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ST. JOSEPH  
Chamber of Commerce

# Connections

## The President's Perspective

### Shop Local: A Holiday Tradition

We all know how magical the Christmas season can be, and shopping local is a great way to make it even more special. Whether you're on the hunt for the perfect gift or looking for ways to spread holiday cheer, shopping right here in our town is a win-win for everyone.

Here are just a few reasons why shopping local this Christmas matters:

#### Support Your Neighbors

When you shop local, you're not just buying a gift—you're supporting the hardworking people who make our community unique. Small business owners are our friends, neighbors, and family members. By choosing to shop with them, you're helping local entrepreneurs stay afloat, create jobs, and reinvest in our town.

#### The Gift that Keeps Giving

Whether it's one-of-a-kind gifts from a local shop or a can't miss gift card from a favorite brand name store, making purchases in St. Joseph makes a difference. Money spent locally stays within the community, creating a ripple effect that supports everything from schools to parks to local charities. The more we support our local economy, the stronger our entire community becomes.

#### You Could Win Big!

It's the 18th year for Shop St. Joseph! Just by shopping with

participating merchants, you could win the \$10,000 grand prize, a \$2,500 Shop Small Business Bonus or one of dozens of second-chance prizes. This is the Chamber's annual tradition to encourage people to shop in St. Joseph instead of online or in another city. See [saintjoseph.com](http://saintjoseph.com) for a list of participating merchants.

#### Keep the Holiday Spirit Alive

When we support small businesses, we're helping create the kind of festive atmosphere that makes our town feel like home. Local shops often go above and beyond to decorate for the season, host fun events, and offer personalized customer service. Don't miss out on the Baby Elf Scavenger Hunt and Book Giveaway as a part of the Holidays Downtown on Saturday, Dec. 7. The event is presented by Altec, Inc., and is a part of Shop St. Joseph. For more information see [facebook.com/downtownstjoseph](https://facebook.com/downtownstjoseph)

So this holiday season, as you tick items off your Christmas list, remember the importance of shopping local. Not only will you be giving thoughtful, unique gifts, but you'll also be making a meaningful impact on our town. It's a small way to spread big holiday cheer!

Happy holidays from the St. Joseph Chamber of Commerce. Let's make this season bright, together!



Natalie Hawn  
President & CEO

## NEW MEMBERS

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

#### Janis Sunderland

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**Civic Membership**

#### Halter Appraisals, LLC

Zach Halter

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**Appraisal & Consulting Services**

#### Triple Play LLC

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**Retail**

#### Goin' Bladin' LLC

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**Landscaping & Lawn Maintenance**

#### Alchemy Tea Co.

Lacey Martin

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[alchemyteastjoe@gmail.com](mailto:alchemyteastjoe@gmail.com)

[www.alchemyteaco.com](http://www.alchemyteaco.com)

**Coffee Shops**

#### Sweet Dream Donuts

Mony Hy

4001 Frederick Ave. (06)

(816) 689-0615

[monyvhy@gmail.com](mailto:monyvhy@gmail.com)

**Bakeries**

#### Another Round

Mony Hy

1310 S. Belt Highway (07)

(816) 723-3139

[monyvhy@gmail.com](mailto:monyvhy@gmail.com)

**Bars & Taverns**

#### My Place

Traci Lunsford

3621 N. Village Drive (06)

(816) 557-0050

[tlunsford@hotelm.com](mailto:tlunsford@hotelm.com)

[www.myplace.com](http://www.myplace.com)

**Hotels/Motels**

#### 7th Street Cafe

Brennon Calvin

114 N. Seventh St. (01)

(816) 901-9202

[brennon.7thstreet@gmail.com](mailto:brennon.7thstreet@gmail.com)

[www.7thstreet.cafe](http://www.7thstreet.cafe)

**Catering**

#### Miller's Tire

Melanie Miller

5500 King Hill Ave. (04)

(816) 238-1005

[millerstirellc@gmail.com](mailto:millerstirellc@gmail.com)

**Automobile Parts, Supplies & Services**

#### Missouri Doctors Mutual Insurance

Company, Inc.

