



MORTON GROVE

Restaurant Feature

Martin's Pancake House

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Martin's Pancake House held a grand opening celebration on March 4, 2020, as it opened its doors to the public. After weeks of interior renovation, restaurant owner Juan Martin Jasso was excited to welcome guests to his new breakfast and lunch eatery. Martin's Pancake House is located in the Washington Commons commercial center at the southeast corner of Golf and Washington Roads in Morton Grove. Little did Jasso know that the emerging COVID-19 pandemic would make the months ahead some of the most difficult for the nation's restaurant industry.

Jasso prides himself on offering a menu that suits all tastes and budgets. Martin's Pancake House offers all the breakfast favorites, including buttermilk pancakes, crepes, waffles, French toast, steak and eggs, omelets, eggs Benedict, skillet, and chilaquiles. Jasso also offers breakfast combinations for seniors and lighter dining options for those watching their waistlines. For lunch, the restaurant serves up a wide range of burgers, sandwiches,



Juan Martin Jasso, Owner of Martin's Pancake House

wraps, paninis, and salads. Kids combinations are offered for both breakfast and lunch. In crafting the menu, Jasso wanted to be sure that each customer would find something to satisfy their taste.

In order to reach customers during the earlier phases of the pandemic, Martin's Pancake House started offering carry-out service and later expanded to offer delivery service through UberEats. In early June, the Village approved an outdoor dining area along the front of the restaurant space, which has allowed Jasso to provide table service in the warm summer months. Under Phase 4 of the State's Restore Illinois Plan, Martin's Pancake House was allowed to welcome customers for

indoor dining, with some capacity restrictions. Jasso has worked meticulously to make sure the restaurant is meeting all social distancing and safety requirements.

Jasso is pleased to welcome guests back into the restaurant, but he worries that business will remain slow in the months to come. As a small business owner, his success will ultimately rely on the continued support of residents of Morton Grove and nearby communities. Already, Martin's Pancake House seems to be earning excellent reviews and a strong customer base. Diners like Mary Ann A. of Wilmette, Illinois, have shared on Yelp how they are blown away by the high level of service, generous portions, and delicious dishes.

Jasso is not alone in forging ahead to open a new restaurant in these challenging times. With new restaurants continuing to open in Morton Grove, restauranteurs are optimistic about a future return to "normal." In the meantime, operators like Jasso have learned to adapt to the limitations of running a restaurant and reaching customers in a pandemic. While business plans may change, the dreams of an entrepreneur like Jasso do not.

The Village encourages you to check out Martin's Pancake House and patronize the diversity of restaurants the community has to offer. Whether you choose to dine-in, carry-out, or order delivery, supporting Morton Grove restaurants bolsters the local economy and helps ensure that our businesses and commercial districts will succeed for years to come.

For the most current hours and menu items, visit martins-pancake-house.business.site.

