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**READERS'
CHOICE**

*Mike Emerson
of Pappy's
Smokehouse,
your favorite
barbecue*



FAVORITE RESTAURANT

SIDNEY STREET CAFE




Kevin Nashan took over Sidney Street Cafe in 2003. Here, he reflects on the lessons he's learned running the beloved Benton Park restaurant for the past decade. - Meera Nagarajan

The greatest lesson Sidney Street Cafe has taught me? Listening - to my wife, my brother, back of the house, front of the house, customers. It helps you grow. It makes you better.

The first time we put foie gras on the menu, we were so excited and nobody ordered it. Another time, we did a mackerel dish and we loved it but customers didn't get it. A year later? Customers wanted it. Sometimes they're ready, and sometimes they're not. *You have to listen.*

SIDNEY STREET CAFE

2000 Sidney St.,
St. Louis, 314.771.5777,
sidneystreetcafe.com



Honestly, it's harder to take over a restaurant because the expectations are so high. You know what's worked and what hasn't. You just don't know if you should change anything ... *It takes time and a little courage.*

When we took over Sidney Street, we were under a microscope, but we knew people would show up because there was an existing clientele. With Peacemaker (Nashan's new restaurant to open in the coming weeks), we get to be creative instantly with the food. There's no model to follow.

You always want to re-polish. Before I make a vichyssoise, I research it because there's always room for improvement. *You want to respect your craft and the way you do that is by doing your homework.*



your favorite places to eat |

The Breakfast Wagyu Burger at Blueberry Hill, voted favorite place to get a burger



Favorite Burger

BLUEBERRY HILL

6504 Delmar Blvd., University City,
314.727.4444, blueberryhill.com

2nd: Five Star Burgers

3rd: O'Connell's Pub

Honorable Mention: The Dam

Favorite Cheap Eats

FAST EDDIE'S BON AIR

1530 E. 4th St., Alton, 618.462.5532,
fasteddiesbonair.com

2nd: Mission Taco Joint

3rd: Southwest Diner

Honorable Mention: Seoul Taco

Favorite Cupcake

THE CUP

Various locations, cravethecup.com

2nd: Jilly's Cupcake Bar & Café

3rd: The Sweet Divine

Honorable Mention: Sarah's
Cake Shop

Favorite Deli

BLUES CITY DELI

2438 McNair Ave., St. Louis,
314.773.8225, bluescitydeli.com

2nd: Pickles Deli

3rd: Mom's Deli

Honorable Mention: Gioia's Deli



Favorite New Restaurant

THE LIBERTINE

7927 Forsyth Blvd, Clayton,
314.862.2999, libertinestl.com

2nd: Planter's House

3rd: Element and
Mission Taco Joint (tie)

Honorable Mention: Juniper

Favorite Restaurant

SIDNEY STREET CAFE

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St. Louis, 314.771.5777,
sidneystreetcafe.com

2nd: Pastaria

3rd: Pappy's Smokehouse

Honorable Mention: Mai Lee

Favorite Chef

**ED HEATH,
CLEVELAND-HEATH**

2nd: Gerard Craft, Niche family
of restaurants

3rd: Kevin Nashan, Sidney Street
Cafe and Ben Poremba, Elaia
and Olio (tie)

Honorable Mention: Josh
Galliano, The Libertine

Favorite Barbecue

PAPPY'S SMOKEHOUSE

3106 Olive St.,
St. Louis, 314.535.4340,
pappysmokehouse.com

2nd: Bogart's Smokehouse

3rd: Sugarfire Smoke House

Honorable Mention: The
Shaved Duck

Favorite Brunch

HALF & HALF

8133 Maryland Ave., Clayton,
314.725.0719, halfandhalfstl.com

2nd: Brasserie by Niche

3rd: Rooster

Honorable Mention: Café
Osage

Favorite Buffet

EVEREST CAFÉ & BAR

4145 Manchester Ave., St. Louis,
314.531.4800,
everestcafeandbar.com

2nd: House of India

3rd: Cielo Restaurant and Bar

Honorable Mention: The
Emperor's Palace

Favorite Desserts

CYRANO'S CAFE

603 E. Lockwood Ave., Webster
Groves, 314.963.3232, cyranos.com

2nd: Baileys' Chocolate Bar

3rd: Element

Honorable Mention: The
Fountain On Locust

Favorite Food Truck

GUERRILLA STREET FOOD

314.529.1328,
guerillastreetfood.com

2nd: Seoul Taco

3rd: Lulu's Local Eatery

Honorable Mention: Cha
Cha Chow

Favorite Frozen Dessert

**TED DREWES FROZEN
CUSTARD**

6726 Chippewa St., St. Louis,
314.481.2652 and 4224 S. Grand
Blvd., St. Louis, 314.352.7376,
teddrewes.com



2nd: Bobby's Frozen Custard
3rd: Serendipity Homemade Ice Cream
Honorable Mention: Annie's Frozen Custard

Favorite Gluten Free
NEW DAY GLUTEN FREE

15622 Manchester Road, Ellisville, Missouri, 636.527.5000, newdayglutenfree.com
2nd: PW Pizza
3rd: Whisk: A Sustainable Bakeshop
Honorable Mention: Frida's

Favorite Late Night Eats
CITY DINER

3139 S. Grand Blvd., St. Louis, 314.772.6100, citydinerstl.com
2nd: The Dam
3rd: Mission Taco Joint
Honorable Mention: Uncle Bill's Pancake & Dinner House

