



## 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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Tel: (314) 621-0056

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

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

### Crestwood

1420 S. Sappington Road  
Crestwood, MO 63126

Tel: (314) 968-0760

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

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/sehcrestwood/](http://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



### 5TH SUNDAY OF THE GLORIOUS RESURRECTION

Liturgy p. 315  
Ezekiel 34:11-16, 23-25a  
Ephesians 2:1-10  
John 21:15-19



### FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 6:1-7  
Psalm 33  
1 Peter 2:4-9  
John 14:1-12

*Sunday, May 3rd, 2026*

## DIVINE LITURGY & MASS INTENTIONS DOWNTOWN:

Sat. May 2	<i>Athanasius, Patriarch of Alexandria</i>
Sun. May 3 10:15 am	<b>5TH SUNDAY OF RESURRECTION, Our Lady of Lebanon</b> First Holy Communion For all Communicants, Rel Ed Teachers +Shirley Milford By Ramona Milford +George Winebright By David & Effie Westphal +Donnie Behiter By Denny & Roxanne Elking +Rocco James Rattini By Christa Gazall and Family
12:30 pm	Repose of the soul of Adel Kutaimi By his daughter Luma & Riyadh Hindi
Mon. May 4 12:00 pm	<i>St Monica, mother of Saint Augustin</i> Poor Souls in Purgatory
Tue. May 5	<i>St Irinie, martyr</i>
Wed. May 6 12:00 pm	<i>St Dominic Savio</i> Ralph Wahby By Mary & John Denny
Thurs. May 7	<i>St Anthony, bishop of Florence</i>
Fri. May 8 12:00 pm	<i>St John, The Evangelist</i> Poor Souls in Purgatory
Sat. May 9	<i>Isaiah, the prophet</i>
Sun. May 10 10:15 am	<b>6TH SUNDAY OF RESURRECTION</b> For All Mothers in our Community +Ralph Wahby- 40 Day Divine Liturgy +Elias Hitti- 3rd Ann. By Nazha Hitti and Family

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

Sat. May 2 4:00 pm RC 5:15 pm MC	<i>Sunday Vigil; St. Athanasius</i> Raffaello Moran +Jack and Theresa Haddad By the Slinkard Family Neal & Aaron Alster by Pat Alster
Sun. May 3 8:00 am MC 10:30 am RC	<b>5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b> Subdeacon George & Marilue Simon By Linda Hill Kevin Hall
Mon. May 4 8:00 am RC	<i>Bl. Sandra Sabattini</i> Grace Minton
Tue. May 5 8:00 am RC 6:30 pm MC 7:00 pm	<i>Conversion of Saint Augustine</i> Neal Alster by Pat Alster Our Lady of Fatima Rosary Divine Liturgy for Poor Souls in Purgatory By Brenda & Mike Winebright
Wed. May 6 8:00 am RC 6:30 pm RC	<i>St John the Evangelist before the Latin Gate</i> Kim Nye Our Lady of Fatima Novena and Mass
Thurs. May 7 8:00 pm RC 6:30 pm RC	<i>Apparition of the Holy Cross over Jerusalem</i> Msgr. John McCarthy by Steven Gilroy Our Lady of Fatima Novena and Mass
Fri. May 8 8:00 am 6:30 pm RC 7:00 pm	<i>Apparition of Michael the Archangel</i> Brendan Moran Our Lady of Fatima Novena- Rosary Mass for Poor Souls in Purgatory
Sat. May 9 4:00 pm RC 5:15 pm MC	<i>Sunday Vigil; Isaiah the Prophet</i> Mary G. Ojile by Christine Ojile Our Lady of Fatima Mass and Rosary +Tony Turco By LaDonna Rask Alster Family
Sun. May 10 8:00 am RC 10:00 am RC 10:30 am RC	<b>6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b> Maureen Meyers Our Lady of Fatima Novena- Rosary Mass- Beth Drewett

