



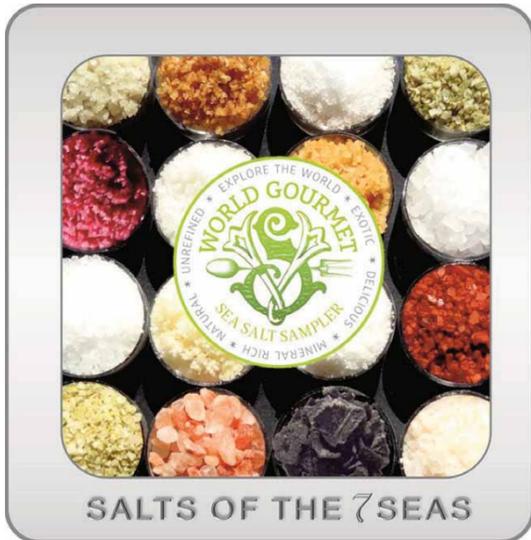
**What to buy**

# LOCAL FOOD

**Y**ou will eat and drink better in Toledo, which has so much good food we couldn't even fit everything on our wish list. Here are a few options that will

make this a delicious holiday season for your gift recipients.  
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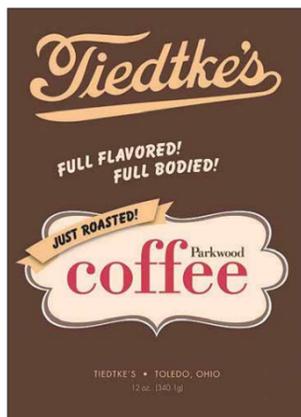
**Worth your salt**  
World Gourmet samplers of sea salt and peppercorns from around the world, packaged in Toledo in custom embossed tins or plastic boxes. Toledo's Salts of the 7 Seas, \$27.50 with free shipping, from 419-842-8525 and saltsofthe7seas.com.



**Valley whirl**  
Maumee Valley Chocolate and Candy offers a variety of sodas as well as chocolates in boxed sets and individual pieces, including milk chocolate truffles. Boxes of truffles are 12 pieces for \$15.95, 24 pieces for \$29.95. Cherry cordial, angel mint, and buckeyes are also available. 101 E. Wayne St., Maumee, 419-893-2388.

**Leaf and Seed**  
The Leaf and Seed of Bowling Green prepares vegan food and delivers it too, to customers who enjoy "comfort food with a conscience." Vegan food is plant-based with no animal products such as dairy, eggs, and honey. The barbecued jackfruit sliders with a chipotle maple barbecue sauce is usually served with baked beans or coleslaw, priced at \$25 for two meals, \$45 for four, and \$60 for six. Baked goods, including birthday cakes, brownies, and cookies, also are available. To order: 419-265-3163, theleafandseed.com.

**Sautter's Markets**  
You can find a lot of locally-produced tempting treats at Sautter's Markets: Marsha's Homemade buckeye candies (\$1.49), Dietsch Brothers' chocolate-covered pretzels (\$8.49 for a half-pound), Almondina Toastees (\$3.59), and Kay Foster's Sinful Toffee (\$9.99 for four ounces) are just a few of the options. To go with any (or all!) of the above, Tiedtke's coffee (\$9.99). Sautter's is located at 5519 Main St., Sylvania, 419-885-3505, and 9533 Waterville Swanton Rd., Waterville, 419-878-7691, sauttersmarkets.com.



**Cookie Doughlicious:**  
Cookie Doughlicious sweetens our seasonal celebrations with doughs in several holiday flavors, including traditional dough with chocolate chips and M&Ms. Eight-ounce containers of dough, \$5, often at the Toledo Farmers Market downtown on Saturdays (check their Facebook page) from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Ignite Coffee & Tea, 22060 OH-51, Genoa.

**Edible families**  
Merry Snow Mama is hand painted and hollow-molded in milk chocolate, and inside she's carrying two solid milk chocolate babies. Made by Stella Leona Artisan Chocolates, \$22.50, from the store, 362 Main St., Pettisville; 419-445-0370 and stellaleona.com.



**Worth preserving**  
Cranberry preserves from Syd & Diane's of Perrysburg deliciously tops sandwiches, brie, or a cheese ball, and makes a good side for roast chicken or pork, for \$12 a pint. Their Incredible Brownies, \$4.50 each, are made with Plugra butter, Callebaut Belgian Chocolate, and plenty of walnuts. Syd & Diane's vinaigrette dressing and marinade are offered in limited-edition Fred and Ginger Jars. Facebook.com/sydanddianes/, 419-882-1231, and diane@sydanddianes.com.



**Jera's Heavenly Sweet**  
This three-layer Vanilla Salted Caramel Cake, with homemade caramel sauce, is from the aptly named Jera's Heavenly Sweet, a bakery located downtown that is literally sweetened by Jera's cakes, cookies, pies, and a variety of dinner rolls, yeast breads, quick breads, and muffins. Everything is cooked from scratch the old-fashioned way. The cake pictured is \$42 and serves about 18 people. One Seagate Suite Place #107, 419-699-2158.



\* Prices and availability subject to change.



**Tiger Bakery**  
Chips and salsa are a classic party combination, but why not change up the flavors with Middle Eastern flair? Tiger Bakery offers oregano-flecked pita chips, \$1.49, to serve with slightly spicy cilantro salsa, \$1.49. And that's not sour cream, it's a vivid, vibrant garlic sauce \$1.99, for added oomph. Tiger Bakery, 4215 Monroe St., 419-473-8942.

**Toledo Spirits**  
Among the best-sellers at Toledo Spirits, a craft distillery, is the award-winning Orange Tiger, \$28.74, a very lightly sweetened, 80 proof, bourbon barrel-aged orange liqueur, winner of a Gold Medal in the 2017 MicroLiquor Spirits Awards competition. Other recent award-winners include Heart of Glass, a strawberry vodka that earned a triple gold medal, and Maumee Moonshine, winner of a silver medal. Hours: Fridays 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., Saturdays 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. 1301 N. Summit St. Information: 419-243-7445 and toledospirits.com.



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