'tis the season to shop, eat, drink and be merry!

# HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

In and Around Downtown



- · Shopping · Dining · Luminary · Window Wonderland
  - · Countdown to New Year · Small Business Saturday
  - Light Up the Bluff Reindog Parade Santa's House
    - Letters to Santa Storytime with Mrs. Claus

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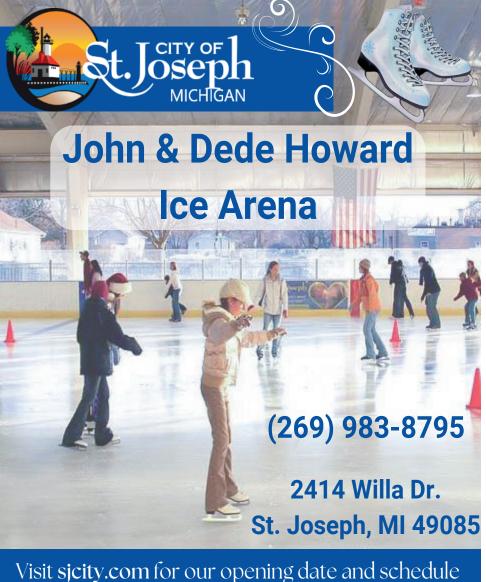
## **Luminary**Friday, November 22 • 5-8 pm

Stroll through our downtown as luminairas light your way to kick off the holiday season! Participating locations invite you to eat, shop, drink and be merry while you enjoy this charming lakeside town.

Shops will be open late to entice you with wonderful gift ideas and festive holiday décor. Merchants will host great sales, free gift wrapping, amazing product offerings and more! While downtown, enjoy a wide selection of restaurants and eateries. Sponsored by The Boulevard Inn & Bistro.







## 2024-2025 Events

**November 22, <u>Luminary</u>:** 5:00-8:00pm, downtown St. Joseph. Sponsored by **The Boulevard Inn and Bistro**.

**November 22, Window Wonderland:** 5:00-8:00pm, downtown St. Joseph.

#### November 30, Small Business Saturday:

Support local businesses & shop local throughout Southwest Michigan.

## December 6, <u>Light up the Bluff, presented by the City of St. Joseph in partnership with the St. Joseph Improvement Association:</u>

Lake Bluff Park, Ceremony (6:00pm) and Tree Lighting (6:30pm); Lights will remain on through February 15.

#### **December 1-31, Countdown to New Year:**

Daily giveaway event throughout the month of December. Visit stjoetoday.com/countdown for more details!

#### December 1-23, Santa Series | Letters to Santa:

Drop off letters to Santa at Santa's House located outside the Welcome Center in downtown St. Joseph. Sponsored by **The Herald Palladium**.

**December 7, Reindog Parade:** 3:00pm, downtown St. Joseph. Sponsored by **Mighty Dog Roofing and FuzzyButz**.

#### December 7-23, Santa Series | Santa's House:

Various dates in December, downtown St. Joseph. Sponsored by The Herald Palladium.

**December 8, Holiday Artisan Fair:** 11:00am-4:00pm, Union + Social. Sponsored by **Silver Harbor Brewing**.

#### December 10, 17, 24, Santa Series | Storytime with Mrs. Claus:

Mrs. Claus will read some of her favorite holiday books. Stories will be released online at stjoetoday.com/santa. Sponsored by **The Herald Palladium**.

January 31, 2025, Chili Tour: 5:00-8:00pm, downtown St. Joseph.

#### February 1, 2025, St. Joe Winter Beer Fest:

12:00-4:00pm, downtown St. Joseph. Sponsored by **Beaudoin Electrical Construction**, **RE/MAX by the Lake**, **Bud Distributing** and **The Buck Burgers & Brew**.

**February 7-9, 2025,** Ice Fest: All Weekend, downtown St. Joseph. Sponsored by **Silver Beach Pizza** and **many others**.

#### March 7, 2025, March Mannequins:

7:00-8:30pm, downtown St. Joseph.

#### March 8, 2025, Spring Artisan Fair:

11:00am-4:00pm, Union + Social. Sponsored by Silver Harbor Brewing.



## Reindog Parade Sunday, December 8 • 3 pm

Holiday Artisan Fair Sunday, December 8 • 11 am - 4 pm

The annual Reindog Parade is a great time for all. This event features dressedup pets and their owners in a variety of holiday garb. Be prepared to see all kinds of costumes from "Santa Bernards" to "Reindeer Rottweilers" - definitely a must-see event! Sponsored by Mighty Dog Roofing and FuzzyButz.

Judging and Registration

Owners can pre-register in-person at St. Joe Today or online at stjoetoday. com/reindog. Day of registration is also available in-person at St. Joe Today from 12:00pm-2:45pm. Cost: \$5 per dog; each additional pet is \$3. A portion of net proceeds will be donated to a local animal rescue organization. Event info and the registration form can be found at

Join us for an indoor Holiday Artisan Fair on Sunday, December 8 from 11:00am-4:00pm at Union + Social. Visit stjoetoday.com/artisanfair for more info.









