



Southern Vicariate of the
ARCHDIOCESE OF ST. LOUIS

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

Contact Guide and Directory

Address:

1550 St. Mary's Ln., Festus, MO 63028

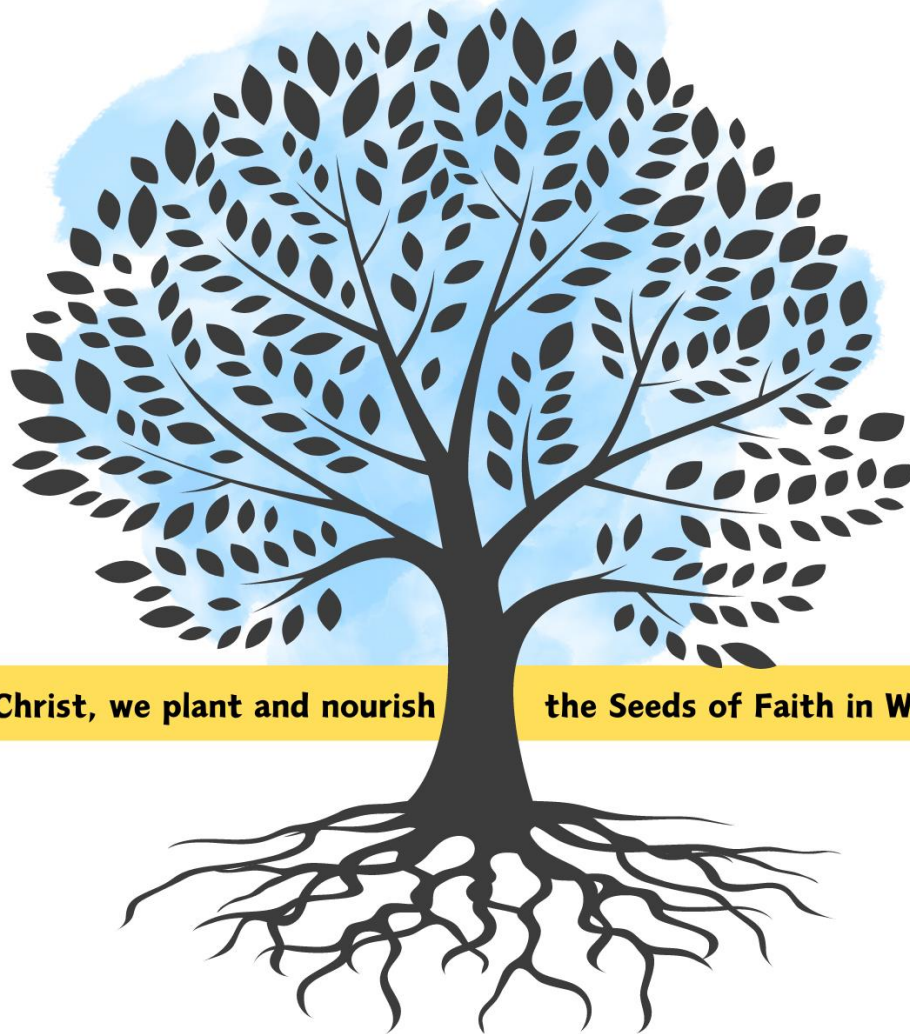
Phone Number:

(314) 792-6531

Website:

<https://www.archstl.org/southern-vicariate>

March 2026

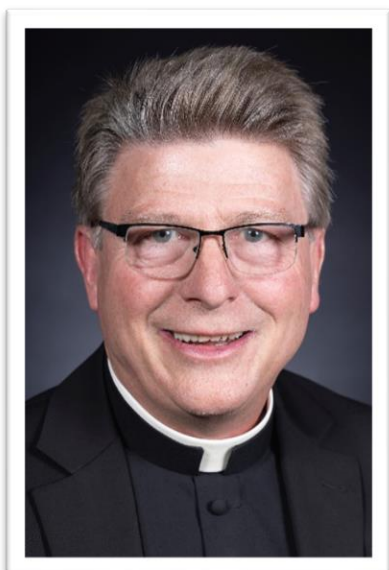


Rooted in Christ, we plant and nourish

the Seeds of Faith in Word and Deed.



