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A season of St. Patrick's Day festivities from the West Suburban Irish!



WSI Quiz Nights

1st Tuesday
March 3 & April 7
7:00p @ Quigley's Irish Pub



Irish Session

1st & 3rd Wednesday
March 4 & 18 | April 1 & 15
7:30p @ Quigley's Irish Pub



Irish Mass in Honor of St. Patrick

Wednesday, March 11
6:30p Prelude, 7:00p Mass
St. Thomas the Apostle, Naperville



Naperville St. Patrick's Day Parade

Saturday, March 14 | 10:00a
Downtown Naperville
Accepting sponsors & parade entries!



Go green with WSI >> WSIrish.org



tonight's schedule

6:00P

DOORS OPEN & COCKTAILS

SILENT AUCTION & RAFFLE OPENS



7:00P

WELCOMING REMARKS

Paul Santucci, Master of Ceremonies

PERFORMANCES



Paddy Homan, Irish Soloist



Firefighters Highland Guard of Naperville



McNulty Irish Dancers

ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

GRAND MARSHAL

Rich Janor, WSI St. Patrick's Day Parade Chairman

BOB WELSH SERVICE AWARD

Matt Jones, WSI President



7:30P

BLESSING & DINNER

Invocation by Paddy Homan



8:30P

LIVE MUSIC & DANCING

The Chicago Irish Band



9:30P

SILENT AUCTION CLOSÉS



11:00P

IRISH GOODBYE



dinner menu

SALAD COURSE

MIXED GREEN SALAD

Bibb lettuce, hard-boiled egg, green beans, tomatoes, cucumbers, brussels sprouts, and Irish cheddar cheese served with a buttermilk tarragon dressing.



MAIN COURSE

GRILLED BREAST OF CHICKEN

served with creamy lemon caper sauce

CORNED BEEF

served with parsley red potatoes

MISO GLAZED SALMON

served with parsley red potatoes

VEGETARIAN LASAGNA

with mixed vegetables and creamy cheeses in a red tomato sauce



DESSERT COURSE

BREAD PUDDING

with vanilla crème anglaise

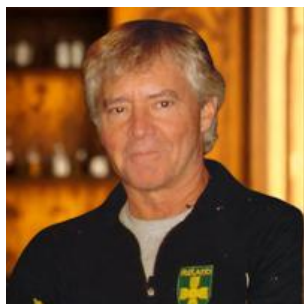
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ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

EDDIE CURLEY 2026 HONORARY GRAND MARSHAL



Eddie Curley is a long-time West Suburban Irish (WSI) member who is known and respected throughout Naperville and the local Irish community. He embodies WSI's guiding principles of Friendship, Fun, and Service, generously giving his time in support of Irish culture, community traditions, and charitable efforts.

Eddie's involvement with WSI spans many years and roles. He has served as the Trip to Ireland raffle coordinator, a Eucharistic Minister at the annual WSI Mass in honor of St. Patrick, and a longtime St. Patrick's Day Parade float participant with Quigley's Irish Pub. His dedication to community service also extends throughout Naperville, including years volunteering with the Naperville Emergency Management Agency, Naperville Little League Baseball, and the Naperville North Booster Club.

Professionally, Eddie enjoyed a successful career before partnering with and later owning Imageworks Productions, until his retirement in 2019.

Originally from Brooklyn, NY, Eddie has called Naperville home for nearly five decades. He and his wife, Mary, recently celebrated their 50th anniversary and are proud parents to their son, Michael, and grandparents to two grandchildren.

Eddie is a founding member of the Celtic Whiskey Club, reflecting his lifelong appreciation for camaraderie, tradition, and shared experiences, which makes him a fitting and deserving Grand Marshal honoree.



BOB WELSH SERVICE AWARD

KENT SCHIELKE 2026 RECIPIENT



Kent Schielke first connected with the West Suburban Irish in 2008 through Quiz Night at Quigley's while working with WSI Member, Mary Corrigan, at Sts. Peter & Paul School. That introduction led to his becoming a WSI member and to years of dedicated service to both WSI and the Naperville community.