## Start a new family tradition

Join us for LIVE Christmas music, a visit from Santa, an ornament craft for kids, hot chocolate, campfires, and self-serve photo stations. Then shop our selection of live potted and fresh-cut Christmas trees, handmade wreaths, ornaments, garland, containers, and more.

Friday, November 29 through Saturday, December 7





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Free Delivery Saturday, November 30 and Saturday, December 7

## Merry & Bright Weekend Friday, December 6 - Sunday, December 8

Light up the Bluff will transform Lake Bluff Park into a winter wonderland. At 6:00p, the St. Joseph High School Choir begins with Christmas carols followed by the tree lighting at 6:30pm. The one million lights will remain on through Valentine's Day in Michigan's Most Romantic City. Starting December 7, attendees can enjoy the lights 5:30am-8:30am and

5:30pm-midnight. Presented by the City of St. Joseph.

All weekend long, celebrate the winter season in Michigan's Great Southwest! Attendees will enjoy extended shopping hours, events, special offers and more. Visit stjoetoday.com/merryandbright for more info.



## Santa Series: Santa's House, Letters to Santa & Storytime with Mrs. Claus

Santa's House is moved from the North Pole each year to the corner of State & Pleasant Streets in downtown St. Joe! Santa will be available for wish list conversations and holiday photo ops on weekends in December. Don't forget to bring a camera to capture this magical visit!

Grab a postcard from the Welcome Center to write a letter to Santa. Santa's House will take its spot in downtown St. Joseph to serve as a drop off for letters.



As we wait in anticipation, Mrs. Claus has offered to read some of her favorite books! St. Joe Today will be releasing weekly videos at stjoetoday.com/santa for our Storytime with Mrs. Claus series! Santa Series is sponsored by The Herald Palladium.





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Gift cards to area restaurants are also a great ideas for the foodie in our life. Not sure what restaurant to pick? Purchase a Love Local SWMI Gift Card from St. Joe Today that's good at various local restaurants. To learn more about area dining, visit stjoetoday.com/eat.





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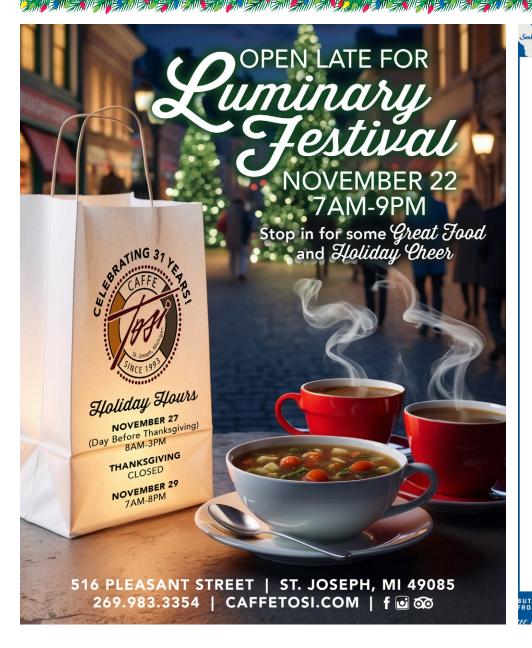
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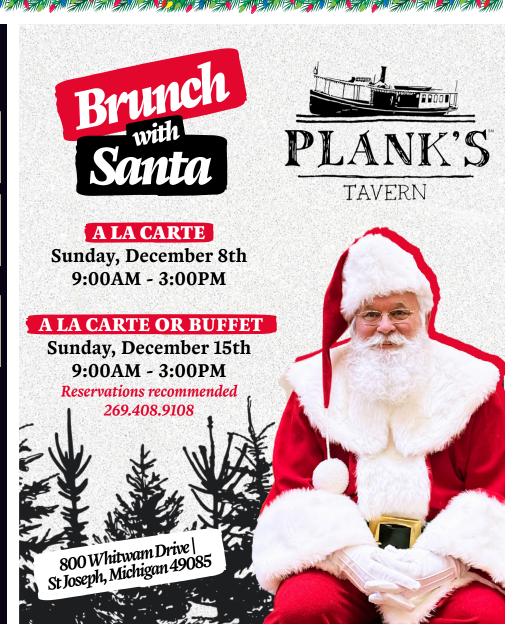
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Sat. Nov 16 - SmartyPants Sat. Nov 23 - Mysteria Wed. Nov 27- Incredible Johnsons Fri. Nov 29 - High Vizz Sat. Nov 30 - Red Line

Sat. Dec 14 - Def Mojo Sat. Dec 21 - Jewell & the Future Sat. Dec 28 - Black Night Tue. Dec 31 New Years Eve Party **PS Dump Your Boyfriend** 

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Please note, the Bistro on the Boulevard will be closed for breakfast and dinner on Thursday, November 28.

