Southern Vicariate of the
ARCHDIOCESE OF ST. LOUIS

*Very Reverend Mike Lydon, V.E. | Episcopal Vicar*

# Contact Guide and Directory

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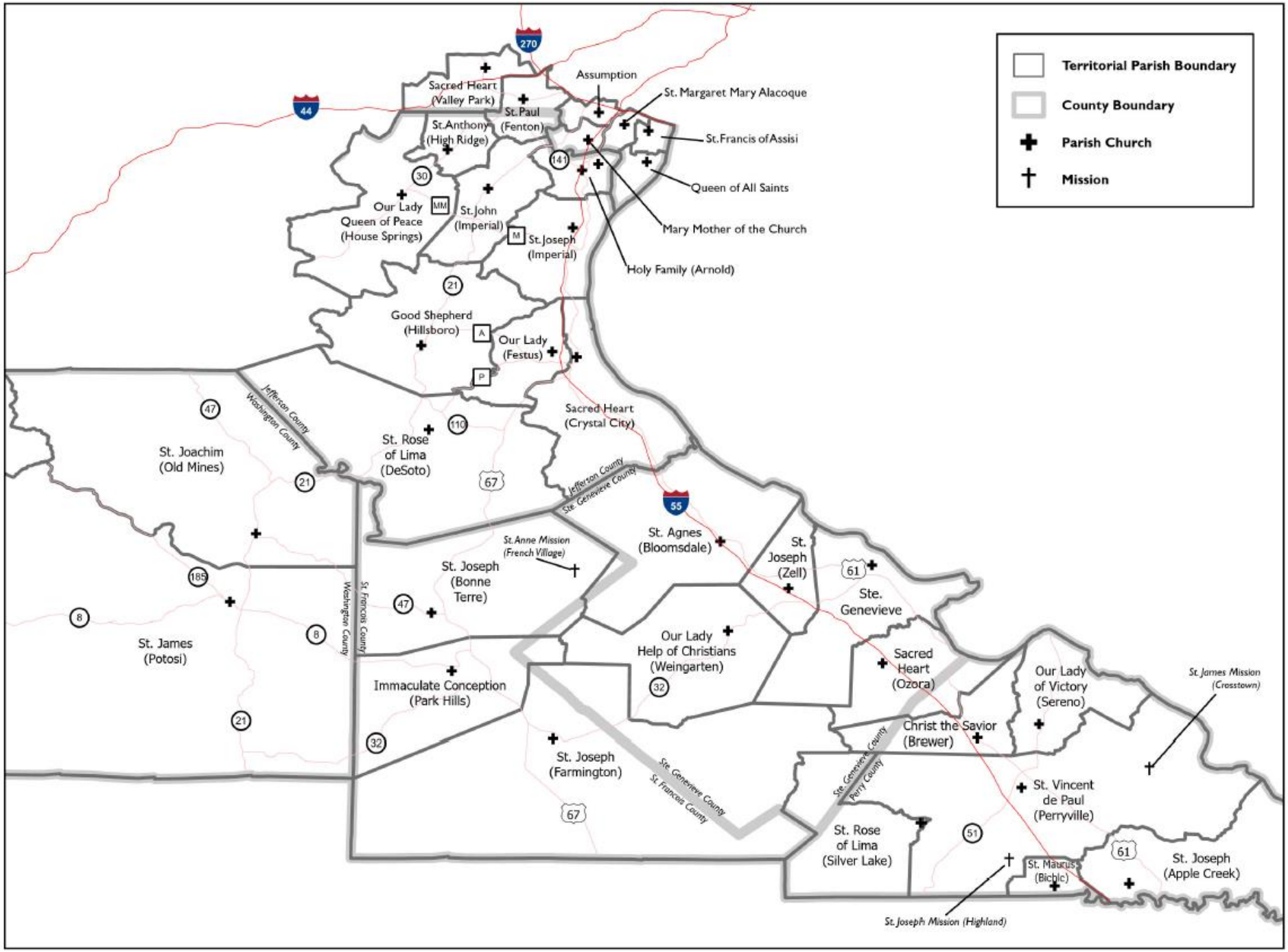

