

Seasonal celebrations have started, and with more parties for hosting — including the main event — pick up holiday dinner items at your local Strack & Van Til Food Market.

Impress guests with boneless, spiral sliced, whole or portion ham from the Meat Department. "We have the largest variety of quality smoked hams in the Midwest," says Director Gary Teachman. "Try bone-in or boneless hams, spiral sliced and fully cooked or carver: They're all simple to cook."

Hosting a large Christmas gathering? Feed them the Smithfield Hickory Smoked Whole Ham. "This is your go-to ham for big celebrations," Teachman adds. "Naturally hardwood smoked, gluten-free and fully cooked— a great ham at an excellent price."

Enhance your Christmas feast with a spiral sliced ham that looks as pretty on the table as it tastes. Choose from Cure 81 Boneless Whole Ham, Hillshire Farm, Frick's, Sugardale, Cook's and Best Choice, available in flavors from brown sugar glazed to honey.

For a premium treat, upgrade to a Smithfield Hickory Smoked Bone-in Spiral Sliced Half Ham in the red foil package. Naturally hickory smoked, hand trimmed and fully cooked with natural juices, it even includes a packet of glaze.

Those with a sweet tooth will enjoy the Pecan Praline and Salted Caramel coated Smithfield spiral sliced ham. For traditionalists, Fleur De Lis Premium Hardwood Smoked Ham and Hillshire hams in several flavors are excellent choices.

Teachman recommends the flavorful smoked Hormel Cure #81 or Kentucky Legend Ham, the best in boneless. "A half or whole ham is perfect for a large feast, and a Kentucky Legend Petite Ham works for a smaller gathering. And don't forget the \$3 off coupon available during December," he says.

Pair your ham with a holiday turkey, such as a Butterball all-natural frozen turkey. Keep the turkey frozen until a few days before Christmas; defrosting time depends on the turkey's weight, so check the label for details.

Prefer fresh? Honeysuckle White Fresh Whole Turkey is the first brand raised without growth-promoting antibiotics at a reasonable price. Tender and juicy, it's pre-basted for exceptional flavor.

All-natural fresh Butterball Whole Turkeys are also high quality and tasty.

A simpler way to prepare turkey is with a cook-in-the-bag variety, including Jennie-O Boneless Breast, which delivers a juicy breast every time.

Strack & Van Til's "Life Made Simpler" Dinner reduces cooking time dramatically. Complete with fully cooked Frick's solid muscle ham and a Kentucky Legend roasted turkey breast lobe, plus Bob Evans mashed potatoes, macaroni & cheese, broccoli with cheese and other sides, you'll serve a delicious holiday dinner in less than an hour.

Want a real treat? Serve a culinary masterpiece with a Certified Angus Beef Standing Rib Roast (prime rib) or Certified Angus Beef Boneless New York Strip Loin. Just ask your Strack & Van Til butcher for the perfect recipe. Also available are the "12 Roasts of Christmas": Certified Angus Beef Rump Roast, English Cut Roast, Top Round Roast, Eye of Round Roast, Sirloin Tip Roast, Beef Tenderloin Roast, Prime Rack of Pork, Boneless Center Cut Pork Roast, Crown Roast, Pork Sirloin Roast, Chiappetti Leg of Lamb and Rack of Lamb.

"Enhance your main course with flavorful sides from the Strack & Van Til Deli Department," suggests Deli Department Director Kristin Snow. "We have macaroni and cheese; mashed, garlic mashed or twice-baked potatoes; mostaccioli; green-bean casserole; and Our Own stuffing — all heat and serve. There's also Penne Alfredo, plain or with chicken or shrimp, and collard greens."

Cold salad features include Our Own homestyle or mustard potato salad, Bang Bang Shrimp pasta, Broccoli Sunrise salad, Caprese pasta salad, cranberry relish, cranberry walnut cabbage, deviled egg pasta salad, kidney bean salad, creamy rotini salad with broccoli, spiral pasta salad with vegetables, spinach pasta salad and fettucine pasta.

Enjoy the Deli Department's Cheesecake Delight for dessert or as a fruit dip.

For more sweet treats, head to the Strack & Van Til Bakery Department.

"The Sugar Plum Fairy has nothing on the delectable desserts in the bakery," says Bakery Department Director Stephanie Flynn. "Try scratch-made butter cookies decorated with festive sprinkles, homestyle favorites like sugar cookies, chocolate chip and Snickerdoodles, all available in party platters."

Traditional holiday pies include apple, Dutch apple, French silk, pumpkin and pecan. Cupcakes are made from scratch and can be custom ordered to meet your needs. Scratch-made red velvet and German chocolate cakes are family favorites, while dinner rolls baked fresh daily and made-from-scratch brown-and-serve rolls in packs of 12 make any meal complete.

Bring home the aroma of freshly baked cinnamon rolls and a full variety of doughnuts made fresh every day, both ideal for Christmas morning.

During the most wonderful time of the year, let Strack & Van Til be your one-stop destination for good tidings and holiday cheer. Deck the halls and your table with delicious traditions that make the season bright. Happy Holidays from Strack & Van Til!