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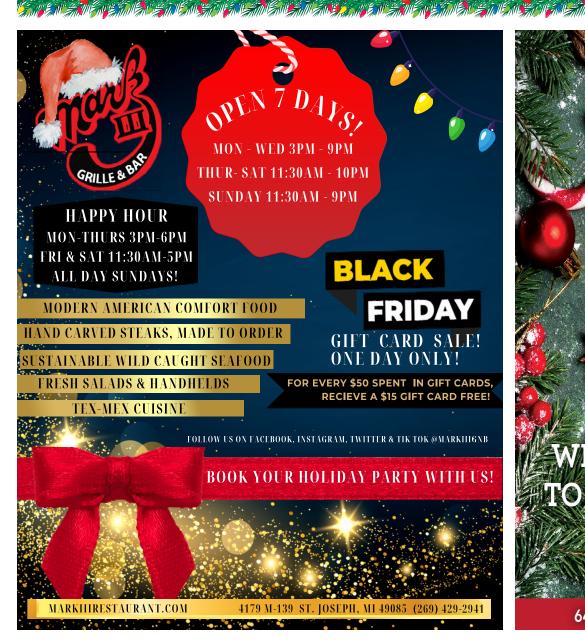
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## Window Wonderland

November 22 - 5 pm - 8 pm

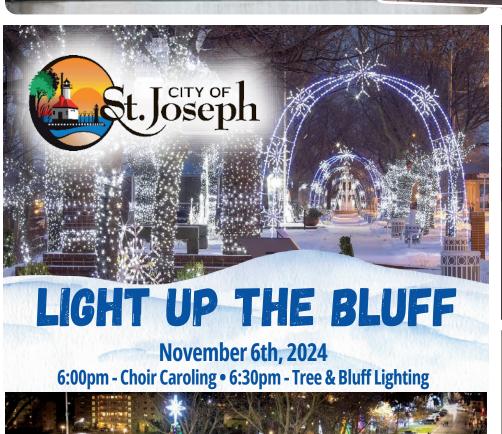
## Small Business Saturday Saturday, November 30

Window Wonderland invites attendees to stroll downtown to get into the holiday spirit as they take in the holiday window decorating contest. Dozens of storefronts will participate in this holiday window decorating event from 5:00pm-8:00pm. Vote for your favorite holiday window all weekend long at stjoetoday. com/vote. Visit stjoetoday.com/window-wonderland for more info.

Holiday shoppers seeking great buys will find them throughout Southwest Michigan on Black Friday, Nov. 29, and Small Business Saturday, Nov. 30. Select merchants will begin their holiday sales on Black Friday.

According to the Civic Economic Study in Grand Rapids, MI, for every \$100 spent at a local business, approximately \$68 stays in the local community. Visit stjoetoday.com/shopsmall.









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## Winter Lights & Holiday Music in Downtown St. Joseph

Those in search of the perfect gift will appreciate unique selections, special prices and a festive shopping atmosphere this holiday season. Shoppers and diners alike will enjoy holiday music playing throughout downtown St. Joseph until December 24.

Additionally, winter lights have been placed downtown along State St. (from Elm St. to Ship St.) as well as Broad St. and Ship St. (Lake Blvd. to Main St.) and Pleasant St. (Lake Blvd. to Court St.) and will remain up through February in conjunction with Light up the Bluff.

## Countdown to New Year

Southwest Michigan businesses and restaurants host a Countdown to New Year, a daily giveaway event December 1-31! Shoppers earn one entry per \$25 purchase (one time or cumulative) at a St. Joe Today (SJT) member business. Quali-

fying purchases must be made between November 22 and December 15. Receipts for purchases must be presented to an SJT staff member at the Welcome Center by December 15. Visit stjoetoday.com/ countdown for more information.







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### **LUMINARY**

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### WINDOW WONDERLAND

FRIDAY, NOV. 22 | 5-8p | Downtown St. Joseph stjoetoday.com/windowwonderland

### **SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY**

SATURDAY, NOV. 30 | All Day | THROUGHOUT SWMI stjoetoday.com/shopsmall

### **COUNTDOWN TO NEW YEAR**

ALL MONTH IN DEC. | THROUGHOUT SWMI stjoetoday.com/countdown

### **MERRY & BRIGHT WEEKEND**

FRIDAY, DEC. 6 | Light Up the Bluff
Lake Bluff Park | 6p stjoetoday.com/merryandbright

SATURDAY, DEC. 7 | Reindog Parade
Downtown St. Joseph | 3p stjoetoday.com/reindog

SATURDAY, DEC. 7 | Santa's House Downtown St. Joseph | 4-7p stjoetoday.com/santa

SUNDAY, DEC. 8 | Holiday Artisan Fair Union + Social | 11a-4p stjoetoday.com/artisanfair

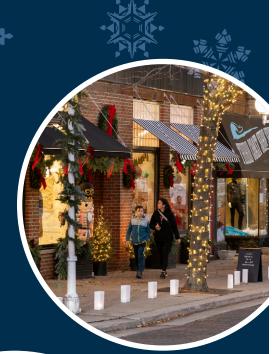
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