



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

931 Lebanon Drive
St. Louis, MO 63104

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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

Facebook: 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



SUNDAY OF PRIESTS

Liturgy p. 147

Malachi 2:1,5-9

1 Timothy 4:6-16

Luke 12:42-48



3RD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Isaiah 8:23-9:3

Psalm 27

1 Corinthians 1:10-13,17

Matthew 4:12-23

Sunday, January 25th, 2026

DIVINE LITURGY & MASS INTENTIONS DOWNTOWN:

Sat. Jan 24	<i>St. Francis de Sales</i>
Sun. Jan 25 10:15 am	SUNDAY OF PRIESTS +Agnes Koram- Timmons, Mary Earley, Gary Peters By the Denny and Timmons Families +Dan and Denise Metz By Rose Reynolds +Deceased members of Mike & Betty Wolff Family By the Crenshaw & Wolff Families
12pm noon	Noon Divine Liturgy (mostly in Arabic Language)
Mon. Jan 26 12:00 pm	<i>St. Agnes, a virgin</i> Poor Souls in Purgatory
Tue. Jan 27	<i>St. Paula, the widow</i>
Wed. Jan 28 12:00 pm	<i>St. Ephrem, a Doctor in the Church</i> For Nadim Khoury (Nina's brother)
Thurs. Jan. 29	<i>St. Baladius & St. Apolitos, a martyr</i>
Fri. Jan 30 12:00 pm	<i>St. Maximus, the confessor</i> Poor Souls in Purgatory
Sat. Jan 31	<i>Don John Bosco</i>
Sun. Feb 1 10:15 am	SUNDAY OF THE RIGHTEOUS AND JUST Living and Deceased Parishioners +Edward Elking By Dennis & Roxanne Elking +Subdeacon George & Marilue By Jodi & Cathi Slinkard

CRESTWOOD: (RC Roman Catholic, MC Maronite)

Sat. Jan. 24 4:00 pm RC	<i>Sunday Vigil, St. Francis de Sales</i> Vittorio Moran
5:15 pm MC	+Jack and Theresa Haddad By Jodi & Cathi Slinkard +Alster Family
Sun. Jan. 25 8:00 am RC 10:30 am RC	THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Joey & Mary Ann Klohr by Maureen Toberman Pro Populo
Mon. Jan. 26 8:00 am RC	<i>Sts. Timothy and Titus</i> Grace Minton For the healing of Stephanie Lewis By Jim & Mary Ulett
Tue. Jan. 27 8:00 am RC 6:00 pm MC	<i>St. Angela Merici</i> Brendan Moran Antoine Hitti By Nazha Hitti and Family
Wed. Jan. 28 8:00am RC	<i>St. Thomas Aquinas</i> Neal Alster for Healing
Thurs. Jan. 29 8:00 am RC 6:00 pm MC	<i>St. Gildas the Wise</i> Tony Angeles, Sr. Bea George By Pat Busekrus
Fri. Jan. 30 8:00am RC	<i>Bl. Columba Marmion</i> Helen Murphy by Pat & Aaron Alster
Sat. Jan. 31 4:00 pm RC 5:15 pm MC	<i>Sunday Vigil, St. John Bosco</i> Raffaello Moran Jim & Dorothy Randazzo By David & Kathy Mueckl
Sun. Feb. 1 8:00 am RC 10:30 am RC	FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME John Lauber by Luke Lauber Jack & Connie McDermott By Linda Hill

WEEKLY FINANCES 1/18/2026 ST. RAYMOND-ST. ELIZABETH:

<u>4:00pm Saturday</u> Loose cash Checks/Envelopes	393 545
<u>7:00pm Saturday</u> Loose cash Checks/Envelopes	9 150
<u>8:00am Sunday</u> Loose cash Checks/Envelopes	144 125
<u>10:30am Sunday</u> Loose cash Checks/Envelopes	317 70
Candles	70
Pickleball	484
Revenue during the week	4,045.80
Second Collection	100
Online Giving https://osvhub.com/stelizabethhungary/funds	820
Expenses	\$14,891.18

ST. RAYMOND:

