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ST. JOSEPH
Chamber of Commerce

Connections

The President's Perspective

Recognizing Milestones: A Simple Act with Powerful Impact

Promotions, work anniversaries, and professional achievements are more than just line items in an HR report — they're opportunities to build a stronger, more connected workplace culture.

For businesses across St. Joseph, taking time to recognize these moments can be a game-changer. Acknowledging milestones reinforces that employees are seen, valued, and supported in their growth. Whether it's a new leadership role, a five-year anniversary, or a professional certification earned, these moments signal progress — not just for the individual, but for the entire organization.

Recognition doesn't have to be complicated or expensive. Sometimes a few words of appreciation in a staff meeting, a shoutout on social media, or a handwritten note can go a long way. These gestures create a culture of respect and appreciation, which in turn strengthens retention, improves morale, and motivates teams to continue growing and contributing.

That's why the St. Joseph Chamber of Commerce is proud to shine a spotlight on leaders who are making strides in their careers through our New Leaders Welcome, a luncheon event happening this month. This special event celebrates individuals who have recently been promoted into leadership roles or hired into key positions within

our local business community. It's not only a chance to welcome new leaders — it's also an opportunity to publicly recognize the hard work and dedication that led them there.

Celebrating these milestones on a broader stage helps reinforce that St. Joseph is a community that supports growth, values its workforce, and takes pride in its people. When employers make recognition part of their workplace culture, they help build a more loyal, engaged, and motivated team — and that benefits everyone.

We encourage Chamber members to embrace these opportunities, both privately within their businesses and publicly through community events like the New Leaders Welcome. Let's continue building a workforce culture that celebrates progress — one promotion, one milestone, and one leader at a time.



Natalie Hawn
President & CEO

NEW MEMBERS

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

Los Compadres Mexican Restaurant Bar 2
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Restaurants

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Accounting Services

High Ball Rides LLC
Meghan Gray
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www.highballrides.com
Rental Service

Tipps Sports Bar
Ashley Jonas
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(816) 689-9890
soabtanning@gmail.com
Bars & Taverns

Sunrise Financing Solutions LLC
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Financial Services

Access II Independent Living Center
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Service Organizations

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- Angela Fulton
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www.angelafulton.reecenichols.com
Real Estate (Associate)

Brookside Apts
Pat Jackson
1795 Hunter Lake Drive,
Reno, NV 89509
(816) 716-6924
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Apartments

St. Joseph Custom Industrial Sewing
Shane Gray
6215 King Hill Ave. (04)
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Industrial Equipment & Supplies

Simple Simon's Pizza/Pro Pittsa LLC
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Gower, MO 64454
(816) 838-6101
mathewg30@gmail.com
www.simplesimonspizza.com
Restaurants

**Know a business that
should be a Chamber
member?**

Ask them to join today!

Contact luke@saintjoseph.com
or send them to our website:
saintjoseph.com

Van Cleave Construction, Remodeling, and Design's 2nd annual
PAR-TEE FOR A PURPOSE
tournament
benefitting St. Joseph Young Life



Friday, September 26th
Lunch/Silent Auction 12 PM
Shotgun Start at 1:30 PM
Fairview Golf Course

To register, become a sponsor, or
learn more please scan the
QR code.



August Calendar

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

6, 20
&
14, 28

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Circle of Influence

Aug. 6 & 20 and Aug. 14 & 28
11:30 a.m. to 1p.m., Guests Free

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/specialty 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 N. Woodbine Road.

New Leaders Welcome

Presented by The Accel Group

Do you have a new leader in your company who you want to congratulate? Honor them at the New Leaders Welcome where they can meet other new leaders, be recognized publicly, receive gifts, food and drinks. They could be newly promoted or transferred into St. Joseph from another location. Cost is \$50, includes lunch and new leaders receive a goodie bag.

Wednesday, Aug. 6
11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., \$50
inspireU Children's Discovery Center
521 Felix St.
RESERVATIONS REQUIRED:
816/232-4461
or www.saintjoseph.com

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Lunch & Learn Seminar

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Geneo's Pizza and Pub*

Presented by Altec Industries, Inc.

Topic -- QuickBooks Essentials Plus: Your Step Up to Smarter Accounting

Do you need help with QuickBooks? Come learn from Rebecca Lobina, Director of Workforce Development at Missouri Western State University. She'll give advice on cash vs accrual, chart of accounts, invoices, cash receipts, adding new customers or vendors, accounts payable, accounts receivable, bank reconciliation, reports, creating custom fields, setting up different user rights, how to properly correct data entry mistakes and recording deposits with cash-back.

Tuesday, Aug. 12
11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., \$12
St. Joseph Chamber of Commerce
3003 Frederick Ave.
RESERVATIONS REQUIRED:
816/232-4461
or www.saintjoseph.com

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DIPLOMATS CLUB Breakfast

Presented by Altec Industries, Inc., Nodaway Valley Bank & Rogers Pharmacy
Chiefs Diplomats Day Presented by Altec Industries, Inc., Bluescope Buildings North America, Preferred Title of St. Joseph, L.L.C. and Top Property Realty LLC

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! This is a special meeting at Chiefs Training Camp. Diplomats, look for an email with more information. **Limited seats available. First come, first served.**

Wednesday, Aug. 13
7 a.m., \$10
Camp begins at 8:15
Breakfast provided
Chiefs Camp, MoWest
4525 Downs Drive
Note date change!
RESERVATIONS REQUIRED:
816/232-4461 or www.saintjoseph.com

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PARTIES on the PARKWAY

Presented by Nodaway Valley Bank

Bring your lawn chairs and blankets and spread out along the Parkway while listening to some great music. Enjoy the Saint Joseph Symphony perform jazz, pops and classical music. Food, treats and drink vendors will be available. No coolers allowed. A free balloon artist is available for the kids! Bring friends, family and pets and enjoy the beautiful parkway.

Thursday, Aug. 14
5 to 8 p.m., Free
Corby Pond
Rain date: Aug. 21

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St. Joseph Young Professionals

Presented by Altec Industries, Inc.

Join St. Joseph Young Professionals for a Networking 101 panel. At this event, attendees can learn the following from some of the best networkers in the St. Joseph area: The do's & don'ts of networking; How to make a great first impression; and how to feel comfortable at networking events. Attendees will then transition to implement what they have learned by connecting with one another over different topics. The first 20 attendees will receive a free drink ticket. Light appetizers will be provided and a cash bar will be available No RSVP is required.

Wednesday, Aug. 20
6 to 7:30 p.m., Free
Room 108
722 Felix St.
For more info email
masters@saintjoseph.com

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Women's Leadership Group

Presented by Altec Industries, Inc., BMS Logistics Inc., Candlewood Suites, Human Resource Management Association of Northwest Missouri, RitePack, Inc., Sealed Air Corporation, Top Property Realty LLC

This month Women's Leadership Group will host a Group Mentor Luncheon. Enjoy group conversation and lunch. More details to come.

Monday, Aug. 25
11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., \$20
Lunch provided
RESERVATIONS REQUIRED:
816/232-4461 or www.saintjoseph.com

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BUSINESS after HOURS

Presented by Altec Industries, Inc.

Don't miss this fun Business After Hours. Have some food and drinks and maybe meet your next business connection. Bring your business cards! This event is hosted by the Saint Joseph Symphony.

Thursday, Aug. 28
5 to 7 p.m., Free
The Cafe Belle Epoque
1141 Frederick Ave.