



St. Raymond– St. Elizabeth Maronite Catholic Church

Most Rev. A. Elias Zaidan, Bishop of The Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon

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1420 S. Sappington Road
Crestwood, MO 63126

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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

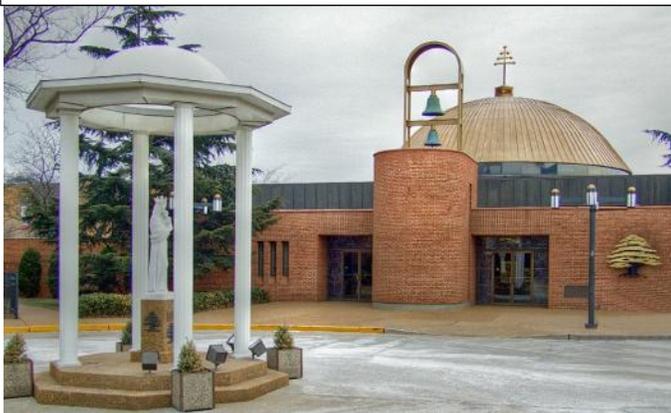
MINISTERING THE SACRAMENTS/MYSTERIES

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



HEALING OF THE HEMORRHAGING WOMAN

Liturgy p. 207
Numbers 15:37-41
2 Corinthians 7:4-11
Luke 8:40-56



2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

Genesis 12:1-4a
Psalm 33
2 Timothy 1:8b-10
Matthew 17:1-9

Sunday, March 1st, 2026

DIVINE LITURGY & MASS INTENTIONS

DOWNTOWN:

Sat. Feb 28 4:00 pm	<i>Sts. Cyra & Marana virgins, disciples of St. Maron</i> Divine Liturgy at St. Raymond Cathedral (GSM)
Sun. Mar. 1 10:15 am	HEALING OF THE HEMORRHAGING WOMAN +Nafea Hindi, Monera Naom, Waleed Hindi, Najat Sulaiman By Riyadh and Luma Hindi +Bobbe Martini By Effie & David Westphal +Mary Ojile By Monica Garozzo +Gloria 'Skip' Leisure By Francis Leisure & Family
12:00 pm	Nizar Maurice Mahfoud By his daughter Abeer Mahfoud and Family
1:00 pm	Badira Geryes Abozulof By her son Peter Abozulof and Family
Mon. Mar 2 12:00 pm	<i>St. John Maron, patriarch of Antioch</i> Poor Souls in Purgatory
Tue. Mar 3	<i>St. Thomas Aquinas the theologian</i>
Wed. Mar 4 10:00 am	<i>Paul and his sister Juliani, martyrs</i> Divine Liturgy/Funeral for Ameal J. Nassif
Thurs. Mar 5	<i>St. Albert the Great</i>
Fri. Mar 6 12:00 pm	<i>St. Conan of Asia Minor</i> No Divine Liturgy
Sat. Mar 7	<i>St. Narsis, bishop of Jerusalem</i>
Sun. Mar 8 10:15 am	PARABLE OF THE PRODIGAL SON Gloria 'Skip' Leisure By David & Effie Westphal Rose Azar By Ramona Milford

CRESTWOOD: (RC Roman Catholic, MC Maronite)

Sat. Feb 28 4:00 pm RC 5:15 pm MC	<i>Sunday Vigil, Sts. Romanus & Lupicinus</i> Raffaello Moran Charles and Katherine Dunivin By David & Kathy Mueckl
Sun. Mar 1 8:00 am MC 10:30 am RC	2ND SUNDAY OF LENT Mary Ojile By Kate Rivera Alster Family Pro Populo
Mon. Mar 2 8:00 am RC	<i>St. Simplicius</i> Grace Minton
Tue. Mar 3 8:00 am RC 6:00 pm MC	<i>St. Katherine Drexel & St. Cunegundes</i> Neal Alster by Pat Alster +Turner Hutcheson By Pat Busekrus +Aaron & Neal Alster by Pat Alster
Wed. Mar 4 8:00 am RC	<i>St. Casimir</i> Geri Wolf
Thurs. Mar 5 8:00 am RC 6:00 pm MC	<i>St. Kieran</i> Ben & Caroline Lauber by Wyatt Lauber +Subdeacon George & Marilue Simon By Linda Hill +Neal & Aaron Alster by Pat Alster
Fri. Mar 6 8:00am RC 6:00 pm	<i>St. Colette</i> Beth Drewett Stations of the Cross and Maronite Prayers
Sat. Mar 7 4:00 pm RC 5:15 pm MC	<i>Sunday Vigil, Sts. Perpetua & Felicity</i> John & Helga Steuber +James Hoffmann By David & Kathy Mueckl +Richard Kerkhoff
Sun. Mar 8 8:00 am RC 10:30 am RC	3RD SUNDAY OF LENT Joey & Mary Ann Klohr by Maureen Toberman Valentino Robles by Roberto Robles