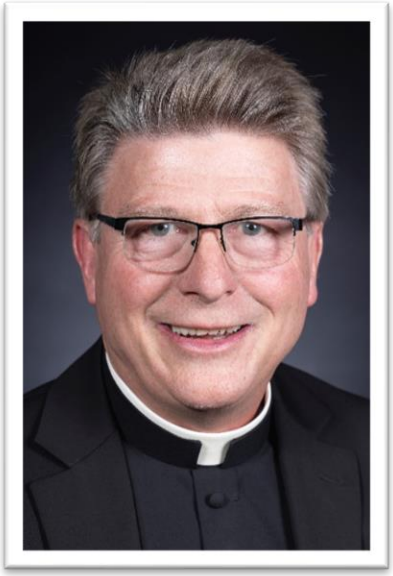

**Fr. Mike Lydon, V.E.**
**Episcopal Vicar, Southern Vicariate, Archdiocese of St. Louis**
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Fr. Mike Lydon, our Episcopal Vicar, leads a team of faithful professionals to serve alongside all of you who work in parishes in the Southern Vicariate. The primary focus is to be at the service of the priests, parish staff and lay leaders of the parishes and churches of Deanery 3 and Deanery 4, providing local pastoral and administrative support.

As Episcopal Vicar, Fr. Lydon promotes a spirit of fraternity among the priests, develops regional cooperation and coordinates with the Vicar General and the various ministries in the Curia (Archdiocesan employees).

**The Southern Vicariate team members include:**

- Three full-time directors for Vicariate Communications & Operations, Pastoral Ministry, and Social Outreach, a part-time Pastoral Ministry Associate, along with a Deacon connecting to other resources for formation on specific social concerns.
- A Catholic Charities Navigator who is employed by Catholic Charities to connect parishes with the many resources they offer.
- Liaisons for Education, Shared Accounting & Finance and Human Resources are dedicated full-time to the Southern Vicariate while remaining connected to their respective offices at the Archdiocese.
- Several other Curia offices have named liaisons for the Southern Vicariate including Hispanic Ministry, Respect Life Apostolate, and Youth Ministry. These liaisons continue to have Archdiocese-wide responsibilities, with a special focus on the Southern Vicariate.



**Joyce Mard, Director of Vicariate Operations**
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Joyce is the main contact for the Southern Vicariate Office, coordinating projects and communication to facilitate collaborative relationships. If you are not sure which member of our team to reach out to, she will help you get in touch with the correct person to connect Catholic parishes with vicariate and archdiocesan resources. Joyce maintains the Southern Vicariate Contact directory and Flocknotes and connects with parish staff members to keep the lines of communication open between parishes, the Vicariate and Curia offices.



**Jennifer Meehan, Director of Pastoral Ministry**
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Jennifer supports clergy, staff, lay leaders, and the people of the Southern Vicariate in all areas of pastoral ministry. With more than 17 years of experience in Christian formation, catechesis, spirituality, and evangelization, Jennifer can assist you with faith formation programs, developing and growing small faith-sharing groups, evangelization team training, retreat ministry, catechesis, young adult & youth ministry, marriage preparation and enrichment, and liturgical ministry. Please contact Jennifer to learn how she can work with you to foster a more engaged, vibrant, and evangelizing spirit in your parish.



**Kathleen Schoellhorn, Pastoral Ministry Associate**
(314) 629-4392 kathleenschoellhorn@archstl.org

Kathleen supports the Director of Pastoral Ministry in advancing evangelization and pastoral efforts in the Southern Vicariate.



**George Herrera, Director of Social Outreach**
(314) 857-3179 georgeherrera@archstl.org

George supports parishes through social outreach projects or programs while helping to foster engaging collaboration for social outreach ministries, assisting with formation on Catholic Social Teaching, and identifies needs in the community to provide “a Catholic presence in each square mile.”



**Deacon John Wolffer, Deacon for the Southern Vicariate**
314-420-3898 JohnWolffer@archstl.org

Deacon John supports parishes in social outreach and service and encourages and helps build collaboration for social outreach ministries.



**Jennifer Lutker, Catholic Charities Navigator**
314-792-6532 jenniferlutker@ccstlouis.org

Jennifer assists the Southern Vicariate with developing a social service outreach plan for each Parish in its territory, educating parish volunteers and personnel, and identifying resources through Catholic Charities of St. Louis, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, and other care providers to address community needs. Such resources include but are not limited to mental health and substance abuse services; pregnancy and parenting support; foster care and adoption; shelter and affordable housing; senior care; domestic violence consultation; immigration and translation/interpretation services; and concrete assistance (e.g., rent, food, utility, and financial support).



