

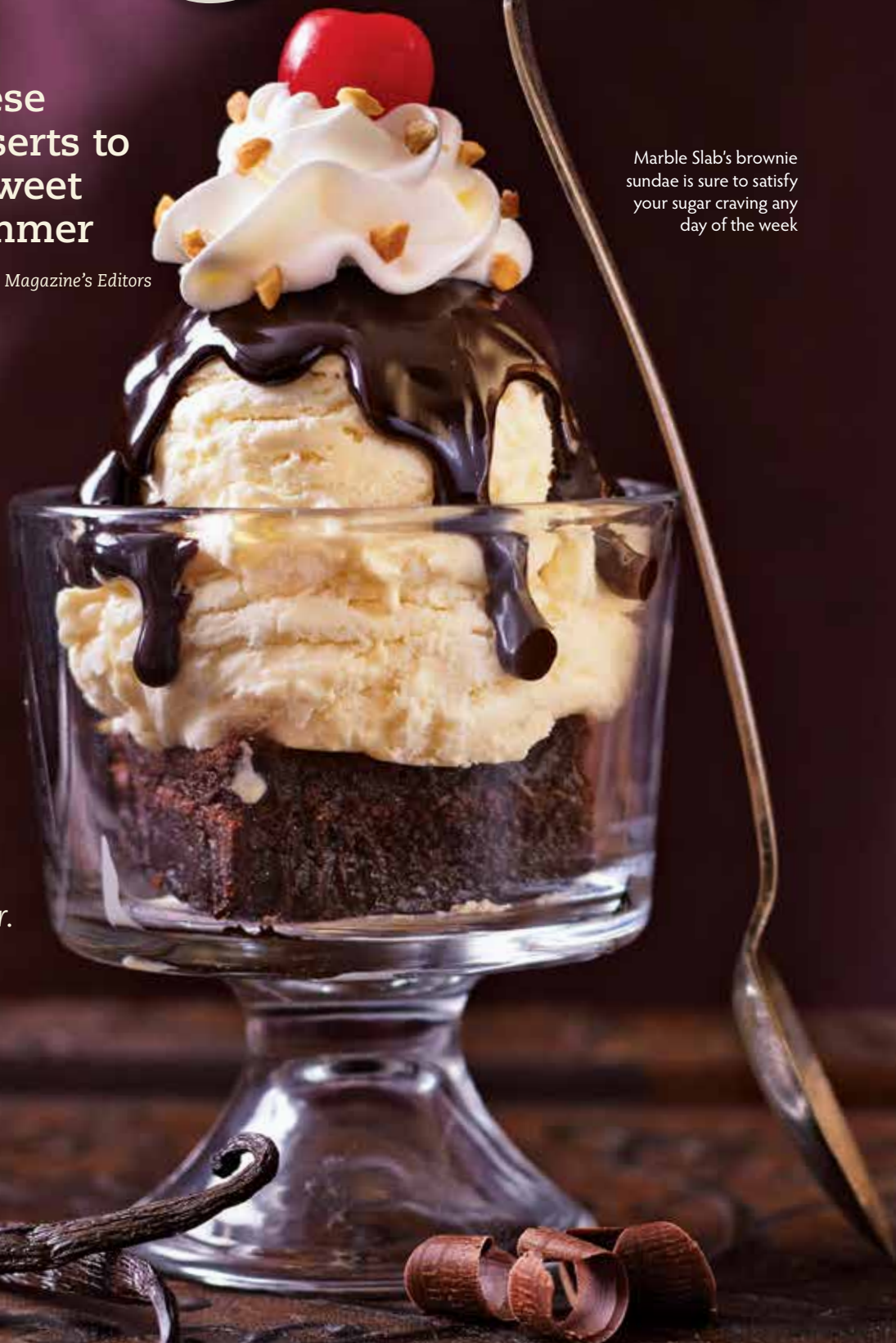
Katy's Best Desserts

Indulge in these decadent desserts to satisfy your sweet tooth this summer

Written by Tassie Hewitt and Katy Magazine's Editors

Choose a custard, cupcake, cold drink, or cone. With dozens of cool treats on local menus, it will be hard to pick a favorite, and no one will want to skip dessert this summer.