Southern Vicariate of the
ARCHDIOCESE OF ST. LOUIS



Fr. Mike Lydon, V.E.

Episcopal Vicar, Southern Vicariate, Archdiocese of St. Louis

314-630-0885 michaellydon@archstl.org

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 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

314-792-6531 joycemard@archstl.org

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

314-363-6945 jmeehan@archstl.org

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

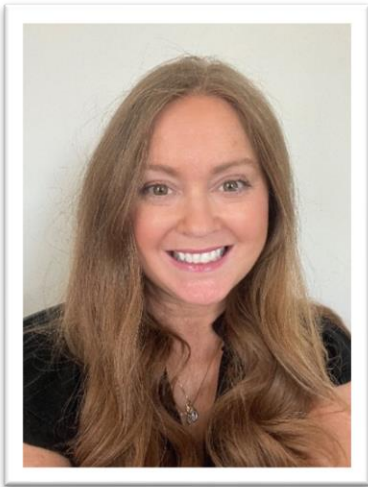
Kathleen supports the Director of Pastoral Ministry in advancing evangelization and pastoral efforts in the Southern Vicariate.



George Herrera, Director of Social Outreach

(314) 857-3179 georgeherrera@archstl.org

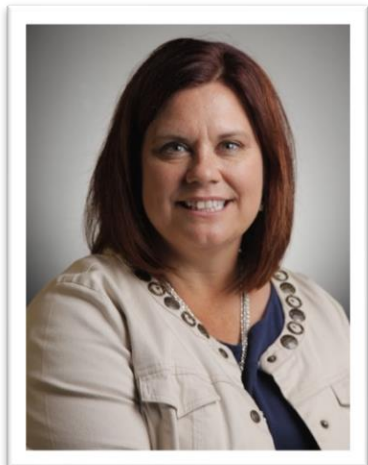
George supports parishes through social outreach projects or programs while helping to foster engaging collaboration for social outreach ministries, assisting with formation on Catholic Social Teaching, and identifies needs in the community to provide “a Catholic presence in each square mile.”



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**

314-792-7332 jillburkett@archstl.org

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.



Jean Scotti, Human Resources Manager

Southern Vicariate Liaison

314-792-7508 jeanscott@archstl.org

Jean serves as the contact for Human Resources, assisting pastors and parish office managers with issues related to HR policies and procedures.

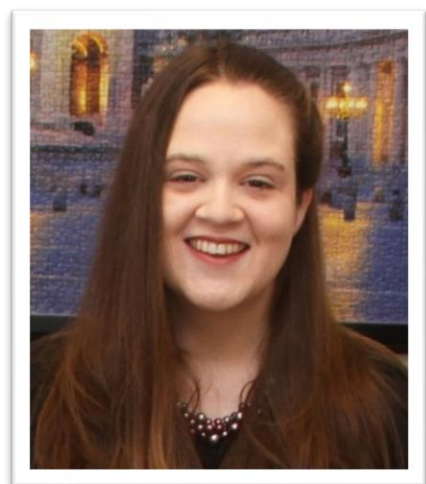


Charlie Mathews, Recruiter

Southern Vicariate Liaison

314-792-7530 charliemathews@archstl.org

Charlie serves as the Recruiter. He oversees the full recruiting lifecycle, including candidate engagement and hiring coordination, while ensuring alignment with our business priorities and growth objectives.

