



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

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

DIVINE LITURGY

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

RECONCILIATION:

Sunday: 9:15am
or by appointment

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 THE RIGHTEOUS AND JUST

Liturgy p. 157
Wisdom 5:1, 3-6, 8, 15-16
Hebrews 12:18-24
Matthew 25:3-46



4TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Zephaniah 2:3, 3:12-13
Psalm 146
1 Corinthians 1:26-31
Matthew 5:1-12a

Sunday, February 1st, 2026

DIVINE LITURGY & MASS INTENTIONS DOWNTOWN:

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 +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
Mon. Feb 2 12:00 pm	<i>The Entrance of Christ to the Temple</i> Poor Souls in Purgatory
Tue. Feb 3	<i>Simon the elder & Anna the prophetess</i>
Wed. Feb 4 12:00 pm	<i>St. Isidor of Farm (an old city in Egypt)</i> For Nadim Khoury (Nina's brother)
Thurs. Feb 5	<i>St. Agatha, a virgin</i>
Fri. Feb 6 12:00 pm	<i>St. Brocollos, bishop of Smyrna & St. Fosta</i> Poor Souls in Purgatory
Sat. Feb 7	<i>St. Britanios, bishop of Lampsak</i>
Sun. Feb 8 10:15 am	SUNDAY OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED Theresa Haddad & Jack Haddad By Linda Hill

CRESTWOOD: (RC Roman Catholic, MC Maronite)

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 +Jack and Theresa Haddad By Jodi & Cathi Slinkard +Alster Family
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
Mon. Feb 2 8:00 am RC	<i>Presentation of the Lord</i> Mary Ann Stone For the healing of Stephanie Lewis By Jim & Mary Ulett
Tue. Feb 3 8:00 am RC 6:00 pm MC	<i>St. Blaise</i> Neal Alster for healing Ben & Caroline Lauber by Wyatt Lauber
Wed. Feb 4 8:00am RC	<i>St. Jane of Valois</i> Mark Charles Casaleggi by Steven Gilroy
Thurs. Feb 5 8:00 am RC 6:00 pm MC	<i>St. Agatha</i> Gina Miller Bea George By Pat Busekrus
Fri. Feb 6 8:00am RC	<i>St. Paul Miki & his companions</i> Aaron Alster
Sat. Feb 7 4:00 pm RC 5:15 pm MC	<i>Sunday Vigil, St. Richard of Lucca</i> Patricia Augustyniak Francis and Anna Slay By David & Kathy Mueckl
Sun. Feb 8 8:00 am RC 10:30 am RC	FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Jordan Lauber by Wyatt Lauber Pro Populo

WEEKLY FINANCES 1/25/2026 ST. RAYMOND-ST.ELIZABETH:

4:00pm Saturday Loose cash Checks/Envelopes	-
7:00pm Saturday Loose cash Checks/Envelopes	
8:00am Sunday Loose cash Checks/Envelopes	
10:30am Sunday Loose cash Checks/Envelopes	
Candles	
Pickleball	
Revenue during the week	
Second Collection	
Online Giving https://osvhub.com/stelizabethhungary/funds	880
Expenses (+insurance)	\$52,848.65

ST. RAYMOND:

5:15pm Saturday Loose cash Checks/Envelopes	-
10:15am Sunday Loose cash Checks/Envelopes	
Revenue during the week	
Candles	
Coffee hour	
2nd Collection	
Online Giving https://osvhub.com/straymond-mc/giving/funds	1,163
Expenses (+insurance)	\$61,716.90

WEDNESDAY LUNCHEON 1/28/2026

Income	-
Expenses	





A note from the pastor

St. Maron – Patron and Father of The Maronite Church (350 – 410)

St. Maron was a 5th century Syriac Christian monk who after his death was followed by a religious movement that became known as the Maronites. The Church that grew from this movement is the Maronite Church. St. Maron was known for his missionary work, healing and miracles, and teachings of a monastic devotion to God. St. Maron, born in the middle of the 4th century in Syria, was a priest who later became a hermit, retiring to a mountain of Taurus in the region of Cyrrhus, near Antioch. His holiness and miracles attracted many followers, and drew attention throughout the empire. St. John Chrysostom sent him a letter around AD 405 expressing his great love and respect, and asking St. Maron to pray for him.

Maron is considered the Father of the spiritual and monastic movement now called the Maronite Catholic Church. This movement had a profound influence in Lebanon. St. Maron spent all of his life on a mountain in Syria. It is believed that the place was called "Kefar-Nabo" on the mountain of Ol-Yambos, making it the cradle of the Maronite movement. The Maronite movement reached Lebanon when St. Maron's first disciple Abraham of Cyrrhus who was called the Apostle of Lebanon, realized that there were many non-Christians in Lebanon, so he set out to convert them to Christianity by introducing them to the way of St. Maron. The followers of St. Maron, both monks and laity, always remained faithful to the teachings of the Catholic Church. Maron's way was deeply monastic with emphasis on the spiritual and ascetic aspects of living.