<u>5:15pm Saturday</u> Loose cash Checks/Envelopes	85
<u>10:15am Sunday</u> Loose cash Checks/Envelopes	230 1,190
Revenue during the week	2,315
Candles	202
Coffee hour	-
2nd Collection	65
Online Giving https://osvhub.com/straymond-mc/giving/funds	1,712
Expenses	\$17,951.56

WEDNESDAY LUNCHEON 1/21/2026

Income	4,698.25
Expenses	\$1,502.96





A note from the pastor

Sunday of the Commemoration of the Priests—let us pray for all our Priests

Priests who served St. Anthony the Hermit Maronite

Church in St. Louis, MO from 1898 to 1942:

+Fr. George Emmanuel	1898 – 1901
+Fr. Matthew Naimi	1901 – 1905
+Fr. Anton Slyman	1905 – 1916
+Fr. Nabi Bellamah	1917 – 1918
+Fr. George Assibeleni	1918 – 1919
+Fr. Gabriel Korkemaz	1919 – 1920
+Fr. Francis Chamoun	1920 – 1921
+Fr. Joakim Stephan	1921 – 1942 (and associate at St. Raymond till his death in 1959)

Priests who served St. Raymond Maronite Church/ Cathedral, and St. Raymond– St. Elizabeth Church (July 2020):

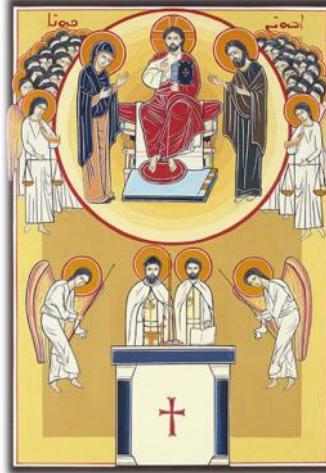
+CB. Joseph Karam	1912 – 1944
+Bishop Robert Shaheen	1967 – 2001
+Fr. Donald Thomas (Asc.)	1973 – 1980
Bishop Gregory Mansour	2001 – 2003
Fr. Andre Mhanna (laicized)	2004 – 2008
Msgr. Gibran BouMerhi	2008 – 2010
Fr. Gary George, CSSR	2010 – 2012
CB. Moussa Joseph	2012 – 2016
Fr. Patrick Kassab	2020 – 2024
Fr. Jad Chlouk	2023 – 2025
Msgr. John Nahal	2017 – present
Fr. Anthony Simon	2023 – present

Bishops of St. Raymond Maronite Church:

+Archbishop Francis Zayek	1966 – 1994
+Bishop John Chedid	1994 – 2001
+Bishop Robert Shaheen	2001 – 2013
Bishop A. Elias Zaidan	2013 – present

Priests who have served at St. Elizabeth of Hungary since its inception:

Fr. James Ryan 1956-1973 (First Mass was on August 11th, 1957) – pastor
Msgr Joseph Kennedy c. 1972 – 1981 – administrator and associate pastor
Fr. William Aherns 1973-1985 – pastor
Fr. Ronald R. Tiefenbrunn 1985-1987 with associate pastors Fr. Robert Babka, Fr. Dennis Schmidt, and Fr. Donald Hoffman
Fr. Donald Buhr 1987-1996
Fr. Thomas Haley 1996-2002 with Fr. John Comer as associate pastor
Fr. James Edwards 2002 – 2009 with Fr. Joseph Weber from St. Justin Martyr serving as temporary admin in 2008-2009
Fr. Gregory Lockwood 2009-2011
Msgr Timothy Cronin 2011-2012
Msgr Richard Hanneke 2012-2014
Fr. Chris Martin 2014-2016
Fr. Lawrence Brennan 2016-2017
Fr. Brian Fallon 2017-2020
Fr. Patrick Kassab 2020 – 2024 (associate pastor)
Fr. Jad Chlouk 2024-2025 (associate pastor)
Msgr John Nahal 2020 – present – pastor
Fr. Anthony Simon 2023-present– associate pastor



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BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

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 equipment, please call
Patty Renschen 314 517 7044

