



St. Raymond– St. Elizabeth Maronite Catholic Church

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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



7TH SUNDAY OF THE GLORIOUS RESURRECTION

Liturgy p. 315
Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18
Ephesians 1:15-23
John 13:31-35



ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Acts 1:1-11
Psalm 47
Ephesians 1:17-23
Matthew 28:16-20

Sunday, May 17th, 2026

DIVINE LITURGY & MASS INTENTIONS DOWNTOWN:

Sat. May 16	<i>Saint Abda and his companions</i>
Sun. May 17 10:15 am	7TH SUNDAY OF RESURRECTION +Marwan Sholy By the Kevorkian Family +Lydia Elking By Ed Eling and Family +Enas Ayuka Essu By David & Effie Westphal +Ralph Wahby By Dom & Shelly Vitale +Ameal Nassif By John and Denise Seifert +Antoinette Aljalkh, mother of Fr. Mikhael Aljalkh
Mon. May 18 12:00 pm	<i>St Taodotos and the seven women martyrs</i> Poor Souls in Purgatory
Tue. May 19	<i>St Ammoun, the hermit</i>
Wed. May 20 12:00 pm	<i>St Talalaous</i> Subdcn George and Marilue Simon By Linda Hill
Thurs. May 21	<i>St Helen</i>
Fri. May 22 12:00 pm	<i>St Rita of Cascia</i> Mass for retired nuns at Mason Pointe
Sat. May 23	<i>St Toby the merciful</i>
Sun. May 24 10:15 am	PENTECOST +Jean Moubarak- 40 Day Divine Liturgy By Carla & Nassib Aouad and Family +Georges Saffaye, 1 year Anniv. by Elian Safar and Family +Lydia Elking By Ed Eling and Family +Theresa and Tom McDermott By Ramona Milford +Jonathan Paul Zogbi brother of Fr. Peter Zogbi

CRESTWOOD: (RC Roman Catholic, MC Maronite)

Sat. May 16 4:00 pm RC 5:15 pm MC	<i>Sunday Vigil; Martyrs of Saint Sabas - 44 saints</i> Vittorio Moran Terry Rask By David & Kathy Mueckl
Sun. May 17 8:00 am RC 10:30 am RC	PENTECOST Subdeacon George and Marilue Simon By Patti Carnie Ruth and Jack Carnie By Linda Hill
Mon. May 18 8:00 am RC	<i>St John I, Pope, Martyr</i> Val Wollberg
Tue. May 19 8:00 am RC 6:00 pm MC	<i>St Celestine</i> Rita Scheve Poor Souls in Purgatory By Brenda Winebright
Wed. May 20 8:00 am RC	<i>St Bernardine of Siena, Priest</i> Neal Alster by Pat Alster
Thurs. May 21 8:00 am RC 6:00 pm MC	<i>St Christopher Magallanes and his Companions</i> Frank and Michelle Emerson Elias Hitti By Nazha Hitti and Family
Fri. May 22 8:00 am	<i>St Rita of Cascia</i> Rosa Gioeli by Steven Gilroy
Sat. May 23 4:00 pm RC 5:15 pm MC	<i>Sunday Vigil; Mary, Queen of Apostles</i> Kevin Roche by Paulette Kapes Tony Turco By David & Kathy Mueckl
Sun. May 24 8:00 am RC 10:30 am RC	PENTECOST Terri Wells Mary Ojile

WEEKLY FINANCES 5/10/2026 ST. RAYMOND-ST.ELIZABETH:

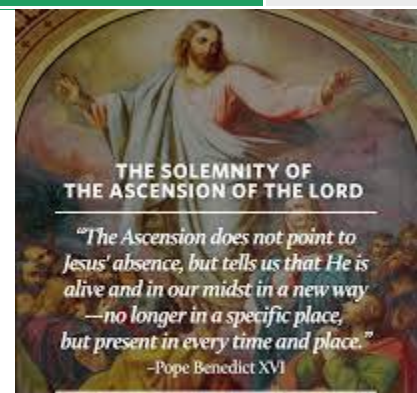
4:00pm Saturday Loose cash	433
Checks/Envelopes	5,165
7:00pm Saturday Loose cash	40
Checks/Envelopes	150
8:00am Sunday Loose cash	309
Checks/Envelopes	545
10:30am Sunday Loose cash	288
Checks/Envelopes	545
Candles	343
Pickleball	785
Revenue during the week	1,360
Second Collection	1,263
Online Giving https://osvhub.com/stelizabethhungary/funds	699.29
Expenses	\$8,021.18

ST. RAYMOND:

5:15pm Saturday Loose cash	35
Checks/Envelopes	
10:15amm Sunday Loose cash	327
Checks/Envelopes	1,175
Revenue during the week	1,035
Candles	289
Second Collection	260
Coffee hour	-
May 2 (Youth)	2,428
Online Giving https://osvhub.com/straymond-mc/giving/funds	1,732
Expenses	\$21,317.14

