



# St. Raymond-St. Elizabeth Maronite Catholic Church

Most Rev. A. Elias Zaidan, Bishop of The Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon  
Most Rev. Mitchell Rozanski, Archbishop of St. Louis  
Rev. John Nahal, Rector

## Downtown

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Website: [straymond-mc.org](http://straymond-mc.org)

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/groups/saintraymonds](https://www.facebook.com/groups/saintraymonds)

## DIVINE LITURGY

Sunday: 10:15am  
Mon, Wed, Fri: 12 noon

## RECONCILIATION:

Sunday: 9:15am  
or by appointment

## Crestwood

1420 S. Sappington Road  
Crestwood, MO 63126

Tel: (314) 968-0760

Website: [stelizabethhungary.org](http://stelizabethhungary.org)

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/sehcrestwood/](https://www.facebook.com/sehcrestwood/)

## DIVINE LITURGY/HOLY MASS:

Saturday: 4:00pm- Roman  
5:15pm— Maronite  
Sunday: 8am and 10:30am—Roman  
Monday-Friday: 8am  
Tuesday & Thursday: 6pm

## RECONCILIATION:

Saturday: 3:00pm; Sunday: 9:45am

## MINISTERING THE SACRAMENTS/MYSTERIES

**Sacrament of Baptism:** call the rectory 1 month in advance to schedule an appointment and date with Msgr. John

**Sacrament of Matrimony:** call the rectory 6 months in advance (1 year in advance if there are canonical issues)

**Visitation and Anointing of the Sick:** call the rectory; Msgr. John's emergency contact is on the answering machine

**Intentions for Divine Liturgy:** call the rectory, mail, or email your intentions



## THE FINDING OF OUR LORD IN THE TEMPLE

Liturgy p. 87  
1 Kings 3:5-7, 9-12, 14  
Heb 7:11-19  
Lk 2:41-52



## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Isaiah 60:1-6  
Psalm 72  
Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6  
Matthew 2:1-12

*Sunday, January 4th, 2026*

## DIVINE LITURGY & MASS INTENTIONS DOWNTOWN:

Sat. Jan 3	<i>The Prophet Mika/Malachi &amp; St. Regory the martyr</i>
Sun. Jan 4 10:15 am	<b>THE FINDING OF OUR LORD IN THE TEMPLE</b> +Bob and Ginny Mahfood By the Fanetti / Schmidt Family +Georgette & Thomas Kevorkian By the Kevorkian Family +Sandy Wahby By David & Kathy Mueckl +Mike & Anne Brotherton By Linda Hill +Jihad Ghoussain
Mon. Jan 5 12:00 pm	<i>St. Paola the first male hermit</i> Georgette Kevorkian By the Kevorkian Family
Tue. Jan 6	<i>The Baptism of Jesus Christ</i>
Wed. Jan 7 12:00 pm	<i>Memorial of the praise of St. John the Baptist</i>
Thurs. Jan. 8 12:00 pm	<i>St. Caritarius, a priest and martyr</i>
Fri. Jan 9 12:00 pm	<i>St. Austratius</i> Mass for retired nuns at Mason Pointe
Sat. Jan 10	<i>St. Gregory, bishop of Nisis</i>
Sun. Jan 11 10:15 am	<b>1ST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY</b> +Dr. John Bouhasin By The Bouhasin & Adem Families +Terry Leong By Dom & Shelly Vitale +Judge Paul & Mary Jane Simon By David & Kathy Mueckl