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Cedarshall@straymond-mc.org

YOUTH MINISTER

Alex Khater



LECTORS: CRESTWOOD

Sat, Jan. 24 4:00 pm	Janet Finke
Sun, Jan. 25 8:00 am 10:30 am	Glen Brookman Jean Minton
Sat, Jan. 31 4:00 pm	Ralph & Margie
Sun, Feb. 1 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 5-13: Our Lady of Fatima Novena
 *May 10: Mother's Day
 *June 6: Golf Tournament
 *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
 *Dec. 3: Men's Christmas Dinner
 *Sun Dec. 6, 2026: Breakfast with Santa

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK & HOMEBOUND OF OUR PARISH

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

WEATHER PERMITTING

Forecast of snow this Sat/Sun, please be safe and stay home.
 Weather permitting, we will have the below church events/activities

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 the Ladies' Sodality for serving the Coffee hour.

EUCARISTIC ADORATION

Eucharistic Adoration this coming Mon. Jan. 26th, 8:30am–5:00pm, at St. Raymond– St. Elizabeth Church.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Rel Ed classes Mon. Jan. 26th, at 5:45pm, at St. Raymond– St. Elizabeth church.

KITCHEN SCOOP

The Kitchen is open on Wed. Jan. 28th, 2026. On Tue., Jan. 27th, 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

Christian documentary movie on Thurs. Jan. 29th, after 8am Mass.

OCIA CLASS

Class on Thurs. Jan. 29th, at 6pm. 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>

PARISH PASTORAL AND FINANCE COUNCILS

Meeting this coming Thurs. Jan. 29th, at 6:30pm at the Cafeteria of St. Raymond– St. Elizabeth church.

ST MARON'S FEAST DAY CELEBRATION

We will celebrate, Sunday, February 1, 2026, St. Maron's Feast Day Divine Liturgy and Reception afterward at St. Raymond Cathedral, presided by our bishop, Most Reverend A. Elias Zaidan.

All Church Organizations/Committees are invited to participate for the Installation of all the Officers/Members of all Committees/Organizations. We will have a reception and luncheon at the Cedars afterward. Awards/Medals and Receptions during the reception/luncheon. For reservation contact, parish offices:

Downtown, Tel: (314) 621-0056 secretary@straymond-mc.org
 Crestwood, Tel: (314) 968-0760 steeliz@straymond-mc.org

8AM MARONITE DIVINE LITURGY

We will not have a Maronite Divine Liturgy Sun. Feb. 1, at our church in Crestwood, it will be a Roman Catholic 8am Mass, because our bishop is celebrating the Feast of St. Maron, at St. Raymond Cathedral on that day.



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

† Gloria 'Skip' Leisure	1-13-2026
† Christine Van Doren	11-30-2025
† 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

MEN OF ST JOSEPH: FAITHFUL, NOT PERFECT

All men are invited: young and old, single, married, divorced, widowed, practicing or returning-to join Men of St. Joseph: Faithful, Not Perfect. Guided by Saint Joseph, rooted in prayer and trust in God's mercy, we gather as imperfect men striving to live faithfully, encouraging one another walk in God's will and begin again when we fall. Meeting at St. Raymond-St. Elizabeth on the first Saturday each month for prayer and fellowship in a welcoming, judgment-free setting. No commitment or experience is required—just a desire to grow closer to God alongside other men on the same journey.

First Meeting, Sat. Feb. 7, 7:30am- 8:30am

All men are welcome. Come as you are.

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.

MEN'S AND LADIES' SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP

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

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.

PURSE BINGO

Purse Bingo is sold out! Thanks to all that purchased tickets. It will be a fun filled afternoon @ The Cedars!

Mary Denny

FISH FRY EVERY FRIDAY OF LENT 2026

St. Raymond- St. Elizabeth church cafeteria will have a Fish Fry every Friday of Lent 2026, starting Fri. Feb. 20, 4pm- 7pm. At 6:00pm we will have at the church, the Stations of the Cross and Maronite Adoration of the Cross Prayers. The different church organizations and committees will help in the Fish Fry. Pre-orders, Menu, Carry out, Dine in will be posted on our church Square page

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

Fish Fry Dinner help turn will be as follow: Feb. 20, Kitchen Volunteers; Feb. 27, Men's Society; March 6, Ladies' Sodality; March 13, Pickleball; March 20, Pro Life, Rel Ed; March 27, Parish, Finance Council, Choir; April 3, (Good Fri at St Raymond's) MYO and MYA

Organizations are to bring dessert on that the assigned Friday and help serving.