WED LUNCH 5/13/2026

Income	5,831.15
Expenses	\$1,653.44





A note from the pastor

Maronite Icon of the Ascension of Our Lord

When looking at the icon of the Ascension of Our Lord, and in seeing Christ—enthroned, glorified, surrounded by the angelic hosts—it may be difficult for us to remember just what he looked like as the humble babe, wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger. But, these are two “realities” of our Lord’s earthly ministry, two aspects of the life of the God-Man. Christ did, in fact, come to us in the form of a helpless babe. He was, in fact, humiliated. He was betrayed; he did suffer and die. But he also rose from the dead, victorious over sin and the grave. Christ was humbled as a man and glorified as a man, and he ascends to heaven as perfect God and perfect man. In the icon of the Ascension, the amazement of the Apostles as they behold their Lord glorified, ascending into heaven as lord of Creation, is nigh audible. Does it not appear as though they are asking themselves the same kinds of questions that the neighborhood folk of Nazareth asked, after hearing Christ teach in the synagogue,



“Do not leave Jerusalem until the Father sends you the gift he promised, as I told you before. John baptized with water, but in just a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.” Without the Holy Spirit of God, we are left looking very much like the Apostles, gazing into heaven, peering into Mysteries that we cannot understand. Without the Holy Spirit of God, the Gospel seems to be, in the words of St. Paul, “a stumbling block to the Jews, and foolishness to the Greeks” (1 Cor 1:23). The icon of the Ascension must lead us, in faith, to the icon of the Feast of Holy Pentecost. To better understand the work of Christ, we must first acquire the grace of the Holy Spirit of God.

Having received the Holy Spirit, though, what does the icon of the Ascension teach us of Christ’s work? Christ came to die for the forgiveness of our sins. We know this. Christ came to restore the created order. We know this. Christ came to announce the coming of the Kingdom of God. We know this. Christ came to elevate our human nature to the right hand of Divinity. Really now? The icon of the Ascension must remind us of a very important soteriological point: the end of man is God. The calling of man is to become like God, more specifically, to become like God in the person of Jesus Christ. Christ becomes a man, lives as a man, dies as a man, resurrects as a man, and ascends into the Heaven of heavens as a man. Humanity, in the person of Jesus Christ, has forever been changed, transfigured, and glorified.

St. John the Evangelist and Theologian perfectly summarizes this point, and truly, the entire theology of the icon, when he writes in his First Epistle, “Beloved, we are God’s children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears, we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is” (1 John 3:2).

(<https://sjmaronite.org/index.php/en-us/church-media/photos2/fr-badawi-icons.html#prettyPhoto>)

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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

MERCY MEAL

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MEDICAL EQUIPMENT

Donate or Borrow piece of medical
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Alex Khater

CHILDREN’S MINISTRY

Carla Aouad
Margo Kassab

YOUNG ADULTS

Joseph Nesser



LECTORS: CRESTWOOD

Sat, May 16 4:00 pm	Sister Rosalie
Sun, May 17 8:00 am 10:30 am	Dan & Kathleen Austin Krueger
Sat, May 23 4:00 pm	Janet Finke
Sun, May 24 8:00 am 10:30 am	Glen Brookman Jean Minton

UP COMING EVENTS

- *June 6: Golf Tournament
- *June 8-11: 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

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	

LADIES’ SODALITY MEETING

The Ladies’ Sodality monthly meeting this coming Sun. May 17, starting with 10:15am Divine Liturgy and meeting in Lebanon room right after.

COFFEE HOUR Sun May 17

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 the Youth and Youth parents of our parish, thank you!

CHILDREN’S MINISTRY MEETING

Sunday, May 17, the children’s ministry will meeting in the second half of The Cedars hall by the stage area. God bless all our children!

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Eucharistic Adoration this coming Mon. May 17, 8:30am—5:00pm, at St. Raymond– St. Elizabeth Church.

NOVENA IN HONOR OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA

The Blue Army of Our Lady of Fatima thank everyone who prayed and participated in the Novena in honor of Our Lady of Fatima. May we have Peace in our hearts and in the world through the intercession of Our Lady of Fatima!

KITCHEN SCOOP

The Kitchen will be open Wed. May 20, 2026. On Tuesday, May 19, 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 21, after 8am Mass.

CONGRATULATIONS AND BLESSED CONFIRMATION

Congratulations and Blessed Confirmation to: Marilyn Miller Bain, Patrick Duke, Camila JoAnn Abeln, Kaelyn Parrot, James Parrot, Emma Sofia Pineda

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!

FAMILY NIGHT EVENT

We thank our youth and their parents for successful Family Night on May 2, event, the net profit is about \$5K, we will have a detailed report.



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
✠ Milad Abounader	10-6-2025
✠ Carol Bilger	9-25-2025

ST RAYMOND FAMILY TREE

St. Raymond's Family Tree -branching out! Join us after Mass on the 17th of May for a brief meeting. No obligation! We want your photos, stories and YOU to be part of this legacy project. Contact Ramona Milford (ramonamarie6@gmail.com) Thanks!