**Jill Burkett, Southern Vicariate Education Director,**
**Director of Government Programs**
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Jill is the Education Director from the Office of Catholic Education and Formation (OCEF). She is engaged in direct service to pastors and principals administering elementary schools within the Southern Vicariate. She serves as the OCEF point of contact for consultation with pastors and principals within the Vicariate for decision-making and for addressing questions/concerns related to elementary school policies, processes, and procedures. She conducts site visits and attends meetings at each school to build relationships, provides direct service, and ensures a high level of two-way communication. She also collaborates with principals, catechetical leaders, and the Director of Religious Education on matters pertaining to school religious education curriculum and faith formation programs.



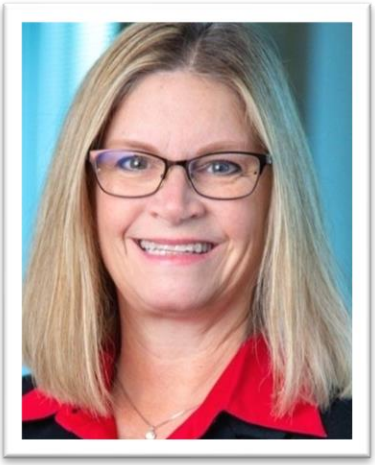
**Kathy Smith, Shared Accounting and Finance Liaison**
314-792-7131 kathysmith@archstl.org

Kathy serves as Finance Liaison and is part of the Parish Accounting Services and Support team working directly with the Episcopal Vicar and the parishes of the Southern Vicariate. She is available to all parishes within the Vicariate to answer any questions related to financial policies, procedures, and reporting requirements. In collaboration with Parish Accounting Services, Kathy analyzes and reports on the needs of the Vicariate and promotes the good stewardship of all its resources.



**Silvina Moreno, Director of the Hispanic Ministry**
**Southern Vicariate Liaison**
314-792-7645 silvinamoreno@archstl.org

Silvina is the main contact for Hispanic Ministry in the Southern Vicariate and serves as first point of contact for questions, pastoral issues, guidance, and best practices related to Hispanic ministry. The Office of Hispanic Ministry provides direct support to parishes with Hispanic Catholics across the archdiocese, exercises its commitment to Evangelization, Pastoral de Conjunto (Communion in Mission), and integration of the Catholic community into the life of the archdiocese.



**HR MANAGER**
**Jean Scotti | HR Manager**
jeanscotti@archstl.org I 314-792-7508

Guidance on HR policies, employee relations, performance management, conduct concerns, and workplace challenges.



**TALENT ACQUISITION**
**Charlie Mathews | Recruiter**
**314.792.7530 I charliemathews@archstl.org**

Hiring support from staffing needs and job postings to candidate recruitment, selection, offers, and pre-employment activities.



**TOTAL REWARDS / BENEFITS**
**Stephanie Barnes | Benefits Specialist**
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Support with medical, dental and vision coverage, eligibility, enrollment, life events, life insurance, leaves and FMLA, and wellness programs.

**Leave of Absence Support LOA@archstl.org**
Supported by the Benefits team, this dedicated mailbox provides employees and local leaders with a consistent resource for leave-of-absence guidance, including FMLA, required documentation, and next steps. It helps coordinate support throughout the leave process while providing an appropriate channel for sensitive information and helping protect employee confidentiality and privacy.

## Central HR Support Resource: AskHR@archstl.org

Not sure where to start? Contact AskHR, and we'll help connect you with the right expert. AskHR provides a convenient starting point for HR questions, process guidance, and support with ArchHR, employee data, reports, and employment transactions. Whether you need help navigating a process, resolving a system or data issue, or determining the next step, AskHR helps connect you with the appropriate HR resource. Requests are tracked and coordinated with the appropriate team to support follow-up and resolution.



**Mary Lovee Varni, Director, Respect Life Apostolate, Southern Vicariate Liaison**
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https://www.archstl.org/respect-life-apostolate

Mary is the main contact for the Respect Life Apostolate (RLA) of the Archdiocese of St. Louis. RLA provides leadership for all respect life activities within the Catholic community of St. Louis under the direction of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB). Recognizing the inherent dignity of each human person from conception through natural death, the RLA strives to build a Culture of Life through spiritual support, pastoral care, education, and public policy. RLA programs are designed at the diocesan level to serve parishes and the local community, reaching their fullest potential through the collaboration of the pastor and parish respect life coordinator.