Marble Slab's brownie sundae is sure to satisfy your sugar craving any day of the week



Alegria Brazilian Grill

24449 Katy Fwy., #700 | 281-394-7753

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Known for their tantalizing grilled steak and juicy grilled chicken legs, Alegria Brazilian Grill also has a sweet side. Choose from an assortment of rich truffles filled with mousse and a variety of toppings such as coconut flakes or sprinkles. Taste the unique flavors of Brazilian milk or coconut flan. Grab the perfect pairing for your dessert, a café com leite or espresso.

BJ's Restaurant

20536 Katy Fwy. | 281-769-1850

You haven't lived until you've tried BJ's famous Pizookie, the perfect combination of half-baked cookie and ice cream. Choose from chocolate chunk, peanut butter, or white chocolate macadamia nut. If you're a little adventurous, try the salted caramel or triple chocolate variety. There's even a gluten-free option.

Black Walnut Café

23233 Cinco Ranch Blvd. | 281-371-2233

Savor a delicious turtle cheesecake on a rich chocolate crust topped with whipped cream, chocolate sauce, and a warm caramel drizzle. If your taste buds crave something a little less indulgent, opt for the classic New York-style recipe with a crispy graham cracker crust, a dollop of whipped cream, and fresh strawberries.

Carrabba's Italian Grill

6501 S. Fry Rd., #600 | 281-665-1320

The sogno di cioccolata, Italian for "chocolate dream," made with fudge brownie and layered with chocolate mousse, fresh whipped cream, and homemade chocolate sauce, is a dessert of which sweet dreams are made. You might also want to try the John Cole, vanilla ice cream with caramel sauce and roasted cinnamon rum pecans, or the dessert Rosa, butter cake topped with pastry cream, bananas, strawberries, pineapple, and whipped cream.

Chili's

21865 Katy Fwy. | 281-398-3987

You haven't had chocolate cake until you've tried the molten chocolate cake from Chili's. Enjoy its warm, melted chocolate center paired with its topping of vanilla ice cream and a chocolate shell. Also, try the skillet toffee fudge brownie if you're a caramel sauce fan.

Cracker Barrel Old Country Store

18151 Katy Fwy. | 281-492-1585

Dive into a rich, warm baked apple dumplin' with homemade apple pie crust, premium vanilla bean ice cream, and apple cinnamon topping covered with pecan streusel. Patrons in the mood for something frothy can try a frozen mug sundae with hot fudge, caramel, chocolate, strawberry, or blackberry syrup, topped with whipped cream and almonds.

D'Amico's Italian Restaurant

2643 Commercial Center Blvd., B300 | 281-769-9682

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A well-known name in Houston since the '70s, D'Amico's opened its doors in Katy in 2013, offering fresh Italian fare. "Everything we make here is based on traditional Italian recipes," says manager Rick Banfill. "We make our own tiramisu from scratch right here in our restaurant." The Italian cake-style pastry is made from ladyfinger cookies, fresh brewed espresso, coffee liqueur, and mascarpone and is topped with chocolate sprinkles and fresh strawberries. The restaurant also offers a large line of fresh-made gelatos, including chocolate, vanilla bean, strawberry, pistachio, almond fig, and salted caramel.

Da Vinci Ristorante Italiano

6455 S Fry Rd., #100 | 281-392-2115

The perfect ending to an authentic Italian meal is an authentic Italian dessert. Say goodnight to that long, hot summer day with a creamy chocolate mousse, pistachio gelato, or raspberry champagne sorbetto.