Since joining WSI, Kent has served in many roles across the organization. If you've ever attended Quiz Night at Quigley's, you have Kent to thank for many of the trivia questions. Beginning in 2012, he assisted Chuck Corrigan, former WSI president and parade chair, with writing trivia, a role he faithfully continued through 2024.

Kent also served as WSI Cultural Chair, helping ensure WSI shares the rich culture and history of Ireland and the Irish. Over the years, he has contributed to the St. Patrick's Day Parade and the Irish Mass.

A lifelong resident of the greater Naperville area, Kent has built two distinct careers: one as a lawyer and the other as a science teacher.

With the patient support of his wife, April, Kent has also volunteered at Irish Fest. Together, Kent and April have a son and daughter, both of whom are, thankfully, patiently tolerant of trivia.

PAST RECIPIENTS

BOB WELSH

*2024 Posthumously
Awarded*

KEELIN MURPHY

2024 (Inaugural)

LYNDA REILLY

2025



THE NORA MORAN MAROVICH AWARD

The Nora Moran Marovich Award, affectionately known as “The Nonnies,” is named in honor of Nora (“Nonnie”) Moran Marovich. This award provides financial support to high school juniors and seniors as they pursue their post-secondary education.



A founding member of WSI, Nonnie was an instrumental voice in shaping the organization. She was known for her compassion, generosity, and unwavering willingness to help others. Through this award, WSI proudly continues her legacy of service and support.

2025 Award Recipients

- Shatakshi Chatterjee, Illinois Math and Science Academy
- Natalie Finnegan, Nazareth Academy
- Shaye Kelliher, Naperville North High School
- Teah Oviedo Navarro, Illinois Math and Science Academy

2024 Award Recipients

- Anna Aler, Plainfield North High School
- Ryan Gustis, Downers Grove South High School

2023 Award Recipients

- Maeve Begley, Amos Alonzo Stagg High School
- Dylan Roberts, Benet Academy

2022 Award Recipients

- Margo Paluch, Waubonsie Valley High School
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2021 Award Recipients

- Timothy Pipal, Benet Academy
- Elaine Carroll, Nequa Valley High School
- Michael Wronski, Metea Valley H.S.
- Colin Reilly, Metea Valley High School

2020 Award Recipients*

- Lucia Wileman, Rosary High School
- Karly Keating, Benet Academy

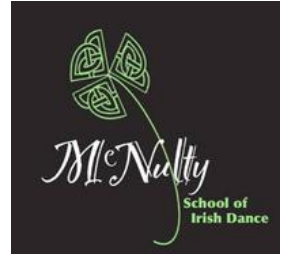
**Previously the Celtic Service Award*



SPECIAL GUESTS

McNULTY IRISH DANCE

The McNulty School of Irish Dance has been sharing Irish culture and tradition with the community for more than five decades. Founded in 1971, the school offers instruction for dancers of all ages and skill levels, emphasizing technique, discipline, confidence, and a love of Irish dance.



PADDY HOMAN

Paddy Homan is a Chicago-based traditional Irish tenor known for his powerful voice and deep respect for Irish musical tradition. With a repertoire rooted in classic Irish ballads and folk songs, Paddy brings warmth, authenticity, and storytelling to every performance. A familiar presence at Irish cultural events, pubs, and festivals throughout the Chicagoland area, he connects audiences to the heart of Irish music through songs that celebrate heritage, history, and community.



FIREFIIGHTERS HIGHLAND GUARD

The Firefighters Highland Guard of Naperville is a bagpipe and drum band based in Naperville. It was formed in 2003 in the aftermath of the September 11th attacks to honor fallen firefighters and first responders. The group performs locally, using traditional Scottish and Irish bagpipes.



