

Try an Irish breakfast in Redford

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The luck o' the Irish is alive at one cozy Redford restaurant. At Murphy's Restaurant & Coney Island, Kevin and Shelly Murphy have been blessed by dedicated employees, family, a great heritage, and a successful business. Though the business has been always been booming, the Murphys have had to recover from a misfortune one could never imagine.

"We had a fire about nine years ago," Kevin says. "It was a fire that didn't do a lot of damage because they caught it real quick," he says. However, because of code regulations, the Murphys had to wait longer than expected to return to their prospering diner.

"We thought we'd be able to wash up and open up in about a week," he says. "And they said, 'Oh no, you have to redo everything.'"

"We pretty much had the place rebuilt at that point."

After four months of reconstruction, the Murphys and their crew "set up shop" again. "I never want to go through that again," he says.

Since then, Irish eyes have smiled down upon the Murphy place. The Murphys are approaching 19 years of serving their customers and loving every minute of it. It's like a mini Cheers, where "Everyone knows your name."

"Redford is a neat town and people here are friendly," he says. "I mean somebody seems to know everybody. They come through the restaurant, stop at two, three tables, and talk to people they know."

"It's a nice community-type place."

So, what's their secret to pleasing their fine hungry friends of the community?

"We just try to give customers the best service," Kevin says. Additionally, Shelly says, "I think we have quality food here. We cook everything

IRISH BLESSINGS

What: Murphy's Restaurant & Coney Island, a family-style restaurant featuring their famous Irish Breakfast and breakfast specials. Also serves large omelets, including their famous Murphy's Omelet, and has lunch items such as gyros, breast of chicken salad, and burrito selections.

Where: 26009 Five Mile Road, between Beech Daly and Inkster in Redford

Hours: 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday; 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday; and 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday

Details: For more information, or to order a carryout, call (313) 534-5809

fresh to order."

Murphy's Restaurant has simple dishes sure to please the pickiest palates. Customers come from all over to try their famous Irish breakfast, consisting of Potatoes O'Brien (with green peppers and onions), Irish sausage (aka Banger), any style eggs, and freshly cooked, sliced corned beef on the side.

And although Murphy's is a Coney Island, sliders (2-ounce burgers) — not hot dogs — are the hottest menu items.

"We sell dozens of sliders at lunch," he says. "I get big guys that come in and order 10 packs

of sliders. They thought they could finish them, but they can't."

And how about ordering up some of their delicious large omelets? Try their Murphy's Omelet (three eggs, potato, green pepper, tomato, onion, mushrooms, ham and American cheese), or maybe a good old Irish Omelet (corned beef and Swiss cheese).

If you're coming for lunch, a heart-healthy way to go would be their breast of chicken salad and a cup of homemade chicken dumpling, or for something nice and hearty, try a wet burrito —

large tortilla with ground beef, lettuce, tomato and onion, covered with chili, cheddar and mozzarella.

Murphy's Restaurant & Coney Island blends authentic Irish customs and family atmosphere into their decor, food, and generous hospitality.

Kevin and Shelly Murphy encourage good family relations, both at work and home. Their daughter Katie is one of their waitresses and son Sean does his share of cooking. Their daughter Tara is just around the corner from joining the crew.

As customers dine, they can enjoy the art, some straight from Kevin's Irish homeland, some collected over the years, that decorates the restaurant.

"How sweetly lies old Ireland emerald green beyond the foam, Awakening sweet memories, calling the heart back home."

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Inside Murphy's Restaurant & Coney Island, where the luck o' the Irish decorates the walls and customers enjoy a good meal.



Co-Owners Kevin and Shelly Murphy stand in front of Murphy's Restaurant & Coney Island.

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