## CRESTWOOD: (RC Roman Catholic, MC Maronite)

Sat. Jan. 3 4:00 pm RC 5:15 pm MC	<i>Sunday Vigil, St. Genevieve</i> Patricia Augustyniak Jack & Mary Pudlowski By Linda Hill
Sun. Jan. 4 8:00 am MC 10:30 am RC	<b>EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD</b> +Richard Kerkhoff +Ruth and Jack Carnie By Linda Hill Marilyn Hockstra
Mon. Jan. 5 8:00 am RC	<i>St. John N. Neumann</i> Healing for Jim Giljum
Tue. Jan. 6 8:00 am RC 6:00 pm MC	<i>St. Andre Bassette</i> Neal Alster for Healing <b>Great Epiphany Divine Liturgy</b> +Harriet Mahne By the Fanetti/ Schmidt Family
Wed. Jan. 7 8:00am RC	<i>St. Angela Foligno</i> Marilyn Hockstra
Thurs. Jan. 8 8:00 am RC 6:00 pm MC	<i>St. Apollinaris</i> Aaron Alster Elias Hitti By Nazha Hitti and Family
Fri. Jan. 9 8:00am RC	<i>St. Adrian of Canterbury</i> Helen Alster by Pat & Aaron Alster
Sat. Jan. 10 4:00 pm RC 5:15 pm MC	<i>Sunday Vigil, St. Leonie Aviat</i> Beth Drewett +Lillian Brune By the Kallial Family +Alster Family
Sun. Jan. 11 8:00 am RC 10:30 am RC	<b>BAPTISM OF OUR LORD</b> Pro Populo Charles and Joan Powell By Linda Hill

## WEEKLY FINANCES 12/28/2025 ST. RAYMOND-ST. ELIZABETH:

<u>4:00pm Saturday</u> Loose cash Checks/Envelopes	461 280
<u>7:00pm Saturday</u> Loose cash Checks/Envelopes	- -
<u>8:00am Sunday</u> Loose cash Checks/Envelopes	105 300
<u>10:30am Sunday</u> Loose cash Checks/Envelopes	110 570
Candles	22
Pickleball	348
Revenue during the week	2,762
Christmas Offering	3,504
Online Giving <a href="https://osvhub.com/stelizabethhungary/funds">https://osvhub.com/stelizabethhungary/funds</a>	730
Expenses	\$10,242.29

## ST. RAYMOND:

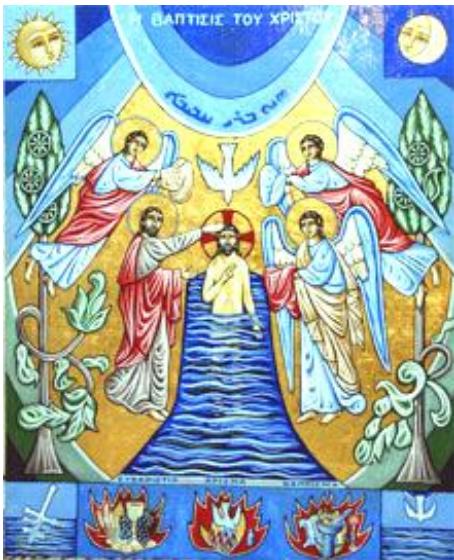
<u>5:15pm Saturday</u> Loose cash Checks/Envelopes	90 30
<u>10:15am Sunday</u> Loose cash Checks/Envelopes	174 765
Christmas Masses	1,097
Revenue during the week	3,185
Candles	171
Coffee hour	100
2nd Collection	70
Online Giving <a href="https://osvhub.com/straymond-mc/giving/funds">https://osvhub.com/straymond-mc/giving/funds</a>	2,697
Expenses	\$10,417.15





## The Glorious Epiphany of Our Lord

January 6, the Maronite Church, celebrates the Glorious Epiphany of our Lord. The Feast of the Epiphany was first celebrated in the Eastern Church in the third century and eventually adopted in the Western Church. This feast is also known as the Theophany. Epiphany is a Greek word which means a "manifestation" or an "apparition". In Syriac, this word is "Denho". Theophany means "an appearance of God". Epiphany because on this day we celebrate the appearance or manifestation of Christ



among us as God's son and Theophany because for the first time in the Bible, the Holy Trinity was revealed, Father, Son and Holy Spirit at the Baptism of the Son.

At The Epiphany water is blessed with a lighted charcoal which signifies the fire of the Spirit who entered the Jordan River at Christ's Baptism. In our Maronite liturgy, this is the meaning of the ritual of immersing the inflamed charcoal in the water. It is like mixing fire and water, the fire represents divinity and the water represents our life or the material world. Symbolically, when our Lord went into the water to be baptized by Saint John the Baptist, he sanctified the water, the essential element of life.