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- Kathy Rafferty





irish mass

IN HONOR OF ST. PATRICK



wednesday, march 11, 2026

Prelude: 6:30pm | Mass: 7:00pm

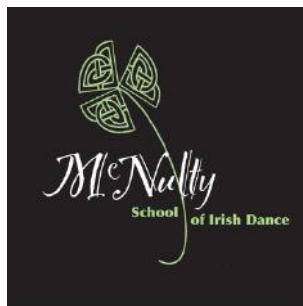
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quiz night



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irish session



1st & 3rd Wednesday

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When it comes to celebrating Irish spirit, there's only
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Parade Day - Open at 10 AM

Live Entertainment:

- Cirrus Falcon | Noon – 4 PM
- Jameson Shakes | 8 PM – Midnight
- The Highland Guard Bagpipers | 5 PM



St. Patrick's Day - Open at 10 AM (21+ all day)

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- Highland Guard Bagpipers | 5 PM

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PATRICK'S DAY PARADE HISTORY

Year	Grand Marshal	Parade Chair	Queen	St. Patrick
1993	Sam Macrane	Kevin Dolan	--	Fred Haines
1994	Jim Ryan	Kevin Dolan	--	Fred Haines
1995	no parade	no parade	no parade	no parade
1996	George Pradel	Jeannie Murphy-Mill	Susan Casey	Bob Welsh
1997	Hugh Hill	George & Nonnie Marovich	Brittany Dougherty	Bob Welsh
1998	Harris Fawell	Bob Welsh	Jody Tucker Morganegg	Bob Welsh
1999	George Pradel	Pam Perillo	Meghan Miks	Bob Welsh
2000	Dorcas Pearcy	Pam Perillo Wes Young	Claire Donghey	Bob Welsh
2001	Barb McNulty	Wes Young	--	Bob Welsh
2002	Fr. Don Kearney	Sarah Maher	--	Bob Welsh
2003	Bill & Sue Ann McCarthy	Kathleen McCarthy Hayden	--	Bob Welsh
2004	Mike Quigley	Kevin Dolan	--	Bob Welsh
2005	Honey Mears	Kevin Dolan	Casey Cummings	Bob Welsh
2006	Dan Casey	Chuck Corrigan Nancy Quigley	Caitlin Nora Synowiec	Bob Welsh
2007	Ray Kinney	Chuck Corrigan Nancy Quigley	Kelsey Carvin	Bob Welsh
2008	Nick Ryan	Chuck Corrigan Nancy Quigley	Colleen Manser	Bob Welsh
2009	Mike Connelly	Chuck Corrigan Nancy Quigley	Bridget Deely	Bob Welsh

PATRICK'S DAY PARADE HISTORY

Year	Grand Marshal	Parade Chair	Queen	St. Patrick
2010	Ray McGury	Chuck Corrigan Nancy Quigley	Shannon Kelly Webster	Bob Welsh
2011	Sr. Jeanne Haley, O. Carm.	Chuck Corrigan Nancy Quigley	Haley Gillespie	Bob Welsh
2012	Nonnie Moran Marovich	Chuck Corrigan Nancy Quigley	Maureen Elizabeth Levy	Bob Welsh
2013	Kevin Dolan	Chuck Corrigan	Mary Kate Zimmerman	Bob Welsh
2014	Mike Reilly	Chuck Corrigan	Nellie Rose Barry	Bob Welsh
2015	Brian Cunningham	Chuck Corrigan	Noelle Johnston	Tim Johnston
2016	Patrick Bowler	Chuck Corrigan	Allison Rose Clymer	Bob Welsh
2017	Nancy Quigley	Chuck Corrigan Terry O'Dowd Paul Santucci	Caitlin Colleen Moran	Bob Welsh
2018	Chuck Corrigan	Terry O'Dowd Paul Santucci	Gabrielle Santucci	Tim Johnston
2019	Christine Jeffries	Terry O'Dowd Paul Santucci	Fiona Curran	Tim Johnston
2020	canceled	canceled	canceled	canceled
2021	no parade	no parade	no parade	no parade
2022	Dr. Mark Goodwin	Paul Santucci	--	Tim Johnston
2023	John Drohan	Paul Santucci	--	Tim Johnston
2024	Scott Wehrli	Rich Janor	--	Tim Johnston
2025	Loaves & Fishes	Rich Janor	--	Tim Johnston
2026	Eddie Curley	Rich Janor	--	Tim Johnston

