**ST. PATRICK’S CELEBRATION 2014**

**The annual St. Patrick’s Celebration will take place starting March 1st and continuing through March 16th. Most of the activities take place Friday, March 14th through Sunday, March 16th. Entry forms for all events are available at Spud’s Food and on our website: http:stpat.irelandindiana.com**

**Saturday, March 1**

**Mayor for A Day Kick‐Off Party** starts at 6:30 p.m. at The Chicken Place in the front parking lot.

For more info contact: Kim Moeller—Phone: 482-9050

**Light Up Ireland** 7:00 p.m.at The Chicken Place in the front parking lot.

Join us as we ”Flip the Switch” to ***Light Up Ireland!***

For more info contact: Craig Greulich—Phone: 630-2659

**St. Paddy Whack** *(Rock/Paper/Scissors Contest)* 8:00 p.m. at Shamrock Café & Bar

Ages 21+ Cost: $5.00 No pre-registration—enter at time of event Prizes will be awarded!

For more info contact: Craig Greulich—Phone: 630-2659

**Saturday, March 8**

**Homemade Wine Tasting & Cheese Party**  6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. at Jasper Outdoor Rec.

Ages 21+ Donation: $25.00 per person For more info or to get tickets contacts are:

Martha Jane Tucker—Phone: 661-2620 Frannie Leinenbach—Phone: 482-7900

Connie Himsel—Phone: 482-7174

**Sunday, March 9**

**Miss Shamrock Queen Pageant & Tots in Tu-tu Parade** 2:00 p.m. in the Ireland Elementary School Gym.

Admission: $3.00 Miss Shamrock contact: Anita Lemond or Jessica Weisman—Phone: 482-0110

Tots in Tu-tu Parade (Ages 2-7). For more info contact: Sarah Belmore—Phone: 631-9405

**Tator Tot Baby Photo Contest** Deadline to Enter: March 8, 2014 Voting begins at Bean to Sprout store

and at various events during the St. Patrick’s Celebration. Age: 36 months or younger

$5.00 entry fee—photos (max 5” x 7”) can be dropped off at Bean to Sprout or

Spud’s Food Mart. Winner will be announced at noon on Saturday, March 15.

For more info contact: Sarah Belmore—Phone: 631-9405

**Monday, March 10**

**St. Patrick’s Home Lighting Contest—Just the Front Door** Entry Deadline: March 9

Judging will be Monday, March 10 beginning at 7:00 p.m.

To enter-contact: Janet Schitter: theivymanor@fullnet.com—Phone: 630-4861

or Sue Vonderheide: vondy26@hotmail.com—Phone: 482-2848

**Friday, March 14**

**St. Mary Church Fish Dinner** at St. Mary Church Community Center from 4:00pm‐??—Drive-Thru and Dine-in

For more info contact: Martha Schmitt—Phone: 482-7041

**Cornhole Tournament**  6:30 p.m. in the Ireland Elementary School Gym.

2 person teams Sponsor: Spud’s Food Mart

3 Youth Divisions (17 & under) *Cost: $6.00 team,* Adult (18 and over) *Cost: $10.00 team*

For more info contact: Dave Hasenour—Phone: 631-1430 or Kevin Eisenhut—Phone: 482-5021

**Dance Central—Irish Dance Clinic**  6:30 p.m.‐7:30 p.m. in the Ireland Elementary School Cafeteria

Adults and Children of all ages learn Irish dances *Cost: $2.00 per person*

For more info contact: Brent Seibert—Phone: 630-5149

**Celebration Singers** will performat 7:00 p.m. in St. Mary Church, Ireland, IN

No Admission Charge (Free will offering will be taken)

**Saturday, March 15**

**Irish Trot 5K (Fun Run/Walk)**  8:00 a.m. at Ireland Elementary School Cost: $15.00

For more info contact: Scott Meyer—Phone: 661-2483

**St. Patty’s Breakfast**  8:00 a.m.‐11:00 a.m. at the Ireland K of C

Sponsor: St. John’s Lutheran Church

**For Patty’s Sake Bake‐Off**  Drop-off between 9:00 a.m.‐10:00 a.m. in the Ireland Historical Society basement

People’s Choice Available from 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Entry fee: $5.00 for 1st entry & $3.00 for additional entries.

Winners announced around 12:30 p.m. at Studio Expressions by Jessica

Entry forms, categories and official rules available at Spud’s Food Mart or on the website

For more info contact: Kitty Merkley—Phone 630-1252

**O’Blarney Kids’ Games**  9:00 a.m.‐12:00 p.m. inside the Ireland Fire Station

Food—Games—Lots of Fun! For more info contact: Michelle Wehr—Phone: 827-0203

**Luck of the Irish Arts & Crafts Show** 9:00 a.m. ‐ 4:00 p.m. in the Ireland Elementary School Gym

Handmade arts and crafts items for sale Concessions will be available—by Dance Central