WEEKLY FINANCES 2/22/2026

ST. RAYMOND-ST.ELIZABETH:

4:00pm Saturday	
Loose cash	697
Checks/Envelopes	635
7:00pm Saturday	
Loose cash	-
Checks/Envelopes	150
8:00am Sunday	
Loose cash	152
Checks/Envelopes	215
10:30am Sunday	
Loose cash	172
Checks/Envelopes	320
Candles	118
Pickleball	204
Revenue during the week	745
Ash Wednesday	309
Online Giving https://osvhub.com/stelizabethhungary/funds	1,590
Expenses	\$2,881.35

ST. RAYMOND:

5:15pm Saturday	
Loose cash	76
Checks/Envelopes	30
10:15am Sunday	
Loose cash	157
Checks/Envelopes	1,090
Revenue during the week	420
Candles	83
Coffee hour	110
Ash Monday	480
2nd Collection	160
Fish Fry	5,881
Online Giving https://osvhub.com/straymond-mc/giving/funds	1,458
Expenses	\$16,705.26

WEDNESDAY LUNCHEON 2/25/2026

Income	6,167.28
Expenses	\$1,200





*A note
from the pastor*

SCHOLARSHIPS



High School Senior Scholarships

MYO – John A. Solomon

Two for High School Seniors \$2000

Naomi & Paul Kassouf

Two for High School Seniors \$3000

Massabki Brothers

One for High School Seniors \$2000

Abouna Sharbel

Five for High School Seniors \$1000

Undergraduate Scholarships

Chagoury Family Undergraduate

One for College Student \$2000

Thomas and Jennie Ayoub

One for College Student \$2000

Graduate & Professional Scholarship

Chagoury Family Graduate

One for Graduate Student \$2000

Study Abroad in Lebanon Opportunities

Notre Dame University-Louaize

Up to 10 scholarships for Fall 2026 or Spring 2027

The Holy Spirit University of Kaslik

Up to 12 scholarships for Summer 2026 Semester

For more information and application visit www.namaronites.org,
e-mail scholarship@namaronites.org or call NAM at 440-821-6303



ST RAYMOND SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

High School and College student scholarship applications are at St. Raymond Cathedral and St Raymond– St Elizabeth Church foyers and web-sites [St. Raymond Maronite Cathedral: Scholarships](#)



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BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

Deadline: 8am Tuesdays
submit to: Felicity
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ONLINE GIVING

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

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MEDICAL EQUIPMENT

Donate or Borrow piece of medical
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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Carla Aouad
Margo Kassab

YOUNG ADULTS

Joseph Nesser



LECTORS: CRESTWOOD

Sat, Feb. 28 4:00 pm	Sr. Rosalie
Sun, Mar. 1 8:00 am 10:30 am	Dan & Kathleen Austin Krueger
Sat, Mar. 7 4:00 pm	Janet Finke
Sun, Mar. 8 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 9-10: Synodality Conf. at the Cedars
- *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: Breakfast with Santa

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK & HOMEBOUND OF OUR PARISH

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

COFFEE HOUR

All our parishioners and visitor friends are welcome to socialize at the Cedars hall after 10:15am Divine Liturgy. We thank Mary, Pam, and Elie for serving the coffee hour, in the half of the Cedars by the kitchen. Our youth will meet in the second half of the Cedars. Lebanon room is set for the 1st Mercy Meal, and the 2nd Mercy Meal will be at the Cedars by the kitchen after coffee hour. Blessed Sunday!