**Samantha Pleimann, Coordinator of Parish Outreach, Office of Youth Ministry - Southern Vicariate Liaison**
314-792-7617 samanthapleimann@archstl.org
https://stlyouth.org

Samantha is the Southern Vicariate's main contact for the Office of Youth Ministry. The vision of the Office of Youth Ministry is transformative youth outreach in every parish. They serve adult youth leaders serving parish high school and middle school teens through tools, training, formation, and events. The office offers hiring assistance, new youth leader onboarding, strategic planning, volunteer training, consultation, youth leader annual retreat and frequent gatherings, as well as large scale events for youth leaders to bring parish teens, like the Steubenville STL Mid-America conference, high school faith conference, and Summit middle school vocations event.

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| Catholic Education Liaison | Jill Burkett, Education Director<br>P:(314) 792-7332 \| C:(573) 310-9650<br>jillburkett@archstl.org |
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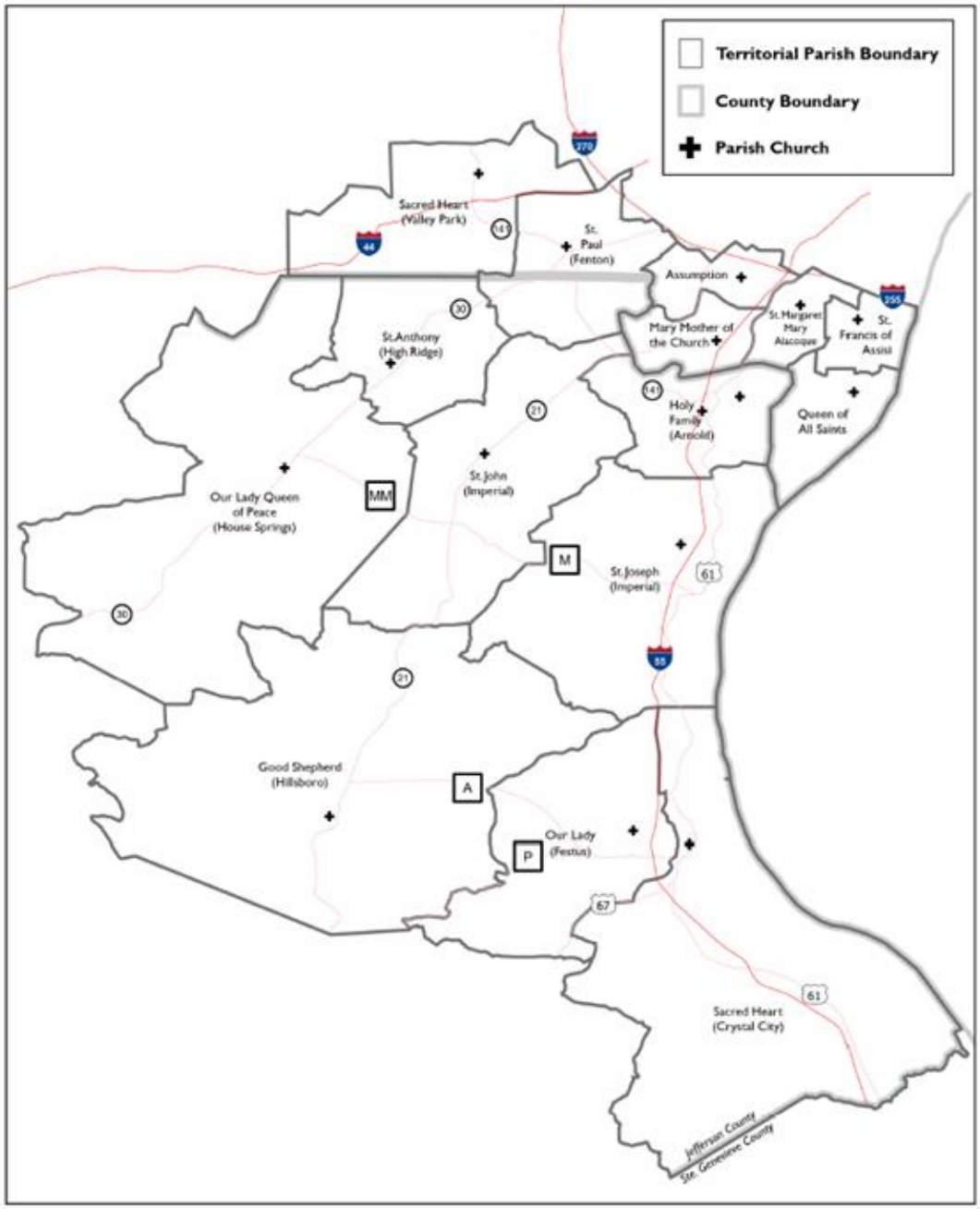
| Human Resources Liaisons | Jean Scotti, HR Manager<br>P:(314) 792-7508,jeanscotti@archstl.org<br>Charlie Mathews, Recruiter, Talent Acquisition<br>P:(314) 792-7530,charliemathews@archstl.org<br>Stephanie Barnes, Benefits Specialist<br>P: (314) 792-7544, stephanieweider@archstl.org |
| Respect Life Apostolate Liaison | Mary Lovee Varni, Director<br>P: (314) 792.7559 \| C: (573) 691-7900<br>maryvarni@archstl.org |
| Youth Ministry Liaison | Samantha Pleimann, Coordinator of Parish Outreach, Office of Youth Ministry<br>P: (314) 792-7617, samanthapleimann@archstl.org |