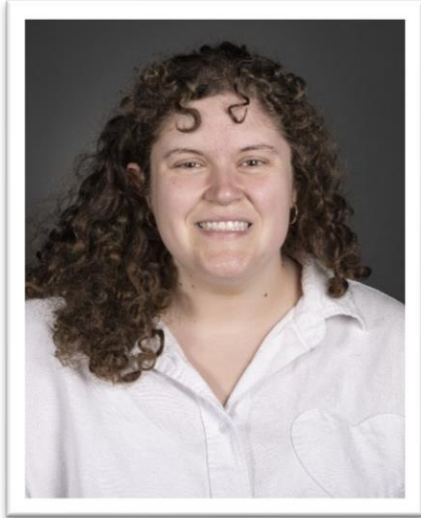


**Mary Lovee Varni, Director, Respect Life Apostolate,
Southern Vicariate Liaison**

314-792-7559 maryvarni@archstl.org

<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.

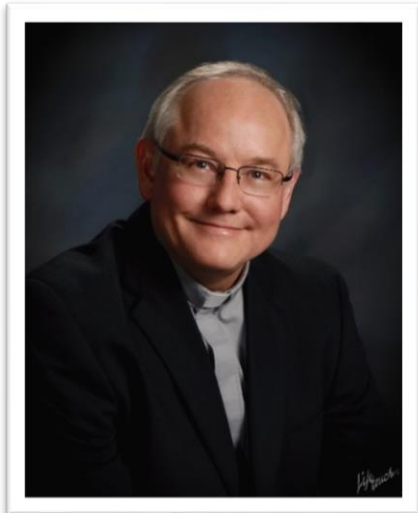


**Samantha Pleimann, Coordinator of Parish Outreach,
Office of Youth Ministry -Southern Vicariate Liaison**

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.