The water symbolizes the origin of creation and of every creature which is in need of sanctification through the Holy Spirit. This water is then sprinkled on the congregation by the priest reminding them of their own baptism in which they put on a robe of Christ and were cleansed from their original sin. The water is also taken home and can be sprinkled or consumed so that the Holy Spirit may sanctify us and our material world submitting everything to the will of God.

Note: Epiphany in the Roman Catholic Church, is the Manifestation of the Divinity of Jesus Christ at the visit of the Magi/ kings.

In the Eastern Churches, Epiphany/ Theophany is the Manifestation of The Divinity of Jesus Christ and The Trinity at Our Lord's Baptism.

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Deadline: 8am Tuesdays  
To submit: Email Felicity  
steeliz@straymond-mc.org

#### ONLINE GIVING

Crestwood:  
osvhub.com/stelizabethhungary/funds  
Downtown:  
straymond-mc.org/online-giving

#### MERCY MEAL

Kathleen Wahby 314 276 3062

#### MEDICAL EQUIPMENT

Donate or Borrow piece of medical  
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## LECTORS: CRESTWOOD

<b>Sat, Jan. 3</b> 4:00 pm	Janet Finke
<b>Sun, Jan. 4</b> 8:00 am 10:30 am	Glen Brookman Jean Minton
<b>Sat, Jan. 10</b> 4:00 pm	Sr. Rosalie
<b>Sun, Jan. 11</b> 8:00 am 10:30 am	Nancy Wall Fabi Pineda

## UP COMING EVENTS

\*Sun Feb. 1: St. Maron's Feast Day  
 \*Sun March 8: Purse Bingo  
 \*Fish Fry: Feb 20,27, March 6,13,20,27, April 3 (Good Fri at St Raymond's)  
 \*May 3: First Communion  
 \*May 10: Mother's Day  
 \*June 23-28: Youth National Conference: Univ. of Dayton, OH  
 \*June 29-July 5: NAM Conv., San Diego, CA  
 \*Sep. 18,19,20: Lebanese Festival  
 \*Sep. 28– Oct. 9: Trip to Lebanon  
 \*Oct. 17: Autumn Harvest Festival  
 \*Nov. 14: Vendor Fair  
 \*Sun Dec. 6, 2026: Breakfast with Santa

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK & HOMEBOUND OF OUR PARISH

Tom Hearst	Marie Kallial
Victor Sciarrino	Rob Turner
Rosalie Hubert	Emil Salman
Mike McSorley Sr.	Jennifer Van Luven
James Brumfield	Janet Emerson
Cathy Seemayer	Burton Droste
Mary Lou Works	Dot Smith
Chris Nelms	Gabe Vollet
Ted Arunski	Barb Rohr
Dave Holdinghausen	Ameal Nassif
Michelle Bausworth	Gerry Nassif
Tom Saucier	Tim Gamma
Rhoda Simpher	Munir Matar
Patricia Beck	Susan Dugan
Mary Ojile	Rima Cabbabe
Gloria (Skip) Leisure	Ralph Wahby
Don Ganim	
John Anton	
Jim Hoffman	
Richard Baker Sr	
Patrick Carr	
Steve Baker	
Janet Zhakaria	
John Cleary	
Tom Morrow	

## YOUTH MEETING & YOUTH COUNCIL

Our youth monthly meeting, Sun. Jan. 4th, 2026. in second half of the Cedars hall. Youth council will meet after.

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

The children will have their meeting too, in the second half of the Cedars hall with Carla Aouad and Margo Kassab.

## COFFEE HOUR

We welcome all our parishioners and friend visitors to socialize and for coffee hour after 10:15am Divine Liturgy at St. Raymond Cathedral. We thank Mary, Pam, and Elie for serving the Coffee hour. Please, let us enjoy each other, and celebrate the Day of Lord!

## EUCARISTIC ADORATION

Eucharistic Adoration this coming Mon. Jan. 5th, at St. Raymond– St. Elizabeth Church, from 8:30am till 5pm.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Rel Ed classes Mon. Jan. 5th, Blessed New Year!