**Current as of 11/9/26**

## Southern Vicariate - Deanery 3




**Deanery 3**
Dean: Very Reverend Thomas C. Miller, VF
askpadre@aol.com 636-671-3062

### Parishes & *Other Worship Sites*:

- Assumption (Mattese)
- Good Shepherd (Hillsboro)
- Holy Family (Arnold)
- Mary, Mother of the Church (Mattese)
- Our Lady (Festus)
- Our Lady, Queen of Peace (House Springs)
- Queen of All Saints (Oakville)
- Sacred Heart (Crystal City)
- Sacred Heart (Valley Park)
- St. Anthony of Padua (High Ridge)
- St. Francis of Assisi (Oakville)
- St. John the Beloved Disciple (Imperial)
- St, Joseph (Imperial)
- St. Margaret Mary Alacoque (Mehlville)
- St. Paul (Fenton)

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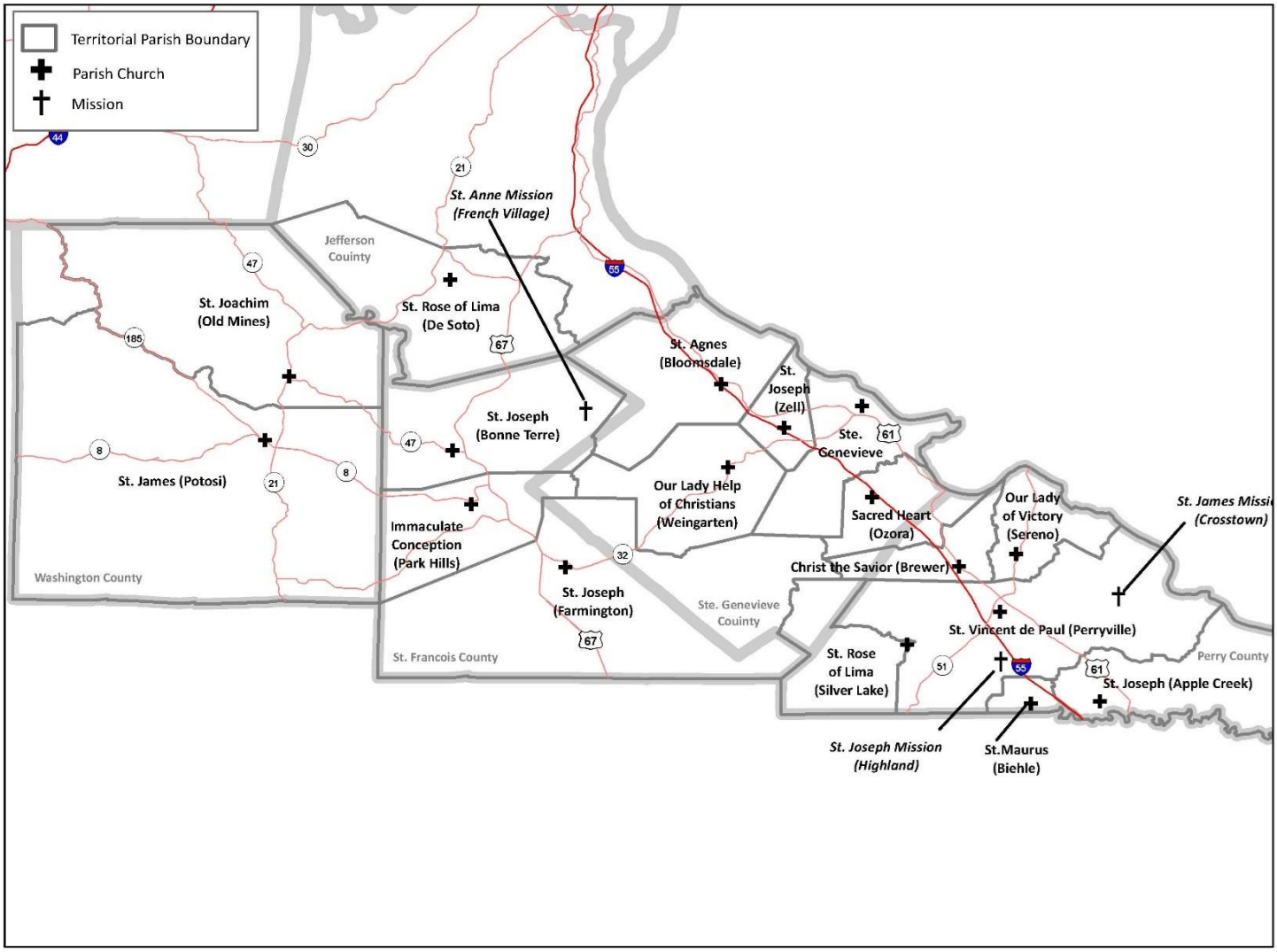


