



## **MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS**

- **MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY / SHOPPERS GUIDE/INTERNET EXPOSURE:**

This full color directory/guide is distributed to 2000 members, businesses and new residents. Members only are listed both alphabetically and by classified category, providing high visibility to potential customers. Display advertising is also available for additional exposure.

The entire membership directory is on the Internet under the web address [www.stmarychamber.com](http://www.stmarychamber.com). Chamber members with a website will be linked to their home page.

- **CHAMBER NEWSLETTER:**

Each month the Chamber Newsletter, "*St. Mary Chamber Gram*" is emailed to approximately 700 leading businesses and individuals. New members are profiled to promote their business.

- **MEMBERS SERVICES:**

"Business After Hours" provides an excellent opportunity to network with an average of 300 Chamber members and guests.

Regional business and trade shows are conducted through the Council of Bayou Chambers.

Legislative Luncheons affords the opportunity to ask questions about local, state and federal issues.

Seminars and Workshops are presented to the Chamber membership on current important issues concerning business practices and government regulations.

- **INFORMATION CENTER:**

The Chamber responds to thousands of information requests each year... the Chamber makes hundreds of referrals to Chamber members from individuals seeking the recommendation of the Chamber on goods and services.

The Chamber provides needed information to newcomers in the form of a Welcome Packet.

The Chamber maintains a Community Calendar.

Information regarding demographics, infrastructure, local and state maps, government officials, etc. are available.

- **BUSINESS ADVOCATE:**

The Chamber is the voice of the business community in local and state issues. The Chamber works closely with all local governments and other agencies.

The Chamber works with regional organizations concerning development.

- **CHAMBER OFFICE:**

The Chamber meeting room is available to members by appointment.

- **SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM:**

Through the support of the membership and through the generosity of the late Charles Roe, the Chamber of Commerce has established a scholarship program which is divided among the 8 Parish high schools and Young Memorial Technical College.

- **BUY AT HOME:**

The Chamber has an ongoing campaign to support local businesses.

- **OTHER BENEFITS:**

Chamber dues investment is 100% deductible as an ordinary business expense. A new member will have their picture in the newspaper free, promoting their business.