Favorite Pizza
PI PIZZERIA

Various locations, restaurantpi.com
2nd: Dewey's Pizza
3rd: Mad Tomato
Honorable Mentions: The Good Pie and Peel Wood Fired Pizza (tie)

Favorite Patio
JOHN D. MCGURK'S IRISH PUB & GARDEN

1200 Russell Blvd., St. Louis, 314.776.8309, mcgurks.com
2nd: Vin De Set
3rd: Billy G's Kirkwood and Molly's in Soulard (tie)

2nd: DeMun Oyster Bar
3rd: Tavern Kitchen & Bar
Honorable Mentions: Oceano Bistro

Favorite American, nouveau
NICHE

7734 Forsyth Blvd., Clayton, 314.773.7755, nichestlouis.com
2nd: Sidney Street Cafe
3rd: Elaia
Honorable Mention: Farmhaus and Five Bistro (tie)

Favorite American, traditional
ANNIE GUNN'S

16806 Chesterfield Airport Road, Chesterfield, 636.532.7684, smokehousemarket.com
2nd: The Restaurant at The Cheshire
3rd: Eleven Eleven Mississippi and Harvest (closed) (tie)
Honorable Mention: Herbie's Vintage 72

Favorite Cajun/Creole
BROADWAY OYSTER BAR

736 S. Broadway, St. Louis, 314.621.8811, broadwayoysterbar.com
2nd: Riverbend Restaurant & Bar
3rd: Boogaloo
Honorable Mention: Gulf Shores Restaurant & Grill

Favorite Chinese
LU LU SEAFOOD & DIM SUM

8224 Olive Blvd., University City, 314.997.3108, luluseafoodrestaurant.com

St. Louis, 314.535.0551, thecottisharms.com
2nd: Dressel's Public House and The Dubliner (tie)
3rd: John D. McGurk's Irish Pub
Honorable Mention: Llywelyn's Pub

Favorite French
BRASSERIE BY NICHE

4580 Laclede Ave., St. Louis, 314.454.0600, brasseriebyniche.com
2nd: Atlas Restaurant
3rd: Cafe Provencal and Stone Soup Cottage (tie)
Honorable Mentions: Bar Les Frères

Favorite German
SCHNEITHORST'S RESTAURANT & BAR

1600 S. Lindbergh Blvd., Ladue, 314.993.4100, schneithorsts.com
2nd: Dreamland Palace
3rd: Roemer Topf Restaurant
Honorable Mention: Bevo Mill

Favorite Greek
OLYMPIA KEBOB HOUSE AND TAVERNA

1543 McCausland Ave., St. Louis, 314.781.1299, olympiakebobandtaverna.com
2nd: Momos
3rd: Gyro House
Honorable Mentions: Spiro's Restaurant

Favorite Japanese
WASABI SUSHI BAR

Various locations, wasabisushibars.com
2nd: Tani Sushi Bistro
3rd: Café Mochi and Kampai Sushi Bar (tie)
Honorable Mention: Chop Shop

Favorite Korean
ORIENTAL SPOON

229 Sanatorium, Edwardsville, 618.655.9633, orientalspoon.net
2nd: Seoul Taco
3rd: Seoul Garden Korean Restaurant
Honorable Mentions: Asian Kitchen Korean Cuisine

Favorite Mexican
CHAVA'S MEXICAN RESTAURANT

925 Geyer Ave., St. Louis, 314.241.5503, chavasmexican.com, and **MISSION TACO JOINT** 6235 Delmar Blvd., St. Louis, 314.932.5430, missiontacostl.com (tie)
2nd: La Vallesana
3rd: Taqueria El Bronco
Honorable Mentions: Mi Ranchito

Favorite Middle Eastern
RANOUSH

6501 Delmar Blvd., University City, 314.726.6874 and 200 N. Kirkwood Road, Kirkwood, 314.984.8899, ranoush.com
2nd: Cafe Natasha's
3rd: Aya Sofia
Honorable Mentions: The Vine

2nd: Fritanga Nicaraguan Cuisine
3rd: Yemanja Brasil Restaurante
Honorable Mention: Maya Cafe

Favorite Spanish
MODESTO

5257 Shaw Ave., St. Louis, 314.772.8272, modestotapas.com
2nd: Barcelona Tapas Restaurant
3rd: Guido's Pizzeria & Tapas
Honorable Mention: One 19 North Tapas and Wine Bar

Favorite Steak
TUCKER'S PLACE

Various locations, tuckersplacestl.com
2nd: Ruth's Chris Steak House
3rd: Citizen Kane's Steak House
Honorable Mention: 801 Chophouse and The Tenderloin Room (tie)

Favorite Thai
KING & I RESTAURANT

3157 S. Grand Blvd., St. Louis, 314.771.1777, kingandistl.com
2nd: Sen Thai Asian Bistro
3rd: Basil Spice Thai Cuisine
Honorable Mention: Thai Cafe

Favorite Vegetarian
TREE HOUSE RESTAURANT

3177 S. Grand Blvd., St. Louis, 314.696.2100, treehousestl.com
2nd: Frida's Deli
3rd: PuraVegan Cafe & Yoga and Sacred Grounds Cafe (tie)
Honorable Mentions: Lulu's Local Eatery