Indulge in a panna cotta, an Italian delicacy featuring fresh fruit, from Carrabba's Italian Grill



Cool off with a mint chocolate chip, strawberry, or Oreo shake from Mooyah



Enjoy the classic decadence of turtle cheesecake at Black Walnut Café



Las Alamedas

23501 Cinco Ranch Blvd., F140 | 281-347-3030

Customers can sit outside on the large outdoor patio overlooking LaCenterra and enjoy a tres leches or crepas de cajeta, an ice cream and pecan-filled crepe. "Each dessert is homemade," says manager Jose Vilches. "When it gets to the table, it's really fresh."

Mom's Eats and Sweet Things

1251 Pin Oak Rd., #141 | 281-391-5423

Known for its premium homemade ice cream, Mom's signature flavor features cinnamon toast made with secret ingredients. Manager Jennifer Rico says, "We use real ingredients. Our strawberry ice cream has six pounds of strawberries. Our banana pudding is made with real bananas." Mom's offers sweet specials, including "Moo on Monday." "If you 'moo' like you mean it, like a cow, you get a free topping," explains Rico. "The cool thing about us is we weigh our ice cream. If you come in with a small appetite, or a little one, you can pay \$1 to \$2 for ice cream."

Nestlé Tollhouse

23501 Cinco Ranch Blvd., F120 | 281-371-8101

The only thing better than a warm cookie might just be two warm cookies sandwiched with ice cream. Stroll into the LaCenterra at Cinco Ranch location for an ice cream sandwich, frozen yogurt, real fruit smoothie, float, or sundae. Seasonal flavors include dulce de leche, peppermint, and birthday cake. Or try an upside-down milkshake with cookie crumbles and finished with whipped cream, chocolate drizzle, and sprinkles.

Nothing Bundt Cakes

2717 Commercial Center Blvd., E160 | 281-394-9262

For those needing something to serve with their ice cream this summer, nothing goes better than bundt cakes made with fresh eggs, real butter, and cream cheese. Take home a cake, bundtlet, or bite-sized bundtinis sold by the dozen in red velvet, lemon, chocolate chocolate chip, or pecan praline which features buttery yellow cake with pecans, cinnamon, and sugar.

Ooh La La Dessert Boutique

23920 Westheimer Pkwy. | 281-391-2253

Offering over 80 desserts daily, Ooh La La's most popular items are the cakes, cupcakes, cheesecakes, pies, and cookies. Customers can enjoy strawberry shortcake and berry cobbler flavors and cool off with a glass of fresh-squeezed lemonade afterward. "I know as the summer heats up, it will be a huge hit," says owner and pastry chef Vanessa O'Donnell.

Royce's Deli & Catering

6191 Highway Blvd., #302 | 281-391-1150

Get a taste of a fan-favorite recipe with their traditional carrot cake. Moist, creamy, and oh-so-fresh, it's the perfect finish to an afternoon of shopping, playing, or sightseeing in historic Katy.

Schokolad Chocolate Factory

2020D S. Fry Rd. | 832-321-3580

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Specializing in European-style handmade truffles and ganaches, each piece of customized chocolate is made fresh from quality ingredients and without preservatives, waxes, or additional fats. "All our pieces are done here at the store, so they haven't traveled the whole country or been sitting on a shelf for a month," says owner Maria Mues. The chocolates can even be personalized with a customer's name or shaped into a company logo. "We make it fresh every week. You can tell the difference." Customers frequent the shop because of the quality of the chocolate. Mues adds, "When you try it, you realize it's not the regular chocolate you're used to eating."

Sweet & Salty Gourmet Bakery

22764 Westheimer Pkwy., #670 | 281-395-5065

Customers can come to this beloved bakery for the perfect combination of their four basic ingredients - butter, eggs, flour, and sugar. Try a refreshing mango mousse or key lime pie, or take home some éclairs - a traditional Choux pastry filled and topped with chocolate mousse. **KM**

TASSIE HEWITT is a freelance writer who believes there is always room for dessert.

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