

Feb. 6-7, 2021



Dear St. Stephen Parishioners,

It's time for our annual Luck of the Irish Fundraiser!

As you may recall, last year's event, after two postponements, was held virtually in July. Due to the continued pandemic conditions, this year's event also will be held in a virtual format. You may participate, as if you were sitting at Ciminero's Banquet Center, by using your computer, tablet or phone anytime from 4 p.m. Thursday, March 17, to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 20.

Tickets

The cost of tickets remains the same this year, \$50 for a raffle ticket with dinner, and \$35 for a raffle only ticket. Once again, Ciminero's will offer carry-out dinners on Saturday, March 20, (pick-up from 4 to 6 p.m.) for those who wish to enjoy a meal while watching the reverse raffle numbers being pulled during a Facebook Live event from 4 to 6 p.m. March 20.

Due to the need for social distancing, **no tickets will be sold after Mass.** Instead, we ask that you use the form at the bottom of this letter and either mail in a check for your tickets or drop it into the collection basket with the order form. **All tickets will be mailed to purchasers.**

Here's what you need to know:

To take part in virtual Luck of the Irish, you will need to go to log on to <http://bidpal.net/luckoftheirish>. This site will be live as of 4 p.m. Thursday, March 17, when you may purchase tickets for our 50/50 raffle, restaurant gift card tree and lottery tree raffles, as well as our Pot of Gold game. You also may use the site to make a monetary donation to the cause. The event will close at 4 p.m. Saturday, March 20, when the reverse raffle will commence.

As many people discovered last year, the site is easy to use, and as simple as shopping online.

Donations

We are in need of donations of gift cards (restaurant, pizza, retail store, fast food) to help fill up our gift card trees, and we gratefully accept all cash donations for the event. If you feel you can donate, please know your contribution is greatly appreciated.

Because of the economic hardship the pandemic has placed on many local restaurants and other businesses, we will not be soliciting for donations as vibrantly as we have in the past.

To accommodate health and cleanliness recommendations during the pandemic, we also won't be having our Irish Auction for gift baskets this year.

Your Luck of the Irish Committee is working diligently to ensure that this year's event is as big of a success as if we were there in person, we hope we can count on everyone's support!

Speaking of being there in person...

Please mark your calendar and say a prayer for the end of the pandemic so that on Saturday, March 19, 2022, we will once again be able to be together at Ciminero's for this evening of fun, fellowship and fundraising for our parish.

We thank you for your continued support!

Sincerely,

Julie Abraham and Carol Hrosar, co-chairs, Luck of the Irish Committee

Please fill out the form below to order your tickets.

(Detach and return)

Please fill in all the blanks:

Name(s): _____

Mailing Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

I would like to purchase _____ number of **\$50 tickets** for dinner and raffle.

I would like to purchase _____ number of **\$35 tickets** for raffle only.

Preferred ticket number(s): _____

(We will try to accommodate requests for preferred numbers, but do not guarantee them!)

ALL TICKET SALES ARE FINAL – NO REFUNDS ON TICKET PURCHASES

Clip and place in the collection basket at church or mail to:
St. Stephen Church, 129 W. Park Ave., Niles, Ohio 44446