## WEEKLY FINANCES 4/26/2026 ST. RAYMOND-ST.ELIZABETH:

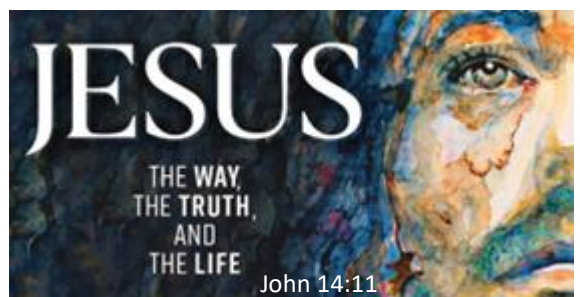
<b>4:00pm Saturday</b>	
Loose cash	425
Checks/Envelopes	1,205
<b>7:00pm Saturday</b>	
Loose cash	26
Checks/Envelopes	100
<b>8:00am Sunday</b>	
Loose cash	171
Checks/Envelopes	324
<b>10:30am Sunday</b>	
Loose cash	95
Checks/Envelopes	383
Candles	113
Pickleball	299
Revenue during the week	1,545
Second Collection	50
Online Giving <a href="https://osvhub.com/stelizabethhungary/funds">https://osvhub.com/stelizabethhungary/funds</a>	1,036.29
Expenses (remodeling rectory expenses)	\$11,545.51

## ST. RAYMOND:

<b>5:15pm Saturday</b>	
Loose cash	62
Checks/Envelopes	30
<b>10:15amm Sunday</b>	
Loose cash	221
Checks/Envelopes	760
Revenue during the week	1,814.91
Candles	93
Coffee hour	195
Memorial	250
Online Giving <a href="https://osvhub.com/straymond-mc/giving/funds">https://osvhub.com/straymond-mc/giving/funds</a>	1,397
Expenses	\$11,168.51

## WED LUNCH 4/29/2026

Income	4,623.76
Expenses	\$1,918.71





# A note from the pastor

## First Holy Communicants

Allison Abodeely  
 Desirae Arenas  
 Charlotte Cullins  
 Talia Day  
 Mason Gauch  
 Lukas Hleiss  
 Vincent Hleiss  
 Catherine Issawi  
 Margaret Issawi  
 Charbel Kassab  
 Caden Kopecky  
 Mary Loyet  
 Emelia Malo  
 Carter Riley  
 Kayden Riley  
 George Simon  
 Lucy Wiegert



## **Thank You for all who have worked on the Formation of Our Children**

Julie Hoijarvi, Maggie Kopecky, Patty Renschen, Jacquelyn Olimpio, Effie Westphal, Karen Crenshaw, Jean Flanagan, Teddy Garagiola, Jim LeBeau, Pat Lampe, Teresa Ubriaco, Jacob Garanzini  
 Catechists  
 Bernie Elking—  
 Photography  
 Dennis Keller, Jr—  
 Music and Choir Director  
 Ladies' Sodality and Men's Society- Gold Crosses  
 Parents/Grandparents/Guardians- Home Church  
 Pam Olimpio —  
 Religious Education Formation Director  
 Msgr. John Nahal-  
 Rector  
 Fr. Anthony Simon-  
 Associate Pastor  
 Deacon Bill Meister, Subdeacon David Wahby, Subdeacon Elie Kassab, and Community of St. Raymond Cathedral and St. Raymond— St. Elizabeth Church

## **CONTACT US:**

### **RECTOR**

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### **ASSOCIATE PASTOR**

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### **BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS**

Deadline: 8am Tuesdays  
 submit to: 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

### **PICKLEBALL**

David Miller  
 davidcmiller60@gmail.com

### **ST RAYMOND'S BANQUET HALL**

Cedarshall@straymond-mc.org

### **YOUTH MINISTER**

Alex Khater

### **CHILDREN'S MINISTRY**

Carla Aouad  
 Margo Kassab

### **YOUNG ADULTS**

Joseph Nesser



## **May Crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary:**

✠Sun. May 3rd at St. Raymond Cathedral By the Ladies' Sodality  
 ✠Sat. May 9th at St. Raymond— St. Elizabeth Church By the First Communicants and Rel Ed Students



**LECTORS: CRESTWOOD**

<b>Sat, May 2</b> 4:00 pm	Janet Finke
<b>Sun, May 3</b> 8:00 am 10:30 am	Glen Brookman Jean Minton
<b>Sat, May 9</b> 4:00 pm	Ralph & Margie
<b>Sun, May 10</b> 8:00 am 10:30 am	Nancy Wall Fabi Pineda

**UP COMING EVENTS**

- \*May 2: Family Night
- \*May 3: First Communion
- \*May 5-13: Our Lady of Fatima Novena
- \*May 14: Confirmation
- \*May 10: Mother's Day
- \*June 6: Golf Tournament
- \*June 7-11: Vacation Bible School
- \*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         | 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 | Gabe Vollet        |
| Michelle Bausworth | Barb Rohr          |
| Tom Saucier        | Gerry Nassif       |
| Rhoda Simpher      | Tim Gamma          |
| Patricia Beck      | Munir Matar        |
| Don Ganim          | Rima Cabbabe       |
| John Anton         | Lynn Kersting      |
| Jim Hoffman        | Mary Saucier       |
| Richard Baker Sr   |                    |
| Patrick Carr       |                    |
| Steve Baker        |                    |

**FAMILY NIGHT**

An evening full of fun for families at the Cedars on Sat. May 2nd, for more info see flyer in the back of the bulletin.