**Deanery 4**

Dean: Very Reverend Joseph C. Geders, CM, VF

josephgeders@archstl.org 573-547-4300

## Parishes & *Other Worship Sites*:

- Christ the Savior (Brewer)
- Immaculate Conception (Park Hills)
- Our Lady Help of Christians (Weingarten)
- Our Lady of Victory (Sereno)
- Sacred Heart (Ozora)
- St. Agnes (Bloomsdale)
- St. James (Potosi)
- St. Joachim (Old Mines)
- St. Joseph (Apple Creek)
- St. Joseph (Bonne Terre)
- St. Joseph (Farmington)
- St. Joseph (Zell)
- St. Maurus (Biehle)
- St. Rose of Lima (De Soto)
- St. Rose of Lima (Silver Lake)
- St. Vincent de Paul (Perryville)
- Ste. Genevieve (Ste. Genevieve)

# Quick Reference Contact List for Curia Offices

- Archdiocese of St. Louis Cardinal Rigali Center – 314-792-7005
- Annual Catholic Appeal – 314-792-7860 – acaoffice@archstl.org
- Archives – 314-792-7020 – archives@archstl.org
- Benefits – 314-792-7546 – AskHR@archstl.org
- Building & Real Estate – 314-792-7087 – cherylharness@archstl.org
- Central Purchasing – 314-792-7066 – centralpurchasing@archstl.org
- Child and Youth Protection – 314-792-7704 – ocyp@archstl.org
- Communications and Media – 314-792-7500 – communications@archstl.org
- Evangelization & Stewardship – 314-792-7083 - nicklee@archstl.org
- Faith Formation & Discipleship– 314-792-7233 - stephenestes@archstl.org
- Human Resources – 314-792-7540 - AskHR@archstl.org
- Internal Audit – 314-792-7241 – internalaudit@archstl.org
- IT Help Desk – 314-792-7593 – helpdeskrequest@archstl.org
- Legal, General Counsel – 314-792-7075 – tombuckley@archstl.org
- Marriage and Family Life – 314-792-7178 – paulduker@archstl.org
- Parish and Curia Integration – 314-792-7660 – parishcuriaintegration@archstl.org
- Risk Management -314-792-7203 - nicholechurch@archstl.org
- Worship – 314-792-7231 – worship@archstl.org
- Youth Ministry https://stlyouth.org/ – 314-792-7617 - https://stlyouth.org

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