

## Variety

# It's easy 'bein' green with St. Patrick's guide

**PARADING, DANCING, and singing in the streets** will take place all over the United States Friday in honor of St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland. Hardly anywhere else will there be more celebration and excitement, and in greater number, than right here in Chicago where almost everyone is Irish at least for a day.

Chicago's tribute to St. Patrick stems from its large Irish-American population, and its most famous Irishman, the late Mayor Richard J. Daley.

Officially, St. Patrick's Day in Chicago begins with a 10 a.m. celebration mass at St. Patrick's Church, Adams and Desplaines streets. The State Street parade steps off at 1 p.m. from Wacker Drive and continues south past the reviewing stand at Madison and State streets before ending at Congress Parkway. Leading the parade will be Mayor Blaudic, talk show host Phil Donahue, and parade queen Kelly Kathleen Kennedy. WGN-TV's (Ch. 9) delayed broadcast begins at 3:30 p.m.

**THE PARADE THEME** is "Treasures of the Irish" and entries range from floats honoring past Irish leaders and heroes, to a tribute to Irish thoroughbreds and to Butch O'Hare, the Medal of Honor winner for whom O'Hare International Airport is named.

For those who want to continue partying after the parade, we've put together some ideas. Where to kiss the Blarney Stone this year depends on the mood you're in. Here's a rundown of some of the St. Patrick's Day celebrations around town.

### Restaurants

The Tipperary Inn, Pick-Congress Hotel, 520 S. Michigan Av., 427-3800. "Cead Mile Failte" (100,000 welcomes) greets you just a block and a half from the parade's end, at the Tipperary Inn in the Pick-Congress Hotel. The lobby becomes an Irish garden, with Irish folk musicians Sean O'Donnell and John Kivlehan performing onstage from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Behind its green-leaded glass doors, the Tipperary looks like a typical country inn, and Irish colleens with authentic brogues serve the dinner.

You may choose traditional Irish fare of pot roast sandwiches, corned beef and cabbage, or beef or lamb stew. Many paraders end up here for St. Patrick's Day dinner every year, so prepare for a crowd. No reservations are accepted and as the afternoon and evening progress, it becomes even more crowded. Be sure to pick up complimentary recipes from the menu at the door, and a map of Ireland, on which you can trace your family name to the Ireland county from which it originates.

Atlantic Restaurant and Pub, 7115 W. Grand Av., 622-3259. The Atlantic Restaurant and Pub must be reserved in advance for gatherings especially on St. Patrick's Day. Upstairs in the Pride of Erin Room, decorated like a medieval castle with scenes of the Gaelic countryside painted on the walls, a medieval feast is served. Diners congregate first in the adjoining lounge where a cash bar is in operation. A medieval monk welcomes the guests to dinner in the adjoining room. Dinner consists of Tara, an Irish wine; Abbots Brose, a leek soup served in bowls with handles (no spoons); Pastemeat, seasoned meat rolled in a flaky pastry crust; Crustyn in Brows, chicken breast with a baked potato; Crust Pudín, a bread and raisin pudding; and soda bread.

The pub and restaurant downstairs feature the Irish folk music of John Kivlehan and Sean O'Donnell from 9 p.m. They play the accordion and guitar, and dance Irish jigs. This is a picturesque Irish pub with Gaelic crests and shields on the walls. Traditional dishes such as stew and salmon steaks are on the menu with American favorites of filet mignon, and a ladies' tenderloin. Green derbies and shamrocks will be in abundance. Harp Lager and Guinness stout are on tap, and a big crowd is expected as always. Reservations are a must.

Maggie's Fish and Chips, 1447 W. Devon Av., 743-9251. For the best and most authentic Irish stew in town on this or any other day, this is the place. All entrees are Irish or English origin, and cooked by owner Maggie Kerry. On St. Patrick's Day, there will be more of the same regular fare: corned beef and cabbage, steak and kidney pie, Irish-style pickled ribs, Irish sausage and bacon, black pudding, crubeen (boiled pigs foot), and kippers and eggs. All dinners (\$4.95, fixed price) come with soup, salad, cabbage, potatoes, and soda bread on St. Patrick's Day. Bring your own spirits or buy a drink from Connolly's next door and bring it over. The atmosphere is relaxed and Irish music is always on the jukebox. All the old country Irish and English from the neighborhood come here, and so do many second generation Irish-Americans.