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.RaymondMaroniteCathedral.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.RaymondMaroniteCathedral.Scholarships) For NAM Scholarship information and application visit www.namaronites.org, e-mail 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>

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 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)



PROTECTION OF GOD'S CHILDREN

Please, all volunteers and employees, including for Lebanese and Autumn Festivals of St. Raymond Cathedral and St. Raymond– St. Elizabeth Church have to do online training for the Protection of God's Children and Safe Environment, at

<https://eparchyofourladyoflebanon.cmgconnect.org/>

For any questions, please contact Msgr. John

BLESSED BAPTISM

Blessed Baptism to Jude William Hoeflinger, Jorah Hale Morton, Jibreel Maroun Petko, Brian Adam aka Ali Chmais, Marilyn Miller Bain. "for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ." Galatians 3:27

35th Annual St. Raymond-St. Elizabeth Church
Golf Tournament

1230 Abbey Lane
Pevely MO, 63070
(Formerly Union Hills,
Teamsters Camp)



June 6 —2026
8 AM Start Time

For any questions
Contact :
Golf.STE.STE@gmail.com
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Event Itinerary:

7:00—8:00 am Check-In
Lunch provided. Skins are available for interested parties

8:00 am Shotgun Start

Food and beverages will be available throughout the event. Longest Drive & Closest to the hole awards for both men & women participants, there will also be Hole-in-one prizes.

Please be sure to turn in your score card at the course. Scores not turned in at the clubhouse will be disqualified.

Following your round of golf, please join us at
the Clubhouse

for authentic Lebanese & American Cuisine, Door Prizes, Raffles & Award Presentations.
Awards will be presented for 3 levels. Entry Fees: \$125 per golfer, \$500 per foursome.
Single Cart (ONLY Excludes Golf) Fee \$ 100 per cart

Early Registration and payment prior to the day of the event is greatly appreciated.

Please, make all checks payable to: St. Raymond Cathedral Men's Society
Return completed forms to: 931 Lebanon Drive, St. Louis, MO, 63104

If you wish to join us for dinner only, the fee is \$20 per person. Dinner is included in your golf entry at no additional charge.

To attend Dinner Only Please provide your contact information below, and check this box

Team Captain	Email Address	Cell #
Player #2	Email Address	Cell #
Player #3	Email Address	Cell #
Player #4	Email Address	Cell #

35th Annual St. Raymond-St.

1230 Abbey Lane,
Pevely MO, 63070
(Formerly Union Hills,



June 6 —2026
8 AM Start Time

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Thanks to our sponsors, and generous donors, last year's tournament was very successful.

The Men's Society strives each year to improve our tournament.

With your support, we look forward to another successful event.

Sponsorship Rates:

- Hole Sponsorship:\$125
- Beverage/Food Cart Sponsorship:.....\$250
- Corporate Sponsorship:.....\$500

Place your business information as you would like it to appear below. If desired, please include your company logo. Feel free to attach your business card, or email your information to the contacts above.

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PENTECOST SUNDAY

in Support of

TELE LUMIERE & NOURSAT

Let the Light Shine in the Middle East

The Maronite Church in the US is designating
Pentecost Sunday, May 24, 2026

A Sunday across our parishes in support of the mission of Tele Lumiere & Noursat.

Together, let us support Tele Lumiere & Noursat in their mission of evangelization, bringing Christ's light and hope to hearts around the world. Parishes are encouraged to raise awareness and host a simple breakfast in support of this mission.

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For further information, please contact:
Mrs. Vera Maalouf, Vice President - Noursat USA @ vsmalouf@gmail.com
<https://noursat-usa.tv/>

The 59th Annual St. Louis Lebanese Festival

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 18, 2026, 6:00 PM — 9:00 PM
(Friday: drink specials including imported Almaza Lebanese beer/ limited Food menu/ Music)
SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 19, 2026, 12:00 Noon — 10:00 PM
SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 20, 2026, 11:00 AM — 5:00 PM
at St. Raymond Maronite Cathedral
931 Lebanon Dr., St. Louis, MO 63104

Authentic Lebanese Cuisine
Beer, Wine, and Refreshing Drinks
Traditional Dance/Dabkeh Performances
Live Music, Singer, Band, and Dancing

Games
Raffle and Prizes
Free Admission and Parking

Singer Said Abi Abi and Band

On the Menu:
Tabouli, Hummus, Kibbee, Beef/Chicken Shawarma, Kafta, Falafel, Lebanese Sweets, and other Delicious Food

Hosted by St. Raymond Maronite Cathedral
www.StRaymond-MC.org

Pre-Order of Festival Tickets and Raffle:
+ Online Sep 13- Sep 17
<https://st-raymond-cathedral.square.site>
+ Call-In, Sep 4- Sep 17, 9am-12pm,
Tel: 314 621 0056