

## FOR THE LOVE OF IRELAND!

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## FACTS ABOUT ST PATRICK

- St. Patrick was born Maewym Succat 387 AD and died 461 AD (He then changed his name to a Christian name)
- At the age of sixteen Patrick was taken hostage by a group of Irish raiders
- St. Patrick's Day has been observed by the Irish as a religious holiday for more than 1,000 years!

## **MORE FACTS!**



- The first St Patrick's day parade was held in Waterford (the oldest and fifth most popular in Ireland) in 1903
- The first St Patrick's Day celebration in the United States was held In Boston in 1737

- Saint Patrick was not Irish! He was from Wales. He is remembered for bringing Christianity to Ireland.
- Blue was the colour associated with St.
  Patrick. In 1798 the colour green became officially associated with the day

## DID YOU KNOW...

SINCE 1962, THE CHICAGO RIVER IS DYED GREEN TO CELEBRATE ST. PATRICK'S DAY!



