



## *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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Tel: (314) 968-0760

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

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### 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

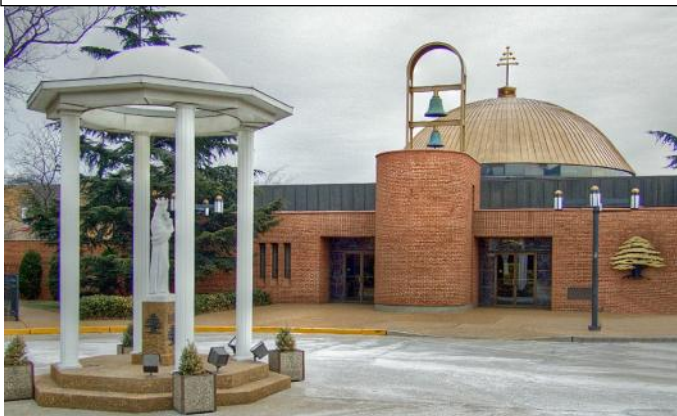
### MINISTERING THE SACRAMENTS/MYSTERIES

**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 FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Liturgy p. 166  
Ezekial 37:1-10  
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11  
Luke 16:19-31



### 5TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Isaiah 58:7-10  
Psalm 112  
1 Corinthians 2:1-5  
Matthew 5:13-16

*Sunday, February 8th, 2026*

## DIVINE LITURGY & MASS INTENTIONS DOWNTOWN:

Sat. Feb 7	<i>St. Britanios, bishop of Lampsak</i>
Sun. Feb 8 10:15 am	<b>SUNDAY OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED</b> +Theresa Haddad & Jack Haddad By Linda Hill +Gloria 'Skip' Leisure By Edward & Maria Vanzandt +Kathy Sandler By Mary & John Denny
Mon. Feb 9 12:00 pm	<i>The St. Maron</i> Poor Souls in Purgatory
Tue. Feb 10	<i>St. Appolina &amp; Dorotia, martyrs</i>
Wed. Feb 11 12:00 pm	<i>St. Carlimpos</i> In Thanksgiving for Prayer Answered
Thurs. Feb 12	<i>St. Maltius, patriarch of Antioch</i>
Fri. Feb 13 12:00 pm	St. Martin the hermit Mass for retired sister at Mason Pointe
Sat. Feb 14	<i>St. Valentine</i>
Sun. Feb 15 10:15 am	<b>SUNDAY OF THE ENTRANCE INTO LENT; MIRACLE AT CANA IN GALILEE</b> +Gloria 'Skip' Leisure By Debbie Elking and Family +Bishop Robert Shaheen (25th Episcopacy Anniv.) +Lydia Elking By Dennis & Roxanne Elking

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

Sat. Feb 7 10:00 am MC 4:00 pm RC 5:15 pm MC	<i>Sunday Vigil, St. Richard of Lucca</i> Funeral Mass for Mary Ojile Patricia Augustyniak Francis and Anna Slay By David & Kathy Mueckl
Sun. Feb 8 8:00 am RC 10:30 am RC	<b>FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> Jordan Lauber by Wyatt Lauber Pro Populo
Mon. Feb 9 8:00 am RC	<i>St. Apollonia</i> Beth Drewett
Tue. Feb 10 8:00 am RC 6:00 pm MC	<i>St. Scholastica</i> Helen Murphy by Pat & Aaron Alster Sandra Hutchenson By Pat Busekrus Butch Chambers
Wed. Feb 11 8:00am RC	<i>St. Severinus of Agaunum</i> Marge Winston
Thurs. Feb 12 8:00 am RC 6:00 pm MC	<i>St. Damian</i> Neal Alster Elias Hitti By Nazha Hitti and Family Butch Chambers
Fri. Feb 13 8:00am RC	<i>Bl. Jordan of Saxony</i> Robert Anthony
Sat. Feb 14 4:00 pm RC 5:15 pm MC	<i>Sunday Vigil, Sts. Cyril &amp; Methodius</i> Butch Chambers Jack and Connie Mc Dermott By Linda Hill
Sun. Feb 15 8:00 am RC 10:30 am RC	<b>SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> Neal Alster by Pat Alster Butch Chambers

## WEEKLY FINANCES 2/1/2026 ST. RAYMOND-ST.ELIZABETH:

4:00pm Saturday Loose cash Checks/Envelopes	573 5,190
7:00pm Saturday Loose cash Checks/Envelopes	- 200
8:00am Sunday Loose cash Checks/Envelopes	124 370
10:30am Sunday Loose cash Checks/Envelopes	286 474
Candles	101
Pickleball	329
Revenue during the week	7,560
Patriarchal Charities	25
Online Giving <a href="https://osvhub.com/stelizabethhungary/funds">https://osvhub.com/stelizabethhungary/funds</a>	1,075
Expenses	\$10,029.38