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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

BIBLE STUDY DURING LENT

Msgr. John will have a Bible Study during Lent, “Praying and Fasting with Jesus”, at 6pm, at St. Raymond– St. Elizabeth church, on Mondays with the Rel. Ed. program, March 2, the Lord’s Prayer.

KITCHEN SCOOP

The Kitchen will be closed on Wed. March 4th, 2026. On Tue., March 3rd, at 8:30am we will be preparing kibbe aras, and rolling grape/ cabbage leaves. For more information log on to Square <http://st-raymond-cathedral.square.site/>
Thanks! Denise and Gina

THURSDAY CHRISTIAN DOCUMENTARY FILMS

Christian documentary movie on Thurs. March 5th, after 8am Mass.

OCIA CLASS

Class on Thurs. March 5th, 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

St. Raymond– St. Elizabeth Men’s Society will have their monthly meeting on Thurs. March 5th, starting with 6pm Divine Liturgy.

FISH FRY EVERY FRIDAY OF LENT 2026

St. Raymond– St. Elizabeth church cafeteria will have a Fish Fry, Fri. Feb. 27, 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. 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– starting at 12 noon. Dessert Prep and Service 3:00 - 8 p.m. Food service 3:00 - 8:pm. Clean up 8-9 p.m.



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

† Ameal Nassif	2-24-2026
† Steven Vidra	2-2-2026
† 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 Aounader	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 Friehs	5-20-2025

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.

Next Meeting, Sat. March 7, 7:30am– 8:30am

All men are welcome. Come as you are.

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

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 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 received by now a contribution statement for the year 2025. The P&L 2025 reports for both our churches is posted on the website of both our churches respectively. Thanks for your love and support to our church.

FISH FRY 2026

All net proceeds from the Fish Fry in the Lent season will go to remodel and update the kitchen at St. Raymond– St. Elizabeth church cafeteria.

BLESSED BAPTISM

Blessed Baptism to Margaret Elizabeth Jabouri, and congratulations to her parents John & Tricia in giving her the treasure of our Faith. Galatians 3:27-28 “for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.”



LAND TRIP TO FRANCE

May 19-28, 2026

Join Bishop A. Elias Zaidan to Lourdes and other important sites in France, including Paris, Lisieux, St. Michel, Normandie, and Bordeaux.

*Flights to/from the United States to France need to be booked separately.

**10 Days
9 Nights**

Double Occupancy \$4,000 /per person

Single Occupancy Additional Supplement \$1,000

Price Includes:

- ✓ 4 Star Hotels Accomodations
- ✓ Entrance Fees to Various Sites
- ✓ English Speaking Guide
- ✓ Transportation between locations
- ✓ All Meals and Tips included

To Reserve
Ivette Jackson: 323-336-3168
Jamileh Koury: 818-294-2901
Email: info@eparchy.org

Requirements
Reservation requires a deposit of \$2,000 per person.
Full amount due on March 31, 2026.

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

314-968-0760 stelizabethhungary.org

40 Days for Life

The **40 Days for Life Campaign** is a nationwide opportunity for peaceful, silent prayer in front of abortion clinics. St. Raymond-St. Elizabeth Parish will join St. Catherine Laboure Parish to pray at the **Fairview Heights Planned Parenthood** regional abortion facility on our "adopted day" of **Fri. March 27 from 7:00 am – 5:00 pm. In the back of church you can sign up** for one hour of silent prayer, or you can contact Bonnie Sabin at 314-471-4333 or bonnie.sabin@gmail.com. We hope to form car-pools as needed. Fairview Heights is a 30-minute drive from St. Elizabeth's via I-255. Coalition Life, next door to Planned Parenthood, provides parking, restrooms, and a chapel. In the event of bad weather, you can pray in the chapel. If you cannot make it on March 27, you can go on any of the 40 days that continue throughout Lent. Other parishes will be there and will be delighted to see you. Your peaceful, prayerful presence makes a difference for babies and their parents!

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.