FISH FRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED. All activities take place at Crestwood campus. Sign-up sheets are in the vestibules and by clicking here.

Food Line Prep - 9:30 - 11 a.m. Dessert Prep and Service 3:00 - 8 p.m. Food service 3:00 - 8:pm. Clean up 8-9 p.m.

2026 National MYO Conference

2026 NATIONAL MYO CONFERENCE

SAVE THE DATES

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THE ANSWERS YOU NEED

JUN 23  **JUN 28**

UNIVERSITY OF DAYTON

SAVE THE DATE!

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

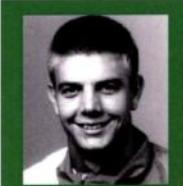


COST:

\$200 PER TABLE OF 8 (INCLUDES BEER AND SODA)

\$320 FOR VIP TABLES (INCLUDES SNACKS, 3 BOTTLES OF WINE, & TABLE SERVICE)

CASEY'S KICKERS TRIVIA NIGHT 2026



SATURDAY FEB. 21ST 7PM
DOORS OPEN AT 6PM

ST. ELIZABETH CATHOLIC CHURCH GYM

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St. Louis MO, 63126

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**St. Maron 350-410 AD
Feast Day, Feb. 9
Priest and Hermit
Patron and Father of the Maronite Church**

Saint Maron was a mystic who started this new ascetic-spiritual life that attracted many people in Syria and Lebanon to become his disciples. Accompanying his deeply spiritual and ascetic life, he was a zealous missionary with a passion to spread the message of Christ by preaching it to all he met. He sought not only to cure the physical ailments that people suffered, but had a great quest for nurturing and healing the "lost souls" of both non-Christians and Christians of his time. This missionary work came to fruition when in the mountains of Syria, Saint Maron was able to convert a temple into a Christian church in Kaf Nabu. This was to be the beginning of the conversion to Christianity in Syria which would then influence and spread to Lebanon. After his death in the year 410 in Kalota, his spirit and teachings lived on through his disciples.

The Maronite movement reached Lebanon when Saint Maron's first disciple, Abraham of Cyrhus, who was called the Apostle of Lebanon, realized that there were many non-Christians in Lebanon and so he set out to convert them to Christianity by introducing them to the way of Saint Maron. Maronites have always remained in full communion with the Holy See / Chair of St. Peter.



St. Maron's Feast Day Celebration and Reception

**St. Maron's Feast Day on Sun. Feb. 1, 2026,
10:15 AM Divine Liturgy, Presided by
Bishop A. Elias Zaidan**

at St. Raymond Cathedral, St. Louis, MO

Installation of Officers/Members of all Church Organizations/Committees

**St. Maron's Feast Day Reception at The Cedars,
Sun. Feb. 1, at 12:00 PM noon
(939 Lebanon Dr, St. Louis, MO 63104)**

- ♦ Bishop's Eparchial Awards
- ♦ Silver Massabki Medal Awards
- ♦ Faith of Mountain Award

Food Menu: Chicken Ouzi (chicken/rice and roasted nuts), Kibbe bi Sayniyye (ground beef and cracked wheat), Humus, Salad, Sweets, and Beverage drinks

\$20 per adult, (Family at \$50)

\$10 per youth (13-17 yo)

\$5 per child (5-12 yo)

Free for children (4 year old and under)

For table reservation, please contact:

The church offices at:

314 621 0056 Downtown, or 314 968 0760 Crestwood
email: secretary@straymond-mc.org, or steeliz@straymond-mc.org

We accept Visa, Master Card, American Express, Checks, and Cash Payments
50% of the proceeds to our church, 25% to our Youth, 25% to Caritas Lebanon

YOUTH ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

All our youth are invited to participate in the meetings/events/activities of the church, to benefit first our church, have community service hours, and participate in the national youth conference. Our youth this school year raised \$5K, and they need another \$5K to cover the fees of their events. Thanks for supporting our Youth!