St. Maron embraced the quiet solitude of the mountain life. He lived his life in open air exposed to the forces of nature such as sun, rain, hail and snow. His extraordinary desire to come to know God's presence in all things allowed St. Maron to transcend such forces and discover that intimate union with God.

St. Maron was a mystic who started this new ascetic-spiritual method that attracted many people in Syria and Lebanon to become his disciples. 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.

After his death in the year 410, his spirit and teachings lived on through his disciples and today it is believed that he lies in "brad" village to the north of Aleppo.

Our bishop, Most Rev. A. Elias Zaidan will celebrate St. Maron Feast Day at St. Raymond Cathedral:

Sun. Feb. 1st 10:105 am-

All Officers/Members of the different Organizations/Committees are invited to come for a blessing and renewal of their service commitment at our church. Knights of St. Gregory, St. Sylvester, St. Maron, St. Sharbel, Massabki, Faith of the Mountain, and other medal recipients are encouraged to put on their medals for the Divine Liturgy.

Pray for us, O St. Maron, Pray for us in Heaven!



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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
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YOUTH MINISTER

Alex Khater



LECTORS: CRESTWOOD

Sat, Jan. 31 4:00 pm	Ralph & Margie
Sun, Feb. 1 8:00 am 10:30 am	Nancy Wall Fabi Pineda
Sat, Feb. 7 4:00 pm	Sr. Rosalie
Sun, Feb. 8 8:00 am 10:30 am	Dan & Kathleen Austin Krueger

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	

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

YOUTH NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Registration start Feb. 1st. 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!

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Eucharistic Adoration this coming Mon. Feb. 2, 8:30am—5:00pm, at St. Raymond— St. Elizabeth Church.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Rel Ed classes Mon. Feb. 2, at 5:45pm, at St. Raymond— St. Elizabeth church.

KITCHEN SCOOP

The Kitchen is open on Wed. Feb. 4, 2026. On Tue., Feb. 3, 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. Feb. 5, after 8am Mass.

OCIA CLASS

No Class on Thurs. Feb. 5, 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>

MEN'S SOCIETY MEETING

Beginning with 6:00pm Divine Liturgy and meeting this coming Thurs. Feb. 5, at 6:30pm at the Cafeteria of St. Raymond— St. Elizabeth church.

YOUNG ADULTS HOLY HOUR AND POTLUCK

Join us at St Elizabeth of Hungary this Thursday, February 5, at 6:30pm for a young adults Holy Hour and potluck social, hosted by Spirit & Truth St Louis. All young adults are welcome!


Spirit & Truth
saint louis



ST. RAYMOND FOOD PANTRY & ASSISTANCE 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 Friebs	5-20-2025
† Elaine Snyder	3-30-2025
† John Michaels	3-29-2025
† Agnes Guhman	3-25-2025

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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.

MO RIGHT TO LIFE—"Keep Missouri Pro-Life" Action Day Wednesday, March 11th, 2026, Missouri State Capitol, Bus Transportation is available from several sites in the St. Louis metro and surrounding areas. Sign up online at www.easternregionmrl.org/actionday. Or contact MO Right to Life-Eastern Region at 314.434.4900 by March 6.

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.

PURSE BINGO Sun. March 8

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.

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



FISH Fry


KID'S MEALS AVAILABLE

Baked Cod & Shrimp Also Available

ST. RAYMOND - ST. ELIZABETH CHURCH


Every Friday AT 4 PM - 7 PM
February 20th thru March 27th
1420 S. Sappington Road - Crestwood

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CASEY'S KICKERS TRIVIA NIGHT 2026

COST:
\$200 PER TABLE OF 8 (INCLUDES BEER AND SODA)
\$320 FOR VIP TABLES (INCLUDES SNACKS, 3 BOTTLES OF WINE, & TABLE SERVICE)



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

2026 NATIONAL MYO CONFERENCE

SAVE THE DATES

ChatGOD
THE ANSWERS YOU NEED

JUN 23  **JUN 28**

UNIVERSITY OF DAYTON

St. Raymond Cathedral Youth MYO FAMILY NIGHT

KIDS ZONE

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MAY 02, 2026 · 5 TO 10 PM

ADULTS \$60 12&UNDER \$20

THE CEDARS BANQUET HALL
939 Lebanon Dr., St. Louis, MO 63104

It's a seated dinner so please be prompt.
Doors open at 5:00 pm with appetizers and salads.
Dinner will be served at 6:00 pm.
Security and police will be present for the entire time.

For tickets and seat reservation contact
Carla 314-660-9031, Elssy 636-219-2125
All reservations are due by March, 31st.
NO TICKETS AT THE DOOR!

DJ

All proceeds will benefit St. Raymond youth activities.