Kilkenny Castle, 3808 N. Central Av., 736-0709. Kilkenny Castle's owners, an all-Irish folk group called Brogue, will be performing St. Patrick's Day, just like all other

days. The group plays banjo, mandolin, and guitar, and sing Irish traditional ballads from 4 p.m. Fiddler Liz Carroll and a group of Irish musicians will join Brogue for the fun. A big crowd is expected for a complete corned beef and cabbage dinner (\$6.50) from 2 p.m. (\$2 cover for entertainment.) Reservations are a must.

Edinburgh Castle Inn, 5938 N. Broadway, 784-5540. This is Chicago's only Scottish restaurant, but in deference to their Irish patrons and friends, they'll celebrate with a St. Patrick's Day dinner of corned beef and cabbage (\$5.95) along with their regular menu. There will be entertainment from musicians and dancers. Sing along with them from noon 'til midnight.

The Glenway Inn, 1401 W. Devon Av., 743-2208. A special menu for St. Patrick's Day is planned featuring corned beef and cabbage and Irish stew. Irish music is on every night, but especially Friday. Try the special Irish coffee for \$1.95.

Irish Rover Pub, 5841 S. Cicero Av., 581-0038. Located across from Midway Airport, this place opens at noon Friday and immediately starts serving corned beef and cabbage. At 2 p.m. the entertainment begins with McEldowney and O'Day, an Irish folk-singing duet. Bill Cody and George Stevens will be singing Irish folk tunes from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m., and so will Colleen McGuire. A special treat is the Old Triangle, an instrumental group that plays mandolin, fiddle, guitar, and Irish drums.

Mrs. O'Leary's, Hyatt Regency Chicago Hotel, 151 E. Wacker Dr., 861-1355. The Don Taube bagpipers will be on hand from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday to entertain luncheon guests at the restaurant named after one of Chicago's most (in)famous Irish residents. Besides the regular lunch menu, the special of the day will be corned beef and cabbage, salad, and a glass of green beer.

P.S. CHICAGO, 8 W. Division St., 649-9093, one of the newest stops on the State-and-Division strip, has a St. Pat's Day surprise for one lucky couple — a round-trip ticket for two to Ireland.

Entry blanks are being accepted at the pub until midnight Friday when a drawing will determine the winners. Earlier in the day, the Shannon Rover pipe band will entertain; specialty items on the menu include Irish stew, beer, and assorted spirits. The festivities begin at noon.

### Just Pubs

Emerald Isle Pub, 21 E. Pearson St., 944-9030. This is a typical Irish pub transplanted this side of the Atlantic. Pictures of Robert and Jack Kennedy, Mayor Daley, and past St. Patrick's Day parades line the foyer walls. Green-checked tablecloths, Tiffany lamps, a small stage, and a big bar set the scene for some traditional St. Patrick's Day fun. The Irish Minstrels will be singing folk songs and playing guitar, banjo, and bass (\$1.50 cover). The pub opens at 3 p.m. and fills up fast. Come early for corned beef sandwiches (they don't last long), green beer, and Irish coffee.

Finley's, 17 W. Elm St., 664-8452. Finley's, hailed as the only Irish disco, will be appropriately dressed for St. Patrick's Day. Leprechaun busboys, Irish "acting" bartenders, and fair colleens will serve a free corned beef buffet, green schnapps, green beer, and Irish coffee. Shamrocks and hats will add to the festivities that start at noon. There will be Irish and disco music and dancing.

Muldoon's 22 W. Elm St., 337-1252. Muldoon's opens at 7 a.m. for prepared fun. Later, corned beef sandwiches for \$1 and St. Patrick's Day T-shirts will be specials of the day. This is one of the "new" Irish bars. Natural woods and hanging plants replace the Irish artifacts of the older establishment, but the feeling of Erin is there nonetheless among its 25- to 40-year-old Irish-American regulars. Along with special drinks, there will be Irish singing and dancing, and maybe even a surprise visit by the Clancy Brothers.