For more info contact: Anne Mehringer—Phone: 309-1155

**Historical Society Open House** 10:00 a.m.‐3:00 p.m.— Ireland Historical Society

Find out more about the history of Ireland in pictures & model replicas

Free coffee available For more info contact: Junie Himsel—Phone: 482-7941

**Chicken & Dumplings** 10:30 a.m.‐?? The Chicken Place parking lot Sold by the gallon

For Presale contact Ron Mendel—Phone: 482-1957 Sponsor: Ireland Lion’s Club

**Toast To The O’Blarney Drop** 11:00 a.m.‐ 1:00 p.m. The Chicken Place Parking Lot

Entry Fee: $1.00Schooner/Mug Lifting Contest/ Men’s & Women’s Divisions Ages 18+

Contacts: Roy & Shelly Main—Phone: 630-4085 or Jodi Verkamp—Phone: 630-0369

**Backyard Barbecue Contest** 11:30 a.m.‐ 3:00 p.m. The Chicken Place parking lot

11:30-1:30—Public Chili Tasting Cost: $3.00 per taster)

Judging: Chili (people’s choice) 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Chicken-2:00 p.m. Ribs-3:00 p.m.

Contact: Ed Mehringer—Phone: 639-0048 or Curt Mendel or Jamie Edwards

**Mayor for a Day Announcement, along with Tator Tot Photo Winners and For Patty’s Sake Bake‐Off Winners** 12:00 p.m.‐12:30 p.m. Studio Expressions by Jessica

**Irish O’Ducky Race** 12:00 p.m. Several races will be held at Alder Creek-North of Hwy. 56 on St. Mary’s property

Cost: $2.00 per duck For more info contact: Debbie Schmitt—Phone: 631-1441

**Irish Road Rally** 12:30 p.m.‐ 4:30 p.m. Will leave from Leed’s parking lot

Cost: $15.00 per vehicle (pre-registered) $20.00 (day of rally)

Prizes for Best Decorated Vehicle, Best Poker Hand & Closest to Target Mileage

For more info contact: Jace Brescher—Phone: 309-9347

**O’Eatin Spuds**  1:15 p.m (or immediately following “Toast to the O’Blarney Drop”) at The Chicken Place parking lot Potato Chip Speed-Eating Contest

Age: 18+ No pre-registration Entry Fee: $2.00For more info contact: Junie Himsel—Phone: 482-7941

**Dance Central Elementary School Dances**

2:00pm‐3:30pm **Pre‐K to 2nd Grade Dance**  Ireland Elementary School Cafeteria

$2.00 per child—Parents can stay for free

6:00pm‐8:00pm **Grades 3‐5 Dance** Elementary School Gym $3.00 per student

8:15pm‐10:15pm **Middle School Dance Grades 6‐8** Elementary School Gym $3.00 per student

For more info contact: Brent Seibert—Phone: 630‐5149

**Backyard Barbecue Awards**  5:30 p.m. in Ireland Elementary School Gym

**A Wee Bit O’Nashville Hoss Skelton Dinner/Live Music**  Ireland Sportsman’s Club

Advance Tickets—$25.00Ages 21+ Cash Bar

Doors open at 6:00 p.m. Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Live Music following dinner

For more info or for tickets contact: Kim Mehringer—Phone: 481-1039

**Supper, Surprises, & Shenanigans** 6:00 p.m. inSt. Mary Church Community Center

Buffet Supper at 6:45 p.m. with Unexpected Shenanigans Advance Tickets: $20.00 each

Lots of prizes to be given away Come join the fun & activities

Contact: Janet Schitter—Phone: 630-4861 or Barb Leinenbach—Phone: 630-2204

**Sunday, March 16**

**Irish Mass** begins at 9:15 a.m. in St. Mary Catholic Church, Ireland, IN

**Historical Society Open House** 10:00 a.m.‐ 3:00 p.m. Ireland Historical Society Free coffee available

What do you know about the history of Ireland?? Contact: Junie Himsel—Phone: 482-7941

**Bar‐B‐Q Chicken & Pork Chops** 10:30 a.m.‐ ?? At the Ireland K of C Sponsor: Ireland K of C

**St. Patrick’s Day Parade** 1:00 p.m.

Contacts: Janet Schitter—Phone: 482-3500 Lynn Mehringer—Phone: 631-4849

Jackie Hasenour—Phone: 639-8093

**Visit our new “Leprechaun Court” (Center Street)**

**Photo Booth, Kettle Korn, Sandy Candy, Spud’s Country Market,**

**St. Pat’s Irish Brats, and St. John’s Church Food & Drink Stand.**

**T-Shirts and Sweatshirts by Craig with CG Promotions, LLC at**

**The Chicken Place parking lot during the BBQ contest.**

**Vote for Mayor for a Day, Tator Tot Photos & purchase “O’Ducky Race” ducks**

**at the Queen’s Pageant, Cornhole Tournament, Kids’ Games & other locations throughout our celebration.**

Public Restrooms available at: St. Mary Catholic Church, Ireland Historical Society, The Chicken Place,

Ireland K of C, Ireland Fire Station, Ireland Elementary Gym & Shamrock Café

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**on our website: http:stpat.irelandindiana.com**

**The 2014 button design winner was Kristen Voelkel.**

Also follow us on Facebook!

Proceeds from our celebrations have gone toward the green lighting over the highway,

lighting of the water tower and the beautification/landscaping in Ireland.

Stop by and look at our new “**Westside Project**”.

Proceeds have also been donated to Ireland Youth Sports, Ireland Elementary School,

Ireland Historical Society, St. John’s Lutheran Church, and St. Mary Catholic Church.