 13.29

TILAPIA FILLET

Tilapia fillet offers a pleasantly mild flavor. Grilled or golden fried. 13.99

CHOPPED STEAK*

An 8 oz. serving of lean, top quality beef. 13.49

TURKEY & DRESSING

Tender oven-roasted sliced turkey breast and dressing. Topped with rich turkey gravy and served with cranberry sauce. 13.69

LIVER & ONIONS

Served with sautéed onions and crisp bacon strips. 13.29

55+ Sandwiches

HALF HOT BEEF SANDWICH

Our homemade tender roast beef served between a slice of white bread, mashed potatoes and topped with gravy. 7.99

HALF HOT TURKEY SANDWICH

Our turkey breast which we season, cook and slice right here in the restaurant served between a slice of white bread, mashed potatoes and topped with gravy. 7.99

BURGER SANDWICH*

1/3 lb. fresh ground beef patty served on a bakery fresh bun. Served with choice of French fries, side salad, cup of soup or coleslaw. 8.59

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Appetizers

MOZZARELLA STICKS

Mozzarella cheese, batter dipped and golden fried. Served with marinara sauce. 9.99

CHEESE CURDS

Breaded cheese curds served with spicy ranch for dipping. 8.99

BEER BATTERED ONION RINGS

Sweet onions, thick cut and dipped in a premium draft beer batter. 9.29

COMBINATION PLATTER

Mozzarella Sticks, cheese curds, pickle spears and onion rings served with marinara and your choice of ranch or spicy ranch for dipping. 13.29

FRIED PICKLE SPEARS

Ice box dills, lightly coated with dill breading and golden fried. Served with ranch dressing. 9.29

THE CHEF’S FRENCH FRIES

A skillet full of our French fries with Cajun seasoning. Served with a side of ranch. 4.49

BRUNCH QUESADILLA

A crispy garden herb tortilla filled with cheddar cheese, bacon, fresh peppers and onions. Served with lettuce, fresh chipotle salsa, sour cream and black olives. 10.49

COMFORT CLASSICS

These are the foods that make you feel all warm and fuzzy.

HOT BEEF SANDWICH

Our homemade tender roast beef served between two slices of white bread with mashed potatoes and topped with gravy. 10.99

MEATLOAF STACKER

Our homemade, secret recipe, meatloaf piled on grilled French bread with mashed potatoes and gravy, with it all topped with deep fried onion rings. 11.29

HOT TURKEY SANDWICH

Our turkey breast, which we season, cook and slice right here in the restaurant, served between two slices of white bread with mashed potatoes and topped with gravy. 10.99

CHICKEN TENDERS

Fried chicken tenders served with French Fries, coleslaw and dipping sauce. 12.49 Choose from homemade BBQ, Honey Mustard or Ranch.

FISH & CHIPS

Beer battered Cod, golden fried. Served with coleslaw and homemade potato chips with our Cajun mayo. 11.99

Burgers

All burgers are served with a choice of French Fries, side salad, coleslaw or cup of soup. Burger only deduct 1.75. Our burgers are made with a fresh, never frozen 1/3 lb. Angus beef patty. To upgrade to a 1/2 lb. fresh, never frozen Angus beef patty add 1.99. To substitute a grilled chicken breast on any burger add 1.49.

HAMBURGER*

A burger cooked to perfection and served on a bakery fresh bun. 9.59

BACON CHEESEBURGER*

A burger with melted American cheese and bacon on a bakery fresh bun. The American classic! 11.99

PATTY MELT*

A burger with grilled onions and melted Swiss and American cheese between two slices of marble rye bread. 12.29

JACK DANIELS BURGER*

A burger with sautéed onions and fresh mushrooms topped with our own signature Jack Daniels sauce served on a bakery fresh bun. 11.99

CHEESE BURGER*

Burger topped with melted American cheese on a bakery fresh bun. 10.59

MUSHROOM & SWISS BURGER*

Burger topped with sautéed fresh mushrooms and Swiss cheese served on a bakery fresh bun with a side of sour cream. 11.99

RAJUN CAJUN BURGER*

Pure deliciousness! A burger topped with fresh sautéed peppers, onions and Swiss cheese all seasoned with a healthy amount of Cajun seasoning. 12.29

BURGER & EGG SANDWICH*

A burger topped with golden hash browns, slice of American cheese, one egg cooked to order. Served on a bakery fresh bun. 11.99

Dinners

Our signature dinners include freshly baked bread, choice of broccoli florets or buttered corn and two of the following sides:

Side Salad • Baked Potato • Mashed Potatoes • Cup of Soup • Hash Browns • Cajun Seasoned Fries Cottage Cheese • French Fries • Dutch Apple Pie • Fried Cubed Potatoes • Coleslaw • American Fries

COUNTRY FRIED STEAK*

Golden fried beef steak topped with country gravy. 14.99

NEW YORK STRIP STEAK*

10 oz. fresh, never frozen Center Cut New York Strip grilled to perfection. 20.49

SHRIMP DINNER

Beer battered shrimp served with a lemon wedge and cocktail sauce. 12.99

MEATLOAF DINNER

Our famous, homemade Meatloaf with gravy. Some say it’s just like family used to make. 12.99

JACK DANIELS NEW YORK STRIP STEAK*

10 oz. fresh, never frozen Center Cut New York Strip smothered with sautéed onions and mushrooms and topped with our signature, homemade Jack Daniels Glaze. 23.99

TILAPIA

Farm raised Tilapia rolled in our special seasoning served with tartar and a lemon wedge. Grilled or golden fried. 14.69

PORK TENDERLOIN DINNER

Our signature hand breaded pork tenderloin rolled in panko breading and fried golden brown and topped with country gravy. 14.99

Sandwiches

All sandwiches are served with a choice of French Fries, side salad, coleslaw or cup of soup. Sandwich only deduct 1.75.

SLOPPY JOE

Our famous sloppy joe on a bakery fresh bun. Our own secret recipe. Seriously, ask anyone in Mankato and we bet they heard of our Sloppy Joe. 9.99

PULLED PORK

Our slowly oven roasted pork served on a bakery fresh bun with a side of our homemade BBQ. Seasoned, cooked and pulled right here in the restaurant. 9.99

BACON, LETTUCE & TOMATO

Crispy bacon, lettuce, mayo and tomato between two slices of toast. Pretty self-explanatory. 9.99

CLUB DELUXE

Our triple-decker with sliced turkey breast, ham, bacon, lettuce, mayo and tomato between three slices of toast. 12.59

REUBEN MELT

Sliced corned beef, sauerkraut and Swiss cheese between two slices of grilled marble rye bread. Served with Thousand Island dressing. 11.99

CHICKEN MELT

Fried chicken tenders, crisp bacon strips with Swiss and American cheese between two sliced of grilled white bread. 12.99 To upgrade to a grilled chicken breast add 1.49

PORK TENDERLOIN

Hand breaded pork tenderloin, rolled in panko breading, fried golden brown and served on a bakery fresh bun. Nothing else like it in Mankato! Made right here in the restaurant. 11.49

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