The Wan Fu Chinese Restaurant has been in a strip shopping center on Manchester Road for 31 years. Prior to the Wan Fu the location was the Edelweiss Inn back in the days when German restaurants were located throughout St. Louis.

The Wan Fu does not seem to have changed much in 31 years. It appears as if it still has the original furniture. However I equate this to reasonable prices and not cheapness. The one thing you notice is that in the evening the Wan Fu always has cars parked in front of it. Also Jose, the owner of the company that does my lawn care eats there regularly.

You know you are in a real Chinese Restaurant when the servers and staff’s Chinese accents are so strong they at time they are hard to understand. We were there at 2:30. The lunch prices were still in effect. There was only one other customer and two came in for go-orders during our visit.

My wife started with the egg drop soup ($1.50) that she said was very fresh and very good.
I was stupid and while at a Chinese restaurant I ordered the 4 spare rib appetizers instead of a couple of egg rolls. The ribs were almost inedible. They were deceptive they looked good on the plate when they arrived but were almost intact when they left after we gave up trying to cut and gnaw through the grizzle and fat.

![Image of spare ribs]

Looks can be deceiving.

For a main course my wife went with the orange chicken ($10.50). She loved it, saying it was like eating something homemade. She said the chicken had a nice batter and was not simply chicken spread with orange sauce like you get at some Chinese restaurants.

![Image of orange chicken]

I ordered beef Lo Mein ($6.95) To me it was much better than Lo Mein I receive at other Chinese restaurant, where the noodles are loaded with cheap vegetables with fewer noodles and less meat. It was just the opposite. Plenty of noodles and beef and less veggies.
The old saying of after eating Chinese food you are hungry two hours later wasn’t true. It was six hours later when my wife finished off the Orange Chicken she took home and I ate a chicken strip while watching a Netflix movie I had taken home from Piccadilly in Maplewood the night before.

Wan Fu has reasonable prices. It is not a 4-star or even 3-star Chinese restaurant, but has good reasonably price food as long as you don’t order the ribs.