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- **Cliff Carlson, IAN (Value: \$2,100)**

6. Peace n' Roses Collection

Belleek Tree of Life Vase with flower arrangement, valentine's arrangement, 2 Christmas ornaments, and a 18" wooden shamrock wall plaque.

- **Mike Kelly, Peace n' Roses (Value: \$150)**

7. Emerald Isle Elegance

Beautiful white Coach purse, charming green wallet, and \$100 Downtown Naperville gift card.

- **Mary & Chuck Corrigan (Value: \$500)**

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- **Barb McNulty & Eileen Murphy (Value: \$150)**

13. Take Me Out to the Ball Game: Crosstown Classic!

Enjoy the rivalry with four (4) tickets to Cubs/Sox game at Wrigley Field on Monday, Aug 17 (Section 206, Row 3). Four seats together under cover with an unobstructed view.

- **Bill Broderick & Sharon Hovey (Value: Priceless)**

14. A Proper Irish Evening In (& Out)

From the parlor to the pub! Enjoy Tullamore Dew, a crystal decanter, Belleek wall plaque, three (3) \$50 gift cards to local restaurants/breweries.

- **The Dalton Family (Value: \$300)**

15. Sip, Snuggle & Sláinte

Wrap up, pour a dram, and toast St. Paddy's with comfort, charm, and a whole lot of Irish cheer. Busker Irish Whiskey, Irish Cream and Coffee, a snuggly blanket, 2 hats and a book of everything Irish!

- **Paul & Anna Hinterlong (Value: \$250)**

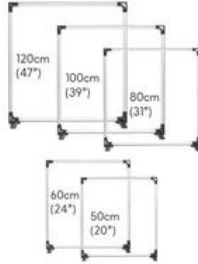
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Enjoy hands-on fun at the DuPage Children's Museum, keep the kids cozy in wool hats (2), and fuel the grownups with \$20 Starbucks treats.

- **Colleen Doyle & Jasen Glnalski, & Multiple Donors (Value: \$125)**

19. Sip, Scratch & Strike it Rich

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- **Barb McNulty (Value: \$65)**

20. All Things Irish!

Delightful collection of all things Irish! Shamrock pillow, wooden Irish flag, 2 top o' the mornin' mugs, shamrock notecards, small tray, and other delightful Irish décor items.

- **Kathy & Tom Rafferty (Value: \$115)**

21. The Calm Beginnings Baby Bundle

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- **Meg Smith, meg@joinusatthecrib.com (Value: \$500)**

22. A Night Out! Paramount Theater & Dinner

Paramount Theater 2 tickets to South Pacific and a gift card for \$50 to Vai's Italian Restaurant. A bottle of Glenmorangie single malt scotch whisky, an Irish t-shirt, \$10 Starbucks gift card.

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24. If you like Pina Coladas...

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25. The Ultimate WSI Family Package

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- **Kevin McQuillen, Colleen Doyle, WSI (Value: \$200)**

26. Sipping & Shopping for Furniture!

\$250 gift card for Walter E. Smith furniture plus a \$10 Starbucks gift card.

- **Multiple Donors (Value: \$260)**

27. For a Chilly Night!

A bottle of Winter White wine, peppermint bark, t-shirt, Guinness Cuff Links, a \$10 Starbuck's gift card, and J.P Dunleavy's "A Singular Country."