The Abbey Pub, 3609 N. Narragansett Av., 545-2109. This is one of Chicago's best-known Irish pubs: Pictures of Ireland in the 1800s and a map on which you can trace your roots back to the country line its walls. Irish folk music begins at 6 p.m. Special drinks are green beer, Irish coffee, and the leprechaun, a green mint with vodka.

Connolly's, 1445 1/2 W. Devon Av., 274-7303. No discussion of Irish pubs would be complete without Connolly's, one of the last of the old-time Irish neighborhood bars. It's packed with old country Irish, and second and third generation Irish-Americans — and Loyola University students — singing to the tunes of "Danny Boy," "Whiskey in the Jar," and "Five Green Fields" on the jukebox.

Durty Dick's, 5961 W. Grand Av., 237-2777. Durty Dick's opens at 1 p.m. Friday to welcome paraders working their way back home to the Northwest Side.

From 4 p.m. the Irish folk group Innisfree will entertain revelers on flute, tin whistle, guitar, bass, bagpipes, and drums. Expect wall-to-wall people on St. Patrick's Day. Owners are from Dublin and have collected some artifacts, maps, photos, and posters of the Emerald Isle.

Erin's Glen Pub, 2434 W. Montrose Av., 478-3714. Erin's Glen invites you to share its first St. Patrick's Day this year. There's a pickup sandwich corner next door, where you will find corned beef — only drinks are served in the attractive new pub. A huge U-shaped bar should make the Guinness stout and Harp Lager all the easier to obtain.

Glenshesk Pub, 4102 N. Kedzie Av., 267-1755. The Dayhills, an Irish folk group, will perform from 3 p.m. on St. Patrick's Day. They sing and play fiddle, banjo, flute, tin whistle, concertina, and guitar. The pub is decorated with Irish artifacts: flags, shields, paintings, and a handpainted mural depicting the Irish countryside. There's a stage for the folk singers, and a dance floor for jigs and reels.

Irish Village, 6215 W. Diversey Pkwy., 237-7555. If you can't make it to an authentic country inn in your native Ireland this year, the Irish Village in northwest Chicago is the next best thing. The bar sits under a nostalgic thatched roof, and exposed wood beams and real wood trimmings cover the room. Flags of the provinces, the U.S., and Erin, and antique plates and scenic pictures of Ireland set the mood.

The Irish Village has a complete lunch and dinner menu regularly, but on St. Patrick's Day will serve only a corned beef and cabbage dinner from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. After that, corned beef sandwiches are served. The Corrib Folk, folk singers from Belfast, will play mandolin, banjo, tin whistle, guitar, and lead Irish dances. Special drinks of the day are Irish coffee, Harp and Guinness on draught, and blood and sand (made with Irish whisky, tomato juice, and cherry brandy). \$1 cover.

River Shannon, 425 W. Armitage Av., 944-5087. From 11 a.m. until 2 a.m., a celebration will be going on at River Shannon, just as it has been since the end of Prohibition. Probably Chicago's oldest Irish bar, River Shannon has been operating under its present name since 1946. The pub recently has been redecorated with Irish photos, mirrors, lots of rich wood paneling, and comfortable seating. For St. Patrick's Day, green beer, hats, horns, and Irish music will be provided. Guinness dark and Harp light are on draught.

Ring of Kerry, 5659 W. Irving Park Rd., 283-3177. Maurice Hayes named his Irish pub after a winding road that encircles the Irish seacoast. Irish posters and a mural in the colors of the Irish flag are on the walls. There's a stage set up for Bill Cody and George Stevens who will be playing guitar and bass and leading Irish folk songs after 8 p.m. Join the fun from noon on. And if you come early enough you'll get to sample some homemade corned beef sandwiches made by Lorraine Gilbert, the future Mrs. Hayes.

AND ANY Chicagoland son of Erin (ersatz or otherwise) knows that the Irish atmosphere lasts year-round at O'Rourke's, 319 W. North Av., and at Butch McGuire's, 20 W. Division St. On St. Patrick's Day, O'Rourke's opens at 7 a.m. (if you're really thirsty), and the revelry at Butch's — for one day only — can be whetted by a drop or two of Guinness and Harp, brought in especially for the day.

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