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ST. JOSEPH  
Chamber of Commerce

# Connections

## The President's Perspective

### Love Local All Year Long

St. Joseph Restaurant Week is more than a celebration of great food — it's a reminder of the powerful impact that choosing local can have on our community.

Restaurant Week highlights the incredible variety, creativity, and talent found right here in St. Joseph. From longtime favorites to newer eateries, this week encourages residents and visitors alike to explore our local dining scene, try something new, and support the businesses that help make our community vibrant and unique.

Programs like Restaurant Week, Shop St. Joseph and the new First Friday Power Lunch Bunch are key initiatives of the St. Joseph Chamber of Commerce designed to keep dollars circulating locally. When you choose a locally-owned restaurant, shop, or service provider, you're doing more than making a purchase — you're supporting local jobs, strengthening small businesses, and reinvesting in the place we call home.

While Restaurant Week creates excitement and buzz during a specific time of year, the importance of shopping local extends far beyond a single week or season. Local businesses are the backbone of our economy. They sponsor youth programs, support community events, serve on boards, and help shape the character of St. Joseph. Their success directly contributes to the success of our entire region.

The Chamber is proud to champion programs that spotlight local businesses, but our message remains the same year-round: when you shop local, you invest local. Whether it's grabbing lunch at a neighborhood restaurant, purchasing a gift from a downtown retailer, or hiring a local service provider, those everyday choices make a lasting difference.

As we enjoy St. Joseph Restaurant Week Feb. 23-March 1, we encourage you to carry that momentum forward—keep discovering local businesses, sharing your favorites, and choosing St. Joseph not just this week, but all year long.

Together, we can continue building a strong, connected, and thriving local economy—one meal, one purchase, and one business at a time.



Natalie Hawn  
President & CEO

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)

## NEW MEMBERS

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

### Acklin Commercial Food Equipment Repair, LLC

Wes Acklin  
6688 NE Crouch Road,  
Turney, MO 64496  
(816) 390-3853  
[wesacklin@yahoo.com](mailto:wesacklin@yahoo.com)

### Redline Trailers

Zack Parks  
20612 State Route K (05)  
(816) 432-2502  
[zparks@redlinetrailers.com](mailto:zparks@redlinetrailers.com)  
[redlinetrailers.com](http://redlinetrailers.com)

### Trailer Sales and Service

### LL Investment Properties, LLC

Lasha Dalakishvilli  
6112 S. National Drive,  
Parkville, MO 64152  
(816) 244-8132  
[lasha@offsiteinc.org](mailto:lasha@offsiteinc.org)  
Property Management

### Firefly Supported Living and Employment Services

Darla Cole  
(816) 387-7807  
[dcole@fireflyservices.org](mailto:dcole@fireflyservices.org)  
[www.fireflyservices.org](http://www.fireflyservices.org)  
Employment Services

### Laser Tailored LLC

Lucas Powers  
4815 Crystal Drive (03)  
(816) 390-5094  
[lasertailoredllc@gmail.com](mailto:lasertailoredllc@gmail.com)  
[lasertailored.store](http://lasertailored.store)

### Retail

### Quicksilver Technology & Consulting

David Dudeck  
2401 Locust St. (01)  
(816) 232-7787  
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[quicksilvertechnology.com](http://quicksilvertechnology.com)  
Technology

### St. Croix Hospice

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Independence, MO 64485  
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[cjimenez@stcroixhospice.com](mailto:cjimenez@stcroixhospice.com)  
[www.stcroixhospice.com](http://www.stcroixhospice.com)

### Hospice Care

### Arthur's Lawn Care, LLC

Michael Arthur  
15716 Eden Drive,  
Savannah, MO 64485  
(816) 383-0023  
[marthur1992@yahoo.com](mailto:marthur1992@yahoo.com)  
[arthurlawncaresllc.com](http://arthurlawncaresllc.com)

### Landscape & Lawn Maintenance

## Need help recruiting or retaining talent?



Uncommon Life is here to make recruiting employees to work and live in St. Joseph easier. The Chamber has incorporated the Made with Uncommon Character brand to highlight why St. Joseph is a unique place... and why your recruits should call it home. This includes tools for you as a recruiter or human resources specialist to use when hiring and getting new hires acclimated to the community.

On the web: [uncommonlife.info](http://uncommonlife.info) E-mail [arthur@saintjoseph.com](mailto:arthur@saintjoseph.com)

# February 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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## Great Northwest Day at the Capitol

Presented by R/S Electric Corp.

The Chamber partners with other Northwest Missouri communities to sponsor a trip to the State Capitol to meet and talk with our state legislators. The two-day trip includes a luncheon with regional legislators, viewing of the Legislature in action, and a reception for all members of the General Assembly.

Tuesday & Wednesday,  
Feb. 3 & 4  
Jefferson City, MO  
[www.greatnorthwestday.com](http://www.greatnorthwestday.com)

## Circle of Influence

Feb. 4 & 18 and Feb. 12 & 26  
11:30 a.m. to 1p.m., Guests Free

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12 & 26

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](mailto:luke@saintjoseph.com) or (816) 364-4101. Meetings held at Stoney Creek Hotel & Conference Center, 1201 N. Woodbine Road.

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## First Friday Power Lunch Bunch

Join us on our first ever First Friday Power Lunch Bunch! This is a way to get to know different Chamber member restaurants throughout the year and another way to support local.

Friday, Feb. 6  
11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.  
Pronto Cafe  
2513 Frederick Ave.  
Lunch cost is on your own

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## Lunch & Learn Seminar

Presented by Altec Industries, Inc.

Topic -- Making Your Workspace Your Happy Place

Learn how to make simple changes for a big impact with Jamie Donaldson of Juniper Lane.

Tuesday, Feb. 10  
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](http://www.saintjoseph.com)

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## DIPLOMATS CLUB Breakfast

Presented by Altec Industries, Inc., Nodaway Valley Bank & 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, Feb. 12  
7:15 a.m., \$12  
Breakfast provided  
East Hills Shopping Center  
3702 Frederick Ave.

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

This month Women's Leadership Group will meet at a woman-owned restaurant to celebrate Restaurant Week. Check your e-mail and our events calendar for a location to be determined.

Monday, Feb. 23  
Noon to 1 p.m., Free  
Location TBD

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## St. Joseph Restaurant Week

Presented by C&M Business Solutions

Foodies are invited to savor new dining options or tried and true favorites during St. Joseph's seventh annual Restaurant Week, coordinated by the Chamber. Enjoy food specials and exclusive menus. To see which restaurants are participating and what specials will be offered visit [STJrestaurantweek.com](http://STJrestaurantweek.com).

Feb. 23 - March 1  
[stjrestaurantweek.com](http://stjrestaurantweek.com)

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## BUSINESS after HOURS

Presented by Altec Industries, Inc.

Don't miss Business After Hours, your monthly chance to make some new business connections. It's free! Why not come and bring a guest? Bring your business cards.

Thursday, Feb. 26  
5 to 7 p.m., Free  
The United  
602 Felix St.