- **Keelin Murphy, Colleen Doyle & Jasen Ginalski, Linda Dimitropoulos (Value: \$75)**

28. Almost Everything Fecking Irish...

Sip a glass of Remy Martin Cognac and enjoy a cup of Starbucks (\$10) while reading about "everything Irish." Includes a handcrafted wooden Irish lawn flag, a table runner, an Irish "hello darkness" t-shirt.

- **Kevin McQuillen, Linda Dimitropoulos, Colleen Doyle & Jasen Ginalski (Value: \$125)**

29. Get Your Irish On!

Sip a glass of Saint Brendan's Irish Cream while reading this Frank Delaney first edition, listen to music by Pat Broaders; Also enjoy an Irish table runner and a WSI Lifetime Membership.

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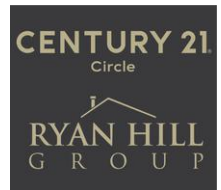


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St. Patrick's Day Parade owes it all to bit of Irish luck

■ **Naperville:** A little bit of Irish luck was on the side of Kevin Michael Dolan last week when the City Council reconsidered an earlier request and decided to allow a small St. Patrick's Day parade.

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But Dolan, who has organized similar parades in St. Louis and Kansas City, sealed down his request.

The parade will run from 1 to 2 p.m. March 14,

Dolan said. It will begin in the Veterans of Foreign War parking lot at 908 W. Jackson Ave. and continue for three blocks, ending at the Naperville Park District Administration Building parking lot.

Dolan said both the police and fire departments have expressed interest in entering vehicles in the parade. He also is looking for a bagpipe player.

Spaces in the parade need to be reserved by March 1. Call 983-8967.

—Suzanne G. Hlotke

Chicago Tribune, February 22, 1993

1994

Parade promoter in step with Irish-American pride

■ **Naperville:** For the latter half of his 55 years, Kevin Michael Patrick Dolan has been leading his own movement to promote Irish-American culture in the form of the St. Patrick's Day Parade.

In January 1993, only six weeks after he moved to Naperville, he was petitioning the City Council for a parade permit, which it initially rejected. The parade did go on, but because of short notice and a 12-degree day, it was attended only by about 50 people, Dolan said.

Dolan is expecting at least twice that number for the second annual West Suburban St. Patrick's Day Parade, to be held at 10:30 a.m. March 12.

In 1970, he co-founded the St. Patrick's Day celebration in St. Louis and 24 years later, he said, it ranks among the five largest parades in the country.

That first year, Dolan won the coup of having then-Prime Minister of Ireland Jack Lynch lead the parade procession.

"We've got to get everybody to believe in their own parade," said Dolan, an actor, model and account executive for Telecom USA and Naperville Travel.

Dolan is seeking more musicians and volunteers to participate in the parade. For more information, call 983-8967.

Sonya Vann

Chicago Tribune, February 9, 1994



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Marchers ready for St. Pat's parade

By Maria Hoefke

Requests are still coming in from those who want to participate in Naperville's first St. Patrick's Day Parade.

Kevin Dolan, the parade's organizer, said Tuesday afternoon he had 41 participants slated for the parade which will kick off at 1 p.m. Sunday, March 14.

Roughly 15 Irish families will be marching in the parade along with a Desert Storm Marine veteran, Mayor Samuel T. Macrane Jr., city councilmen, a color guard, the McNulty Irish Dancers, Lisle Township Democrats, Naperville Township Democrats, the St. Peter and Paul eighth grade class, and representatives of WONC and WJNK radio and others, Dolan said.

"I thought there would be a lot more," said Dolan of the number of participants in the parade.

He did, however, say he had more than 25 phone calls from members of bag pipe bands and other organizations who said their group would "categorically" commit to next year's parade, but would not be able to attend Sunday due to the South Side St. Patrick's Day parade being held the same day in Blue Island.

The Naperville City Council gave its approval to an Irish parade to take place in 1994, and a smaller parade to take place this year.

The council was hesitant to approve a parade request for this year, questioning the feasibility of putting a parade together in a short period of time.

