

SHOP ST. JOSEPH

Wednesday, November 11th - Monday, December 14th, 2026

OBJECTIVE: To encourage customer loyalty, retention of sales revenue for participating businesses and to raise public awareness of retail availability in St. Joseph during the holiday shopping season.

FUNCTION: Participating merchants will distribute numbered tickets to shoppers. One ticket per visit provided on request with NO PURCHASE REQUIRED and one additional ticket provided to customers for each ten-dollar increment of sale with a maximum of 100 tickets per one purchase. Merchants should mark customers' sales receipts so they cannot be used for more tickets.

A grand prize of \$10,000 will be awarded to a shopper through a drawing held **Wednesday evening, December 16, 2026, need not be present to win. Last day to give out tickets will be Monday, December 14, 2026. The left over tickets will be picked up on Tuesday, December 15, 2026, from 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.** This will give the committee and Chamber staff enough time to record the ticket numbers that were not distributed.

The winner will have 24 hours to claim the prize or an alternate number will then be announced. The winning number will be announced by all media and posted on the Chamber's website and front door. If a winner does not claim the prize within 24 hours, the number will then become void and alternate numbers would be posted each 24 hour period at 5:00 p.m. (excluding Christmas Eve Day, Christmas Day, New Year's Eve Day and New Year's Day) until a winner has claimed the prize. The Chamber reserves the right to cancel the program, should we not have enough participating businesses. If the program is cancelled the participants will be provided a full refund for cost of the program.

Shop Small Business Bonus: A \$2,500 prize will be given to a person who has a ticket from a locally-owned small business with 10 or fewer full-time employees (not including seasonal employees). This is in addition to second chance prizes, which all merchants are encouraged to provide.

PARTICIPATION COSTS TO BUSINESSES: Costs vary based on Chamber membership and number of employees. All participants will receive a poster for their front door or window (to identify them as a participating business), brochures explaining the rules, and one roll of 2,000 numbered tickets. Additional rolls of tickets will be available for purchase at \$20 each, which will generate revenue for the advertising budget. Typically, most small retailers will only use one roll of tickets provided and the larger, big-box stores will purchase additional rolls. **Participants must also agree to maintain a stock of tickets throughout the entire campaign period.** Unused rolls of tickets must be returned to the Chamber the day of the drawing and credited back to the business.

BUDGET: All funds of the project will be dedicated entirely to the project.

PRIZE ELIGIBILITY RESTRICTIONS: Chamber staff, Chamber officers, and their immediate family members (dependents living at the same address) are not eligible to win the grand prize. Participating business owners, managers and employees are eligible to win, with the exception of tickets distributed through their own place of business (including other participating locations). A record of the sequence of ticket numbers each participating business receives will be kept by the Chamber. Persons must be at least 18 years of age to participate and win. Governmental or school district purchases will not be eligible for drawings.

LOGO RESTRICTIONS: Only participating merchants will be permitted use of the project's logo, Shop St. Joseph Holiday Program and related marketing materials.

MARKETING: All participants will receive:

- (1) poster for their front door or window (to identify them as a participating business)
- (5) brochures explaining the rules
- (1) roll of tickets.

Buttons for employees to wear (REQUEST ONLY)

Cash register signs (REQUEST ONLY)

Additional supplies available by request and additional tickets for purchase. In addition, the Chamber markets the program in the community through television, digital, print and radio advertisements, as well to more than 1,200 Chamber business members through Chamber publications including websites, social media and email blasts.