**FIRST COMMUNION OF OUR CHILDREN**

Sunday, May 3rd, 17 of our children will receive their First Holy Communion at 10:15am Divine Liturgy at St. Raymond Cathedral. Photos at 9am, thank you Bernie Elking. Let us keep them and all our children in our prayers.

**COFFEE HOUR Sun May 3**

We welcome all our parishioners and visitors to the Cedars hall right after 10:15am Divine Liturgy for Coffee and donuts, prepared and served by Mary, Pam, and Elie, thank you!

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

Eucharistic Adoration this coming Mon. May 4, 8:30am—5:00pm, at St. Raymond— St. Elizabeth Church.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

Rel Ed classes Mon. May 4, at 5:45pm, at St. Raymond— St. Elizabeth church, Family Fun Trivia Night.

**NOVENA IN HONOR OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA**

More than 100 years ago, Our Lady appeared to three children in Fatima Portugal. The annual novena in her honor begins May 5-13th at 6:30pm each evening, at St. Raymond— St. Elizabeth church. If you can volunteer to lead the rosary or do the readings one or more evenings please contact Roxanne Elking <dennyelking@yahoo.com>

**KITCHEN SCOOP**

The Kitchen will be open Wed. May 6, 2026. On Tuesday, May 5, at 8:30am we will be preparing kibbe aras, and rolling grape/cabbage leaves and another shift at 2pm for April 28th. We encourage you to place your orders, Monday and Tuesday before the Wed. luncheon, through Square (<http://st-raymond-cathedral.square.site/>). Dine in and Carry out are both available. Thank you! Denise and Gina

**THURSDAY CHRISTIAN DOCUMENTARY FILMS**

Christian documentary movie on Thurs. May 7, after 8am Mass.

**MEN'S SOCIETY MEETING**

The Men's Society will meet Thursday, May 7, at 6:30pm at St. Raymond— St. Elizabeth church.

**OCIA CLASS**

We are changing OCIA to meet once per month on May 21st at 6:30pm. 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>

**APRIL- MAY SHOWER FOR OUR LADY'S INN**

The Ladies Society will be collecting items for Our Lady's Inn. Please see wish list in the vestibule of the church or find the wish list on Our Lady's Inn website. Items can be dropped off in the vestibule of either church in box provided until May 11, 2026. Thank you for your generosity!



**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**

✠ Marwan Sholy	4-13-2026
✠ Jean Brendel	4-9-2026
✠ Bro Leo Slay	3-20-2026
✠ Ralph Wahby	3-13-2026
✠ Dorothy Smith	2-25-2026
✠ Patricia Warfel	2-27-2026
✠ 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
✠ Madlad Abounader	10-6-2025
✠ Carol Bilger	9-25-2025

**CONFIRMATION**

Thursday, May 14, at 6pm, 6 of our confirmation class candidates will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation celebrated by Bishop A. Elias Zaidan. Let keep them in our prayers.

**35th ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT**

St. Raymond– St. Elizabeth Church, 35th Annual Golf Tournament at Oak Valley Golf Course and Resort on Saturday, June 6th, 2026. For Registration/Sponsorship and additional information please log on to the link: [St. Raymond Maronite Cathedral: Events \(straymond-mc.org\)](http://St. Raymond Maronite Cathedral: Events (straymond-mc.org))

**ST RAYMOND SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

High School and College student scholarship applications are at St. Raymond Cathedral and St Raymond– St Elizabeth Church foyers and websites [St. Raymond Maronite Cathedral: Scholarships](http://St. Raymond Maronite Cathedral: Scholarships) For NAM Scholarship information and application visit [www.namaronites.org](http://www.namaronites.org), e-mail [scholarship@namaronites.vorg](mailto:scholarship@namaronites.vorg) or call NAM at 440-821-6303

**REGISTRATION FOR REL ED & VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

Registrations are open for Religious Education classes for year 2026-2027, and for the Vacation Bible School June 7-11, 2026. For more information, please contact Pam Olimpio, Director, at <[pamela.olimpio@johnpaulprep.org](mailto:pamela.olimpio@johnpaulprep.org)>

**HELP TO CHRISTIAN FAMILIES IN LEBANON**

SPECIAL SUPPORT FOR CHRISTIANS IN THE BORDER SOUTHERN TOWNS OF LEBANON



We are praying for peace in Lebanon, the Middle East, and the world. Caritas Lebanon always is helping the families in need with food, medicine, and shelter. You may donate to help the families affected by the war.