The council, however, did okay plans for a parade route that would roughly be a four block march around the Veterans of Foreign Wars' Judd Kendall Post at 908 Jackson Ave.

Calling this year's parade "A gathering of the clan," Dolan hopes those who participate this year will work on the St. Patrick's Day parade for next year.





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Gus Sturtza / Sun news services

Dancers from Reel Studio in Downers Grove were among the 63 units that marched in the 10th annual West Suburban Irish St. Patrick's Day Parade Saturday in Naperville.

SUN STAFF

Although the anticipated warm weather didn't take hold early enough Saturday to warm the crowd watching the St. Patrick's Day Parade, the Irish cheer arrived as promised in the form of 63 units decked in green.

"There were so many people here today," said Laura Cofran, publicity chairwoman of the Paramount Tall Club of Chicago.

She was wearing a T-shirt bearing the club's motto: "Life is short, I'm not."

"We got a lot of good response from the crowd," Cofran said.

She said the club always kicks off its year of parade participation with the Naperville parade, sponsored by the West Suburban Irish.

SWEATER WEATHER

Cool, gray morning can't
discolor green day downtown

"We like to start off the year here because we get so many responses," she said. "Plus, it's such a family-oriented parade."

Among the familiar units marching in the parade were the Naperville-based McNulty Irish Dancers, who took home the

Ryan Erin Dolan Memorial Founders Award.

Two President's Awards were presented. Kevin Dolan, founder of the parade, was given a President's Award, and Kathleen McCarthy, parade chairwoman, received the second award.

McCarthy, surveying the scene of the awards presentation at the Municipal Center on Saturday, said she was happy to see the hundreds of spectators who turned out despite the cooler-than-expected morning temperatures.

She said there was a hitch early in the day when an amplifier and microphone would not cooperate on the parade reviewing stand, from which scripted announcements were to have been broadcast.

"We spent hours making the script, but we'll dub it in (for the television rebroadcast on Naperville Community Television)," she said, noting that the

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St. Patrick's Day parade needs queen

By **Donna DeFalco**
STAFF WRITER

Organizers of the West Suburban Irish's 11th annual St. Patrick's Day parade are looking for a queen to reign over the weekend's festivities to celebrate St. Patrick's Day.

Women of Irish descent between the ages of 17 and 27 are invited to meet with the West Suburban Irish committee at 11 a.m. Saturday in the Municipal Center lunchroom, at 400 S. Eagle St.

For an application or more information, call Dolan at (630) 369-8475.

In addition to the parade, which will step off at 10 a.m. March 13 at Spring Avenue, there will be a postparade celebration at Quigley's Pub.

The Naperville Irish Party will take place from 2 to 6 p.m. March 14 at the Holiday Inn Select.

A traditional Irish Mass will be celebrated at 7 p.m. March 15 at St. Thomas the Apostle Church in Naperville.

For more information about the West Suburban Irish, visit www.wsirish.org.



Heather Eidson / Staff photographer

McNulty Irish Dancers perform traditional Irish dances during the West Suburban Irish St. Patrick's Day parade Saturday.

Parade

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girlfriend, Sandy Safflower, and his 177-pound St. Bernard named Beauregard, who rolled over on the Riverwalk to let passers-by pet his stomach.

"It was wonderful. It gets better every year," said McGonagle. Parade organizer Kevin Dolan said the size of the parade grew to 90 parade units, compared to last year's 60.

Dolan said he was pleased with the turnout, but the larger parade size presented some logistical problems.

"It was really tough to form everyone on Spring Street. We

just didn't have a large enough staging area," he said. "We have asked the mayor to go back to the traditional parade route."

The parade route used for other city parades and used for the St. Patrick's Day parade in the past starts behind Naperville North High School and travels down Mill Street to Jackson Avenue. Dolan said that area provides more room for assembling.

The parade grand marshal was Mike Quigley, owner of Quigley's Irish Pub.

