

# BRUNCH GUIDE

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**Rojo Gusano**  
3830 W. Lawrence

If Albany Park was bounded by a body of water on the other side of Pulaski, Rojo Gusano would be the neighborhood's west coast beach house. The atmosphere is laid back & you will be too after a mescalita or two to go with the Latin-infused brunch options.



**Huddle House Grill**  
4748 N. Kimball

Griddle me this: What's the cheapest breakfast in Albany Park beloved by college kids conserving cash? Eggs & a stack of pancakes are a reliable way to steady your stomach after an uprorious night. Fun fact: Tom Waits once filmed a spoken word piece for PBS in the diner that was its predecessor.

**Howard Quintero**  
4114 N. Kedzie

Sugar, spice, and a piece of advice – the globally-inspired, eclectic brunch menu at HQ is sure to wake up your taste buds. Feel free to knock back a couple extra cocktails knowing the large portions and perfect potatoes will sober you up for the walk home.



**Bryn Mawr Breakfast Club**  
3348 W. Bryn Mawr

Recently relocated east of Kedzie on Bryn Mawr, the new space has the same rustic charm with the same mix of sweet and savory dishes as well as a rotating array of specials. Well worth the wait, and decidedly vegetarian-friendly.



**Angelo's Wine Bar**  
3026 W. Montrose

Creative cocktails pair well with classic, Italian-inspired brunch staples in one of the neighborhood's most sophisticated settings. If that wasn't enough to get you out of bed in the morning, they also sell mimosas in the best possible quantity: bottomless.



**Tre Kronor**  
3258 W. Foster

The Three Crowns are the Swedish national emblem, symbolizing cinnamon rolls, lingonberry pancakes, and house-made sausage. Actually, no one really knows what the origins of the emblem are, but that's a pretty good brunch order at this beloved, 25-year-old neighborhood institution.

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**West River Cafe**  
4400 N. Kedzie

This cute corner spot offers a classic American diner experience in a cozy space straight out of a David Lynch film. Hearty portions, reasonable prices, and a rotating menu of breakfast specials make it a quintessential neighborhood destination for breakfast & lunch.



**Cafe Urbano**  
4176 N. Elston

The owners of Cafe Urbano grew up in the neighborhood, and today use their space to serve up crispy breakfast paninis alongside tasty, Latin-inspired espresso drinks (we recommend the iced horchata latte). An well-curated mix of local art on the walls adds to the unique charm of this quirky spot.

## *Ixcateco Grill*

3402 W. Montrose

The moles here are justifiably famous, but the all of the salsas on chef Anselmo Ramirez's menu are delectably subtle. BYOB means you won't break the bank on the first meal of the day, and will have plenty of money to return for their equally delicious dinner.



## *First Slice Pie Cafe*

4664 N. Manor

Although it's a verified fact that pie makes an excellent morning meal, First Slice also offers a variety of homemade savory quiches, sandwiches, and "70s-style" pasta salads. The best part of all? The work they do to provide meals & job training to 300+ people in need each week.



**Salgado's Bakery**  
3259 W. Montrose

Not every morning can be dedicated to a leisurely breakfast, but fortunately Salgado's offers plenty of on-the-go options. Fresh, hot churros, crunchy orejas, cream-filled conchas, and other pan dulce are sure to sweeten your day (and make great additions to a picnic).



## *Other Options*

- Mayfair Restaurant  
(4461 W Lawrence Ave)
- Original Alps Pancake House  
(3637 W Irving Park Rd)
- Hilltop Restaurant  
(2800 W Foster Ave)
- Golden Nugget Pancake House  
(3234 W Irving Park Rd)
- Old Irving Brewing  
(4419 W Montrose Ave)