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Connecting the Chamber with members in a monthly news source.



ST. JOSEPH
Chamber of Commerce

Connections

The President's Perspective

For more than 50 years, the Small Business Administration (SBA) has celebrated National Small Business Week, which recognizes the critical contribution of American entrepreneurs and small business owners. The Chamber has a lineup of events to celebrate National Small Business Week the first week of May.

Over 85 percent of our Chamber membership is made up of small businesses, not to mention all of the large employers that started as an entrepreneur's dream. Supporting a small business not only helps your neighbor, but it also helps give St. Joseph residents and visitors lots of local and unique options they can't experience anywhere else. Can you imagine St. Joseph without the big pink ice cream cone or Cherry Mash? Or without cool boutiques, and bars or restaurants where servers know regulars' orders? Or service businesses with professionals who never miss deadlines?

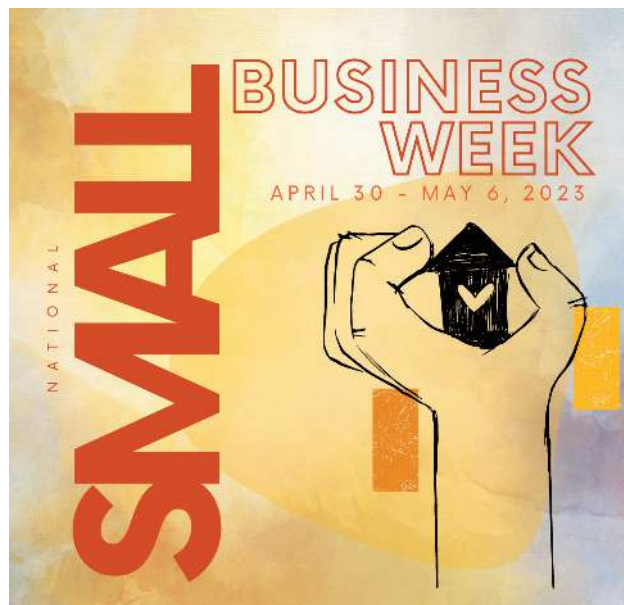
The Chamber provides lots of resources to support start ups and small businesses through networking, education and promotion. But

don't forget, we also house the Small Business Development Center inside the Chamber building. Rebecca Lobina is the Director, you can reach her at 816-364-4105. The services provided by the SBDC are free. Rebecca is available to assist individuals and businesses with issues involving business start up, expansion, purchase, sales, marketing, financial analysis and almost any other issue that presents itself to a current or potential small business owner.

We're excited for Small Business Week, May 1-5. See information below about all of the great things we have planned with some of our partners!



Natalie Redmond
President & CEO



Small Business Week Events

Monday, May 1
10 to 11 a.m.
St. Joseph Chamber of Commerce Boardroom

Tuesday, May 2
Noon to 1 p.m.
St. Joseph Chamber of Commerce Boardroom

Wednesday, May 3
8:30 to noon
East Hills Library Theater
502 N. Woodbine Road

Thursday, May 4
5 to 7 p.m.
Castle Bridge Event Center, 8403 U.S. 59 Hwy

Friday, May 5
8 to 9 a.m.
St. Joseph Chamber of Commerce Boardroom

Chamber 101 for Small Businesses

Let us help you make the MOST of your membership. Staff members will present ways to get your biggest ROI, especially as a small biz.

From Side Hustle to Full-Time Business

Learn how to turn your side gig into your full-time job by knowing the ins and outs related to being an official business, how to market and more. Will be taught by Rebecca Lobina of the SBDC.

Cup of Joe & Social Media with Miu

After the weekly entrepreneur series Cup of Joe series from 8:30 to 10, hear from Miu Edlin of Miuze Marketing with helpful tips.

Member Showcase

May the 4th be with you as you come visit Chamber members at this showcase to learn more about their businesses. Food & drinks provided. Presented by MWSU Foundation.

Show Me the Money Workshop

Learn what's required by a lender for approval of funding and understand the difference between traditional and SBA lending and alternative financing. Will be taught by Rebecca Lobina of the SBDC.

All events are free and open to the public.

Registration requested on our website, saintjoseph.com, for Chamber 101 for Small Businesses, From Side Hustle to Full-Time Business, Social Media with Miu and Show Me the Money Workshop.



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VALID UNTIL
JUNE 1, 2023

May Calendar

For more information, call 816/232-4461. **CREDIT CARD RESERVATIONS CAN BE MADE ONLINE, www.saintjoseph.com**

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.

3, 17, 11, 25 *Circle of Influence*

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 Tony Luke for more information, luke@saintjoseph.com or (816) 364-4101. Meetings held at Stoney Creek Hotel & Conference Center, 1201 Woodbine.

May 3 & 17 and May 11 & 25
11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Guests Free

9 *Lunch & Learn Seminar*

Presented by Jeremy Eaton Yoga
"Marijuana and the Workplace"

Seth Slayden, of Taylor Siemens Elliott Creedy & Lyle P.C., will speak about the legalization of recreational marijuana, enhanced employment protections to medical marijuana users and how those laws might impact Missouri employers.

*Lunch by
La Mesa
Mexican Restaurant*

Tuesday, May 9
11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., \$10
St. Joseph Chamber of Commerce
3003 Frederick Ave.

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED:
816/232-4461
or www.saintjoseph.com

11 *DIPLOMATS CLUB Breakfast*

Presented by Altec Industries, Inc., John Joe Insurance & Rogers Pharmacy

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!

Thursday, May 11
7:15 a.m., \$10

Breakfast provided
Altec Industries, Inc.
2106 S. Riverside Road

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Parties on the Parkway

Presented by Nodaway Valley Bank

It's the first Parties on the Parkway of the year! Bring your lawn chairs and blankets and spread out along the Parkway while listening to some great local music. The band will be The Matchsellers, a bluegrass group. Food, treats and drink vendors available, no coolers allowed. A free balloon artist is available for the kids! Bring friends, family and pets and enjoy the beautiful parkway.

Thursday, May 11
5 to 8 p.m., Free

SW Parkway and King Hill Drive

Women's Leadership Group

Presented by Human Resource Management Association of Northwest Missouri

Women's Leadership Group is co-hosted by the Chamber and the Missouri Small Business Development Center.

Monday, May 22
Social -- Time and Place TBD
Watch your email for details

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816/232-4461 or www.saintjoseph.com

BUSINESS after HOURS

Presented by Altec Industries, Inc.

Business After Hours is your monthly chance to make some new connections! Free refreshments. Bring your business cards.

Thursday, May 25
5 to 7 p.m., Free

Advantage Title
1801 Oakridge Circle, Ste. 101

NEW MEMBERS

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

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Banks/Savings & Loans

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