After the parade, Quigley was presented with three trophies: one for his sponsorship of the parade, another for his role as grand marshal and a third recognizing his first-place finish in the best float category.





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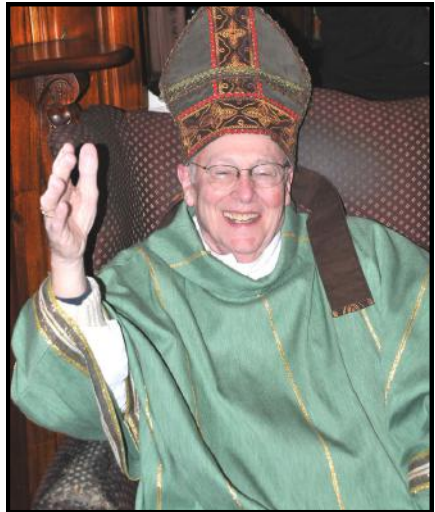


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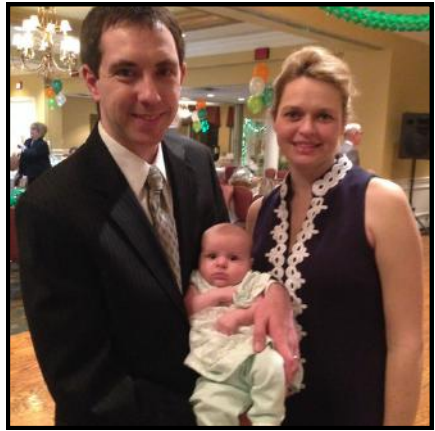








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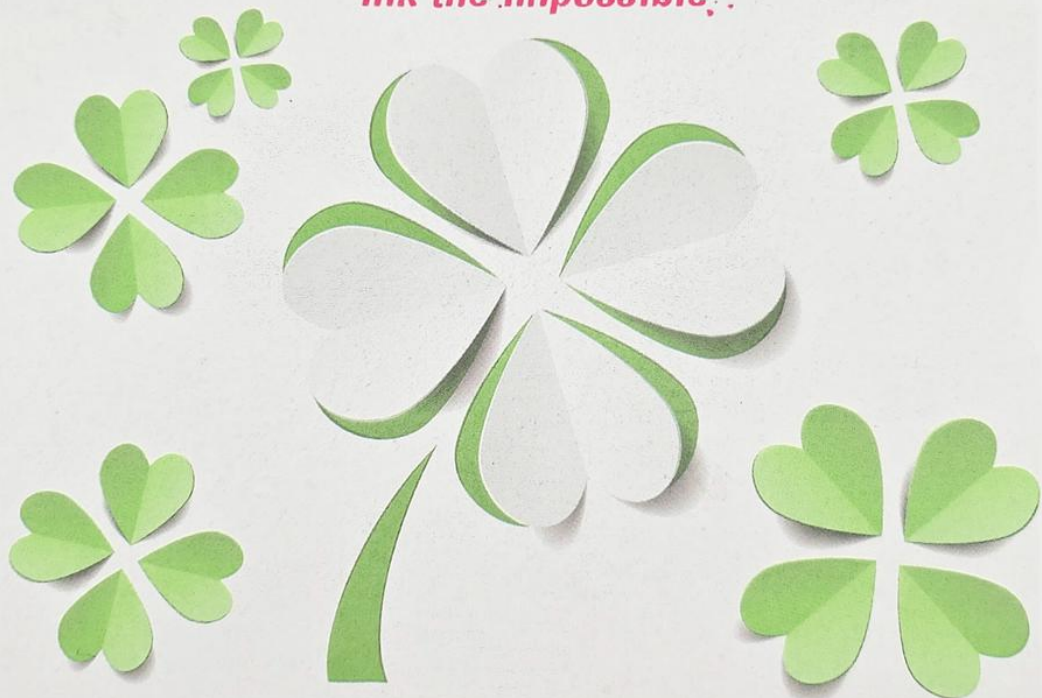
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