



# Connections

**ST. JOSEPH**  
Chamber of Commerce

## The President's Perspective

### Top Ten...

So, with the news of my year-end retirement spreading around the community I have been asked by many, will you remain in St. Joseph? Actually, the question surprises me a bit, but the answer is yes, Sherri and I will continue to live here.

The question though has made me stop and think about why I enjoy living in St. Joseph. So, here are my top 10 things I enjoy most about St. Joseph in no particular order:

1. The Missouri River – such a great amenity and really defines our community's past and present.
2. History – the jumping off spot for the westward expansion of the U.S., river boats, Pony Express and the birthplace for entrepreneurship. Did I mention I love history?
3. Architecture – because of the community's prominence in the late 1800s, St Joseph has a wealth of historic structures and amazing architecture for the period. It is truly a treasure!
4. The Parkway – where else can you live that has a world-class Parkway System? Amazing!
5. Neighborhood Bars – Ok, I like a beer now and then, but the places "where everyone knows your name" -- they are part of what makes St. Joseph uncommon.
6. The People – independent, hardworking and friendly is how I would describe us. I have always felt welcomed and accepted even though I did not graduate from a local high school.
7. 139th Airlift Wing – residents of St. Joseph are proud of their country and support those in the military. There is no better example of this than the pride we have for our own local Missouri Air National Guard. As a country and as a community, they are always there!
8. Weather – I came from Houston, Texas, so I didn't realize there were seasons. Love the four seasons, especially the fall.
9. Missouri Western – Our own four-year university. I have always said MWSU is one of our most important community assets. It offers residents of St. Joseph the benefits of higher education along with the enjoyment of being a university town. Go Griffs!
10. Mosaic Life Care – A great hospital and medical professionals who serve the needs of our community. Believe me when I say this is not a small thing especially for me as I get older! We are fortunate to have them and thankful for their work.



R. Patt Lilly  
President & CEO

So, there you go. I could continue but I am only allowed so much space in the monthly newsletter. We may hear negative things about St. Joseph, but there are a lot of things that make this community special. What are your Top Ten?

## NEW MEMBERS

The following businesses and individuals have been approved for membership in the St. Joseph Chamber of Commerce:

### MidCity Excellence (MCE) Community Learning Center, Inc.

Kimberly Warren  
604 S. 20th St. (07)  
(816) 273-5450  
visitmce@gmail.com  
visitmce.org

#### Charitable Organizations

### R. Robert Warren, Jr./Motivational Speaker, Author, Poet, Life Coach, Educational Consultant

2400 Frederick Ave. Ste. 506 (06)  
(816) 294-4727  
contact@rrobertwarren.org  
www.rrobertwarren.org

#### Education

### Bick Products, Inc.

Scott McClanahan  
520 Francis St., Ste. 400b-09 (01)  
(816) 596-0059  
bicksm13@gmail.com  
www.bickproducts.com

#### Manufacturers

### Western Reception, Diagnostic & Correctional Center

Chris Browning  
3401 Faraon St. (06)  
(816) 387-2158

chris.browning@doc.mo.gov

#### Government

### The Joseph Company

Wes Simmons  
1006 E. St. Maartens Drive, Ste B (06)  
(816) 805-2041  
wsimmons@3Dinstitute.com  
www.thejosephcompany.com

#### Charitable Organizations

### Life's Journey Massage & Body Work

Letha Childers  
3416 Ashland Ave. (06)  
(816) 785-3953  
letha57@gmail.com  
lifesjourneymassageandtherapy.com

#### Massage Therapy

### Element Resources

Wendy Berthiaume  
25102 Liberty Road,  
Forest City, MO 64451  
(660) 446-3321  
wendy.berthiaume@elementrellc.com  
www.elementrellc.com

#### Recycling

### St. Joe Cookie Company

Janaha Anderson  
4073 SE Cunningham Road (07)  
(816) 558-2842  
www.stjoecookie.com

#### Bakeries

### The St. Joseph Real Estate Group

Christy Rippe  
3723 Beck Road (06)  
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christybuysstjoe@gmail.com  
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#### Real Estate



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# November Calendar

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All members, employees and guests are invited to attend events. Call the Chamber for any dietary needs. Reservations must be cancelled 24 hours in advance to avoid charges. See COVID-19 event guidelines at [saintjoseph.com](http://saintjoseph.com)