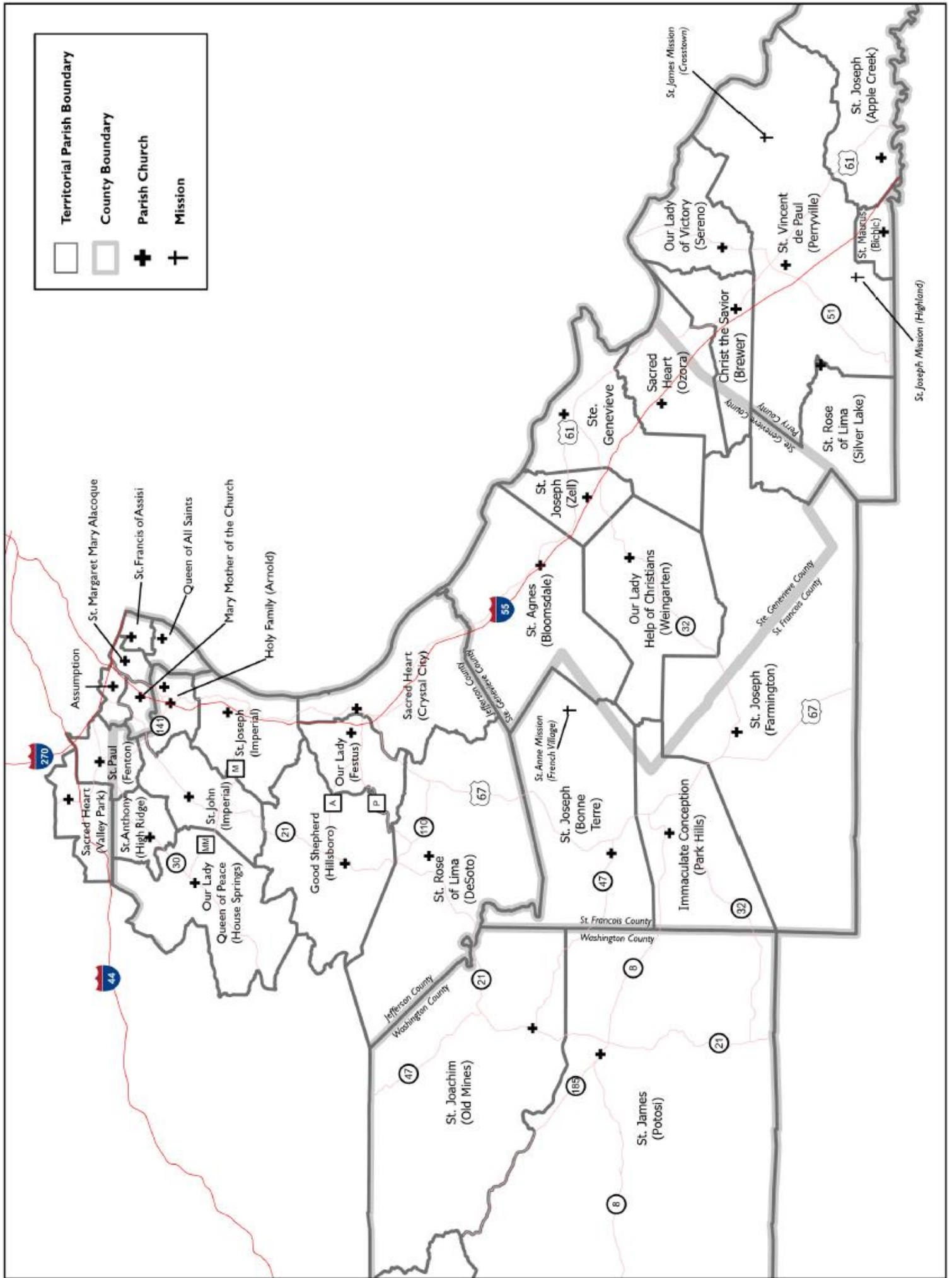


Deacon John Wolffer, Deacon for the Southern Vicariate

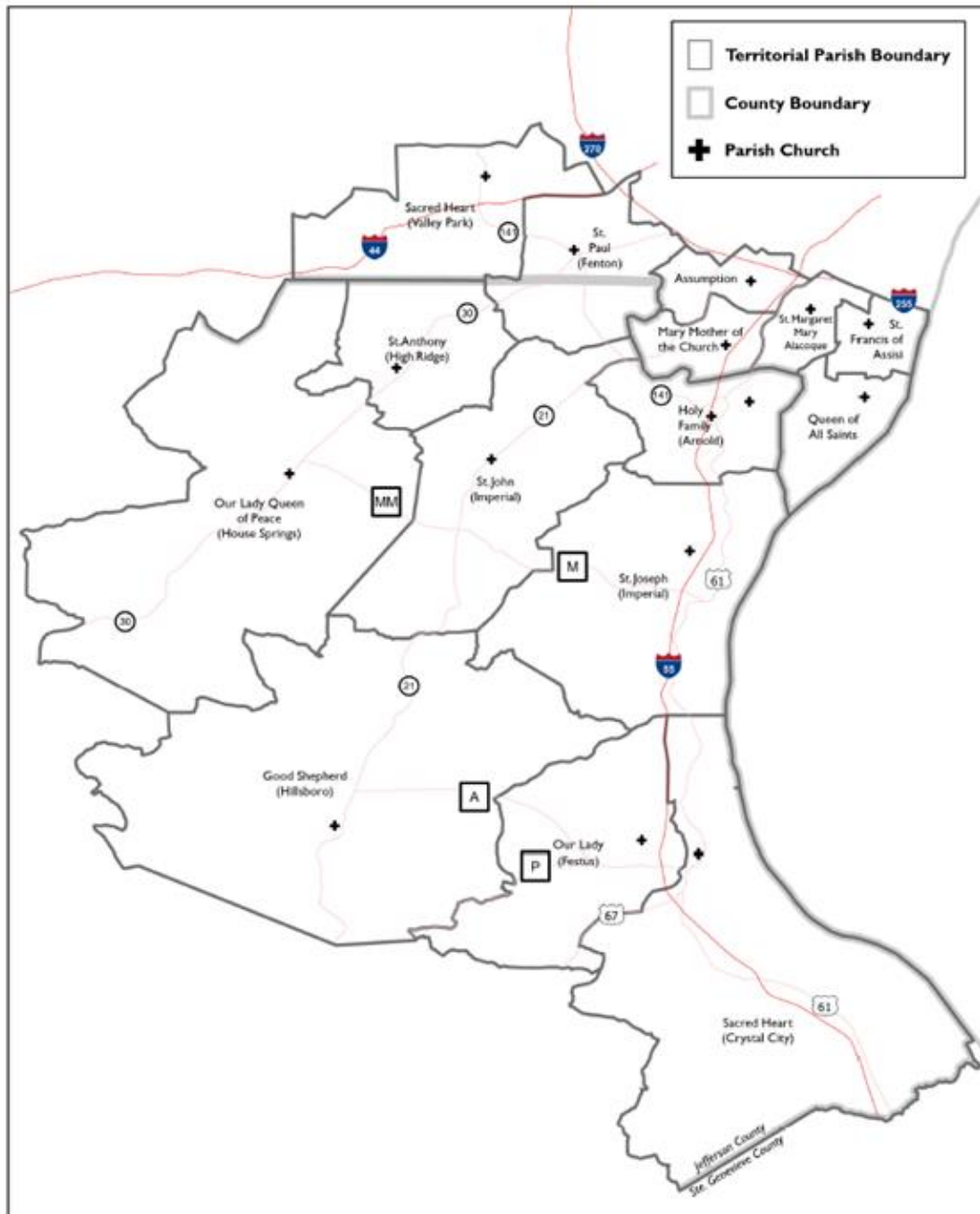
314-420-3898 JohnWolffer@archstl.org

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

Southern Vicariate



Southern Vicariate - Deanery 3



Deanery 3

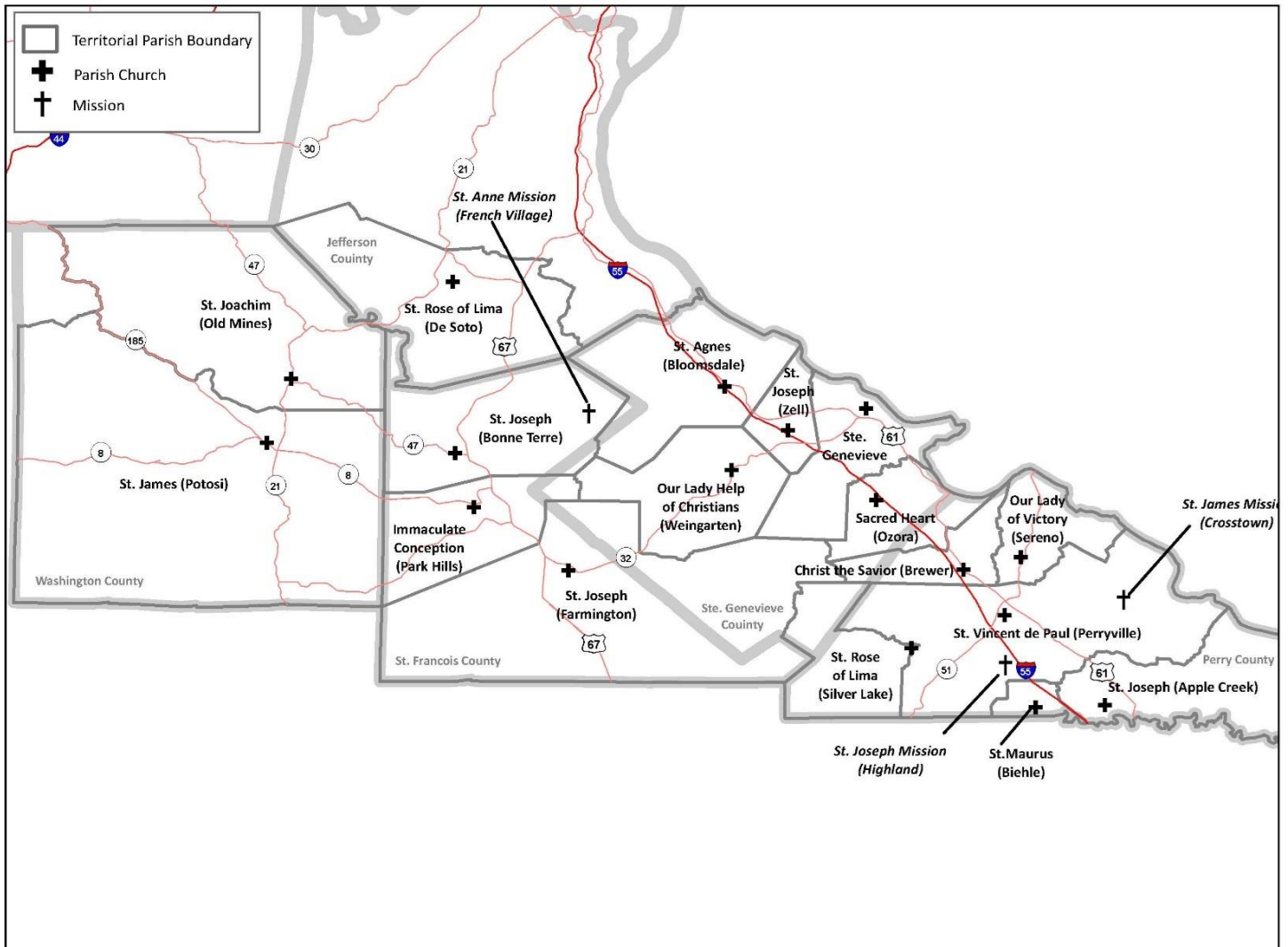
Dean: Reverend Michael Boehm

MichaelBoehm@archstl.org 314-487-2522

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)

Southern Vicariate - Deanery 4



Deanery 4

Dean: Reverend Joseph Geders

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)



Southern Vicariate of the
ARCHDIOCESE OF ST. LOUIS

Contact Directory

Address: 1550 St. Mary's Lane, Festus, MO 63028

P: 314.792.6531 | Website: <https://www.archstl.org/southern-vicariate>