## GLORIOUS EPIPHANY-6:00 PM DIVINE LITURGY

We will celebrate the Glorious Epiphany Divine Liturgy on Tuesday, Jan. 6, at 6:00pm, at St. Raymond– St. Elizabeth Church, with the Rite of Blessing of Water.

## KITCHEN SCOOP

The Kitchen is open on Wed. Jan. 5th, 2026. On Tue., Jan. 4th, at 8:30am we will be preparing kibbe aras, and rolling grape/cabbage leaves. We encourage you to place your orders, Monday and Tuesday before the Wed. luncheon, through Square

<http://st-raymond-cathedral.square.site/>

Thanks! Denise and Gina

## THURSDAY CHRISTIAN DOCUMENTARY FILMS

We will resume the movies on Jan 8th. Blessed New Year 2026!

## OCIA CLASS

Classes will resume Thurs. Jan. 8, If you like to know more about the Catholic/Maronite Faith, please join the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults OCIA. For more info Jacob Garanzini  
 <jacob.hart.g@gmail.com>

## MEN'S SODALITY MEETING

The Men's society meeting will be on Thurs. Jan. 8th, at St. Raymond – St. Elizabeth church, starting with 6pm Divine liturgy.

## CLERGY RETREAT

Msgr. Hanneke will celebrate 8am Masses Jan 12-16, and no Maronite 6pm Divine Liturgies Jan. 13, 15.

Fr. Tony, Fr. Jad, Fr. Ron, Fr. John will be participating at the annual priest retreat in Scottsdale, AZ on Jan. 12– 16, please keep our bishop and all our priests in your prayers.

## MEN'S AND LADIES' SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP

Membership form will mailed to the men and women of our parish. Please, consider joining those two organizations.



## ST. RAYMOND FOOD PANTRY & ASSSTANCE FUND:

Please consider making a monetary donation to the St. Raymond Food Pantry Assistance Fund to help with rent, utilities, and medical expenses for those in our parish who are in need. You may contribute through on-line giving or by personal check payable to St. Raymond Maronite Cathedral. If paying by personal check, please write "Food Pantry Assistance Fund" in the note section of your donation in the weekly collection or mail it to St. Raymond Maronite Cathedral, 931 Lebanon Drive, St. Louis, MO 63104. Thank you for your generosity.

## COMMUNION CALLS & HOME VISITS

If you are sick or homebound and would like a Communion minister to come to your home, please let us know! Contact the office to get in touch: (314) 968-0760 or email deacon Bill WilliamMeister@archstl.org

## PARISH DEVOTIONS

### Monday

Adoration 8:30-5pm

### Tuesday

Our Lady of Perpetual Help after 8am Mass

Patriotic Rosary at 5:15pm

### 1st Friday

Sacred Heart Litany

### 4th Saturday of the Month

Rosary at noon for Intentions at Fatima.

## ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM, O LORD

† Janet Wright	11-14-2025
† Gus Millati	11-13-2025
† Patricia Augustyniak	11-1-2025
† Terry Leong	10-31-2025
† Jad Michel Gennaoui	10-17-2025
† Milad Abounader	10-6-2025
† Carol Bilger	9-25-2025
† Christopher Seemayer	9-5-2025
† Mary Susan Bickel	8-24-2025
† Barbara Marchetto	7-18-2025
† John D. Bouhasin	7-9-2025
† Eileen Bayer	6-18-2025
† Mary Ann Fries	5-20-2025
† Elaine Snyder	3-30-2025
† John Michaels	3-29-2025
† Agnes Guhman	3-25-2025
† Marilue Simon	3-24-2025
† Thomas Bremehr	3-16-2025

## LADIES' SODALITY MEETING- SUN. JAN. 18

Congratulations to new officers, Linda Hill, president; Renee Meier, vice president; Mary Ann Mueller, secretary; Reema Rahaman, treasurer. The Ladies' Sodality will meet on Sun. Jan. 18, at St. Raymond Cathedral, beginning will 10:15am Divine Liturgy (3rd Sunday of the month).

## ST. MARON'S FEAST DAY

We will celebrate with bishop Zaidan the feast of our patron saint Maron on Sunday, February 1st, at St. Raymond Cathedral.