**1** **SPECIAL BUSINESS after HOURS** **Monday, Nov. 1**  
Presented by Altec Industries, Inc. **5 to 7 p.m., Free**  
Prep for the Chiefs Monday Night Football game at this special Business After Hours. Wear your red, be ready for some fun and prizes but also bring your business cards. You could meet your next client at this monthly event. Food and drinks provided. St. Jo Frontier Casino  
777 Winners Circle

**3, 11, 17** **Circle of Influence** **Nov. 3 & 11 and Nov. 17**  
Circle of Influence is a leads group composed of small business professionals looking to exchange direct client referrals and leads. The group also provides a forum for the discussion of issues which businesses commonly encounter. Only one member per profession/speciality in each group is allowed. Cost is \$100 to join. There are two groups, one that meets the first and third Wednesdays and another that meets the second and fourth Thursdays. (Holidays affect this schedule.) Contact Natalie Redmond for more information, [redmond@saintjoseph.com](mailto:redmond@saintjoseph.com) or (816) 364-4107. Meetings held at Stoney Creek Hotel & Conference Center, 1201 Woodbine. **11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Guests Free**

**10** **Public Affairs Coffee** **Wednesday, Nov. 10**  
Presented by Farmers State Bank **7:30 a.m., \$15**  
This Public Affairs Coffee will feature an update on the state of the St. Joseph School District. Public Affairs Coffee events feature issues involving social, economic, governmental, legislative and corporate activities that are of concern to Chamber members and the business community. Light breakfast served. Stoney Creek Hotel & Conference Center  
1201 N. Woodbine Road  
**RESERVATIONS REQUIRED:**  
816/232-4461 or [www.saintjoseph.com](http://www.saintjoseph.com)

**10** **Shop St. Joseph** **Nov. 10 to Dec. 22**  
Presented by News-Press NOW go to [www.saintjoseph.com](http://www.saintjoseph.com) for more information  
This popular program encourages residents to shop locally during the holidays and is getting ready to kick off. If you want your business to get some extra business this holiday shopping season, call 364-4107 or e-mail [redmond@saintjoseph.com](mailto:redmond@saintjoseph.com).

**11** **DIPLOMATS CLUB Breakfast** **Thursday, Nov. 11**  
Presented by CLA **7:15 to 8:30 a.m., \$7**  
The Diplomats Club is a fun group that provides opportunities to promote your business and serve as a link between the Chamber and the community. Join them for their monthly meeting! **Breakfast provided**  
Jake's Steakhouse & Sports Bar  
620 Edmond St.  
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**16** **Lunch & Learn Seminar** **Tuesday, Nov. 16**  
*Lunch by Lino's* **11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., \$10**  
Presented by Butchart Flowers Inc. & Greenhouse **St. Joseph Chamber of Commerce**  
"Manage Your Workplace Stress" 3003 Frederick Ave.  
Everyone has stressful days at work. Come learn from Drew Fisher, of Fisher Counseling Services, about how professionals can tackle mental health and stress management in the workplace. **RESERVATIONS REQUIRED:**  
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**17** **Small Business Summit** **Wednesday, Nov. 17**  
Presented by Family Investment Center & SJC Marketing **8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., \$20**  
See a Cup of Joe presentation, hear a keynote speaker and learn from different breakout sessions on various topics that are focused on helping small businesses. More information to come. Check [saintjoseph.com](http://saintjoseph.com). Fulkerson Center, MWSU  
4525 Downs Drive  
**RESERVATIONS REQUIRED:**  
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**18** **BUSINESS after HOURS** **Thursday, Nov. 18**  
Presented by Altec Industries, Inc. **5 to 7 p.m., Free**  
Bring your business cards and get ready to network. Meet some new business contacts and friendly faces at this monthly event. Food and drinks provided. Biggins Sports Bar & Grill  
408 Hickory St.

**19** **Economic Development Summit** **Friday, Nov. 19**  
Presented by RS Electric Corp. **8 a.m., \$25**  
Come hear Esther George, president and CEO of the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City discuss current economic conditions. Ms. George always provides valuable insight into the national and international economies. A local economic development update from St. Joseph Chamber staff also will be given. Two registrations free for Partnership for Success investors of a minimum \$500 annually. **Register by Nov. 15**  
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