Episcopal Vicar	Fr. Michael Lydon C: (314) 630-0885 michaellydon@archstl.org
Director of Vicariate Operations	Joyce Mard P: (314) 792-6531 joycemard@archstl.org
Director of Pastoral Ministry	Jennifer Meehan C: (314) 363-6945 jmeehan@archstl.org
Pastoral Ministry Associate	Kathleen Schoellhorn C: (314) 629-4392 kathleenschoellhorn@archstl.org
Director of Social Outreach	George Herrera C: (314) 857-3179 georgeherrera@archstl.org
Catholic Charities Navigator	Jennifer Lutker P: (314) 792-6532 jenniferlutker@ccstlouis.org
Catholic Education Liaison	Jill Burkett, Education Director P: (314) 792-7332 C: (573) 310-9650 jillburkett@archstl.org
Finance & Shared Accounting Liaison	Kathy Smith, Finance Manager P: (314) 792-7131 C: (573) 659-1503 kathysmith@archstl.org
Human Resources Liaison	Jean Scotti, HR Manager P: (314) 792-7508 jeanscott@archstl.org
Human Resources Recruiter	Charlie Mathews, Recruiter Talent Acquisition P: (314) 792-7530 charliemathews@archstl.org
Respect Life Apostolate Liaison	Mary Lovee Varni, Director P: 314.792.7559 C: (573) 691-7900 maryvarni@archstl.org
Youth Ministry Liaison	Samantha Pleimann, Coordinator of Parish Outreach, Office of Youth Ministry P: (314) 792-7617 samanthapleimann@archstl.org
Social Outreach	Deacon John Wolffer C: (314) 420-3898 johnwolffer@archstl.org

Current as of 3/3/26

ARCHSTL.ORG

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 - samanthapleimann@archstl.org
<https://stlyouth.org>

For a full listing of Archdiocesan Offices and Agencies, visit:

<https://www.archstl.org/about/offices-and-agencies/>