## FOOD DRIVE

Sincere thanks to those who have generously donated food to St. Raymond's Food Pantry.

If you or someone you know is in need of food assistance, please help yourself to the food in the Food Pantry bins in the back of church before or after Mass, or contact the church offices at (314) 621-0056 to schedule a time to pick up food.

## DESIGNER PURSE BINGO

Save the date! Sunday March 8th, 2026  
The Cedars Hall, St. Raymond Cathedral - *Downtown*.

## ADORERS NEEDED FOR MONDAY ADORATION

We have adoration Mondays 8:30-5pm and are in need of a second adorer especially for the 9:30-10:30am. The other hours in need of an adorer are 11:30-12:30pm....3:30-4:30pm, 4-5pm. If you are able to commit to one of the hours, please call the office at 314.968.0760 or email at steeliz@straymond-mc.org.

## PROTECTION OF GOD'S CHILDREN

Please, all volunteers and employees, including for Lebanese and Autumn Festivals of St. Raymond Cathedral and St. Raymond – St. Elizabeth Church have to do online training for the Protection of God's Children and Safe Environment, at

<https://eparchyofourladyoflebanon.cmconnect.org/>

For any questions, please contact Msgr. John

## CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT FOR 2025

All registered families at our church, at both locations, will receive a contribution statement before the end of January for the year 2025. Thanks for your love and support to our church.

## P & L FOR 2025

In addition a P&L report will be posted on the church website, as a non-profit 501 c3 should do once a year.

## NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

We thank all who worked at the New Year's Eve party this year. The hired 'belly' dancer was not sponsored by the church neither supported at our church events. We will not have a church New Year's Eve party this coming year.

*"From the rising of the sun to the place where it sets, the name of the Lord is to be praised." Psalm 113: 3*



## 2026 National MYO Conference



**SAVE THE DATE!**

<h1>Celebrate 200 Years of Faith with the Archdiocese of St. Louis!</h1>		 <p>ARCHDIOCESE OF ST. LOUIS</p>	
<p>In 2026, we joyfully commemorate the 200th anniversary of the founding of our diocese in 1826. This once-in-a-generation Bicentennial Jubilee invites us to rejoice in the light of Christ and renew our shared mission as Catholics in eastern Missouri.</p>		<p>Throughout the year, the faithful are invited to take part in prayer, storytelling, acts of service, and special archdiocesan initiatives rooted in the spiritual legacy of our three patron saints:</p>	
<p><b>St. Louis, King of France</b> <i>faithful leadership and justice</i></p>		<p><b>St. Rose Philippine Duchesne</b> <i>missionary prayer and perseverance</i></p>	
<p><b>St. Vincent de Paul</b> <i>compassion and care for the poor</i></p>			
<p>Please Share Your Jubilee Moments!</p>		<p>As you celebrate, we'd love to see and share those moments! Tag your photos and stories with #ArchSTL200 and let's illuminate the joy of our Catholic faith across the Archdiocese.</p>	
		 <p>ArchSTL200.org</p>	

Dear Fr. John,

We hope this letter finds you well and healthy!

We are reaching out to you to announce the dates and location of our **2026 National MYO Conference!**

After a powerful 2025 National Conference together, we can't wait for another incredible week with our youth, advisors, and clergy this year!

Some important points to note regarding this week:

**Theme: ChatGOD**

**Location: University of Dayton, Dayton, OH**

**Dates: Tuesday, June 23 - Sunday, June 28, 2026**

**Who: Open to all youth ages 12-18 in the Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon of Los Angeles and the Eparchy of Saint Maron of Brooklyn.**

**Registration will be open beginning February 1, 2026.**

Feb 1 - March 31, 2026	April 1 - May 15, 2026	May 16 - June 23, 2026
Regular Registration	Late Registration	Registration Closed
\$559	\$609	N/A

**Prayer for the Year 2026**

Dear Lord, as we enter the new year, bless us with peace, keep us healthy, and guide our steps in love. May we serve You and one another with faithful hearts. In Your name we pray, Amen.