## ST. RAYMOND:

5:15pm Saturday Loose cash Checks/Envelopes	30 30
10:15am Sunday Loose cash Checks/Envelopes	433 1,473
Revenue during the week	695
Candles	75
St. Maron's luncheon	1,470
2nd Collection	2,061
New Year's Eve P (final)	1,161
Online Giving <a href="https://osvhub.com/straymond-mc/giving/funds">https://osvhub.com/straymond-mc/giving/funds</a>	1,484
Expenses	\$13,000.85

## WEDNESDAY LUNCHEON 2/4/2026

Income	5,989.22
Expenses	\$1,771





## A note from the pastor

### Sunday of the Faithful Departed

The beautiful Maronite icon for the "Sunday of the Faithful Departed" perfectly encapsulates the Maronite view of death. In the Maronite incense hymn for the departed we hear in verse 5 (although often we do not understand because we hear it in Syriac):

5. A new vessel has been seen laden with a great reward traversing a stormy sea enriched by its store. Mary is the vessel's name, Christ-within-her, the reward, who travels throughout the world to give mortals life."



Looking at the icon we see the departed person in a boat, and as we hear in the hymn, the boat is representative of Mary who assists us as we journey through the dangerous seas of fire to heaven. For some of us (depending on how we lived our life on earth) the journey is more dangerous and treacherous than others. Mary is often depicted as a boat because she is the vessel through which God was made Man. In the boat is Christ, represented by the bread and wine which has been consumed by the departed to give them life. Christ even now, accompanies the departed on the journey to heaven. The scene at the top of the icon is a depiction of what is contained in Revelations 20-22. In the icon we can see that the departed is travelling to be judged according to their deeds.

The anchor in the icon is one of the earliest Christian symbols and represents hope. In Hebrews 6:19 we hear: "We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure." The symbol of the anchor was often found on first century Christian tombs. We live in hope for all the faithful departed that they may reach the new Jerusalem.

(livingmaronite.com)

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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

<b>Sat, Feb. 7</b> 4:00 pm	Sr. Rosalie
<b>Sun, Feb. 8</b> 8:00 am 10:30 am	Dan & Kathleen Austin Krueger
<b>Sat, Feb. 14</b> 4:00 pm	Janet Finke
<b>Sun, Feb. 15</b> 8:00 am 10:30 am	Glen Brookman Jean Minton

## UP COMING EVENTS

- \*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	

## 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.

## YOUTH NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Registration started 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 \$6.5K, and they need another \$4K to cover the fees of their events. Thanks for supporting our Youth!

## COFFEE HOUR

All our parishioners and visitor friends are welcome to socialize at the Cedars hall after 10:15am Divine Liturgy. We thank our Young Adults for serving the coffee hour. Please, enjoy the day of the Lord, with no soliciting neither political discussions!

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Eucharistic Adoration this coming Mon. Feb. 9 , 8:30am–5:00pm, at St. Raymond– St. Elizabeth Church.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Rel Ed classes Mon. Feb. 9, at 5:45pm, at St. Raymond– St. Elizabeth church.

## KITCHEN SCOOP

The Kitchen is open on Wed. Feb. 11, 2026. On Tue., Feb. 10, 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. 12, after 8am Mass.

## OCIA CLASS

Class on Thurs. Feb. 12, 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>

## ASHES

Ash Mon. is Feb. 16 (Maronites) Ashes after 7pm Mass, Crestwood  
Ash Wed. is Feb. 18 (R. Catholics) Ashes after 8am Mass, Crestwood and 12 noon Divine Liturgy, Downtown



## 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

† Mary Ojile	1-30-2026
† 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 Frieis	5-20-2025
† Elaine Snyder	3-30-2025
† John Michaels	3-29-2025

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## 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](http://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 was 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, should receive by now a contribution statement 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.

## RIP

Mary G. Ojile passed on to Eternal Life on Jan. 30. Our prayers and condolences are offered to the Ojile family.

May the soul of Mary Ojile and the souls of all faithful departed through the Mercy of God rest in Peace.

Rev. 5:8 "And when he had taken it, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb. Each one had a harp and they were holding golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of God's people."





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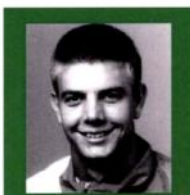


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BOTTLES  
OF WINE, &  
TABLE  
SERVICE)**

**CASEY'S  
KICKERS  
TRIVIA  
NIGHT  
2026**



**SATURDAY  
FEB. 21ST  
7PM**

**DOORS OPEN  
AT 6PM**



**Parenting the Media:  
Raising Disciples in a  
Digital World**

**Sr Nancy Usselman, fsp**

**February 28th  
9:30am-11:30am**

Pauline Books & Media  
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St. Louis, MO  
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**FISH**  
*Fry*

KID'S  
MEALS  
AVAILABLE

Baked Cod & Shrimp Also Available

**ST. RAYMOND - ST. ELIZABETH CHURCH**

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

314-968-0760

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St. Raymond Cathedral Youth MYO

**FAMILY  
NIGHT**

KIDS  
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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!**

All proceeds will benefit St. Raymond youth activities.

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