- 1/ You can go to [www.CaritasLebanon.org](http://www.CaritasLebanon.org) and donate
- 2/ or make a check to the order of Caritas Lebanon and mail to: St Raymond Cathedral, 931 Lebanon Dr, St Louis, MO 63104
- 3/ Stock donations, contact your financial advisor to donate stock to "St. Raymonds Church" account number 5887-3955 DTC# 0141 @ Wells Fargo
- 4/ wire transfer to Bank of America (call 314 621 0056)

**COLLECTION FOR CHRISTIANS FAMILIES**

The total collection designated for the Christian villages of South Lebanon amounts to \$155,779, from the parishes in the Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon of Los Angeles.

Thank you for your continued support. God bless!

Jamileh at the bishop's office

**CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR MARRIAGE**

God's Blessings and Congratulations on your marriage ceremony Melissa & Matt Hodges.

Genesis 1: 26 Then God said, "Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, ... in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. 28 God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth..."



Please join the teachers and staff for the final night of Religion School this year.  
 When: Monday, May 4, 2026  
 When: 6:00-7:15pm  
 What: Trivia Food Fun Prizes  
 Who: St Raymond- St Elizabeth Religious Ed. Families & Friends



Please pray for these students who will be receiving the Sacraments

*First Holy Communion*

First Communion Practice Saturday, May 2, 2026 10:30-11:30

*1st Holy Communion Divine Liturgy*

*St Raymond Cathedral Sunday, May 3 arrive at 9:00 am 10:15-11:30*

*Confirmation*

Confirmation Practice St Raymond -St Elizabeth 6:30pm Tuesday, May 11, 2026 5:30-7:00pm

*Confirmation Holy Sacrifice of the Mass*

*St Raymond- St Elizabeth Thursday, May 14, 2026 6:00pm (arrival 5:15pm)*

All students are requested to attend 4:00pm Mass for May Crowning

May Crowning St Raymond - St Elizabeth May 9, 2026 4:00pm Mass  
Please arrive by 3:30 to be in procession



Registration for Religious Education 2026/2027 and VBS now open



St. Raymond Cathedral Youth MYO

# FAMILY NIGHT

KIDS ZONE

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!

All proceeds will benefit St. Raymond youth activities.

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## 2026 Novena to Our Lady of Fatima



*Cor Jesu Adveniat Regnum Tuum Adveniat Per Mariam*

*"Tell Everybody that God Grants Us Graces Through the Immaculate Heart of Mary... And that the Heart of Jesus Wants the Immaculate Heart of Mary to be Venerated at His Side." Jacinta to Sister Lucy*

Where: St Raymond – St Elizabeth Maronite Catholic Church  
1420 South Sappington Rd, Crestwood MO 63126

- May 5 Tues Holy Rosary 6:30 pm & Holy Mass (M) 7 pm - Father Anthony Simon
- May 6 Wed Holy Rosary 6:30 pm & Holy Mass (R) 7 pm - Father Jack Siefert
- May 7 Thurs Holy Rosary 6:30 pm & Holy Mass (R) 7 pm - Father Robert Lawson
- May 8 Fri Holy Rosary 6:30 pm & Holy Mass (R) 7pm - Father Anthony Simon
- May 9 Sat Holy Mass (M) 5:15 pm & Holy Rosary 6:15 pm - Monsignor John Nahal
- May 10 Sun Holy Rosary 10:00 am & Holy Mass (R) 10:30 am - Father Anthony Simon
- May 11 Mon Holy Rosary 6:30 pm & Holy Mass (R) 7pm - Monsignor Timothy Cronin
- May 12 Tues Holy Rosary 6:30 pm & Holy Mass (R) 7pm - Father Ryan Quarnstrom
- May 13 Wed Holy Rosary 6:30 pm & Holy Mass (R) 7pm - Father Robert Lawson - Deacon John Paul Angeli (Homolist)

Enrollment in Brown Scapular After Last Mass

(R) Roman Rite (M) Maronite Rite