Paul Schoenlaub

601 Francis St. (01)

(816) 676-6377

[paul@modocs.org](mailto:paul@modocs.org)

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**Insurance**

#### Core Insurance

Makenzie Mattson

1901 S. Sixth St. (01)

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[makenzie.gage@cencommodities.com](mailto:makenzie.gage@cencommodities.com)

[www.cencommodities.com/fccp-crop-insurance-22867](http://www.cencommodities.com/fccp-crop-insurance-22867)

**Insurance**

#### Texas Roadhouse

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**Restaurants**

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**Attorneys**

# December Calendar

For more information, call 816/232-4461. CREDIT CARD RESERVATIONS CAN BE MADE ONLINE, [www.saintjoseph.com](http://www.saintjoseph.com)

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## BUSINESS after HOURS HOLIDAY PARTY

**Tuesday, Dec. 3**  
5 to 7 p.m., Free

Presented by Altec Industries, Inc.

Stoney Creek Hotel & Conference Center  
1201 N. Woodbine Road

It's the biggest Business After Hours of the year! Come to the annual Chamber member Holiday Party and as a thank you for being a member, enjoy food and drink samples from our Chamber Tastes caterers and providers. Come see old friends and meet some new ones!

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## Chairman's Breakfast

**Thursday, Dec. 5**  
7:30 to 9 a.m., \$30

Presented by John Joe Insurance

Stoney Creek Hotel & Conference Center  
1201 N. Woodbine Road

Speaker Sponsor: Triumph Foods

Join Chairman of the Board Ashley Albers of Nor-Am Cold Storage for this annual event. Jon McGraw, entrepreneur and former Kansas City Chief will be the keynote speaker and teach the audience about emotional agility: how to understand and harness the most powerful energy source in the human body.

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED:  
816/232-4461  
or [www.saintjoseph.com](http://www.saintjoseph.com)

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## Lunch & Learn Seminar

*Lunch by  
7th Street Cafe*

**Tuesday, Dec. 10**  
11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., \$12

Presented by Altec Industries, Inc.

St. Joseph Chamber of Commerce  
3003 Frederick Ave.

Regulation Changes for 2025

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED:  
816/232-4461

Learn about (a) the BOI Report requirement for businesses due by 1/1/2025! (b) The new Missouri minimum wage. (c) The recently voted-in paid sick leave requirement for small businesses, plus other timely changes that may affect your business in 2025. Come to this very valuable session presented by Rebecca Lobina, Northwest Missouri State University's Missouri Small Business Development Center Director.

or [www.saintjoseph.com](http://www.saintjoseph.com)

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## DIPLOMATS CLUB Breakfast

**Thursday, Dec. 12**  
7:15 a.m., \$10

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

Breakfast provided

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!

Yellow Frog Graphics  
5602 Corporate Drive

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED:

816/232-4461 or [www.saintjoseph.com](http://www.saintjoseph.com)

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## Public Affairs Coffee

**Tuesday, Dec. 17**  
7:30 to 8:30 a.m., \$15

Presented by Farmers State Bank

Breakfast provided

The Public Affairs Coffee series features issues involving social, economic, governmental, legislative and corporate activities that are of concern to Chamber members and the business community. This event will feature St. Joseph Police Chief Paul Luster who will present "Building Stronger Communities Together." Learn about vital services the Police Department provides and discuss how the business community and police department can work together to keep our community safe.

Stoney Creek Hotel & Conference Center  
1201 N. Woodbine Road

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## Shop St. Joseph

**Nov. 13 to Dec. 16**

Presented by First Option Bank

go to [www.saintjoseph.com](http://www.saintjoseph.com)  
for more information

This popular program encourages residents to shop locally during the holidays. Shoppers collect tickets through Dec. 16 and a \$10,000 grand prize winning ticket number is released on Dec. 18. This year a small business prize and lots of fabulous second chance prizes are available as well. See our website for more information.

Know a business that should be a Chamber member?

Ask them to join today!

Contact [luke@saintjoseph.com](mailto:luke@saintjoseph.com)  
or send them to our website:  
[saintjoseph.com](http://saintjoseph.com)

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