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## John D. McGurk's

1200 Russell Blvd., St. Louis | 314.776.8309

Mon. to Sat. – 11 a.m. to 1:30 a.m., Sun. – 3 p.m. to midnight

**S:** McGurk's is a pub with some savage fish and chips. Though it's technically Fish and crisps, as the dish is served with thin, freshly sliced and fried potato chips that are crispy with a bit of moisture still left inside. We should admit upfront, McGurk's is our local pub and we're regulars here. In fact, I brought Becky here for our very first date. Fish and chips is apparently the way to a woman's heart.

**B:** It was the beer. Or maybe the food. The fish and chips is delicious, after all. In the large order, you get four pieces of fresh, battered cod, and you never know exactly what shape or size they'll be, which tells you they're hand-cut – no Mrs. Paul's here. The fish is never greasy, and the flavor of the fish really comes through the batter. In the crisps, even though they're thin and really crisp, you get full potato flavor.

**S:** I love the crunch that the fish made when I bit into it – a well-done, lightly oiled coating. The batter and the fish were really well-balanced – neither overpowered the other. And McGurk's serves a true pint of Guinness, which makes me feel right at home.

**B:** I think a good ambiance makes the food taste even better, and McGurk's definitely has that going for it. With its dark wood interior and steady stream of live music, McGurk's is the real deal. **S**



Below: McGurk's technically serves fish and crisps, as the dish is served with house-made potato chips.

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There's nary a bad spot in this Soulard destination, whether you prefer the privacy of a dark wood booth or the conviviality of the killer beer garden. This time of year, though, the side of the bar that faces the live Irish music is our favorite perch. That is, if you can get a seat.