



# 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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St. Louis, MO 63104

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



### SEVENTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

Liturgy p. 425  
Numbers 11:16-17; 24-29  
2 Corinthians 3:1-6  
Luke 10:1-7



### FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Zechariah 9:9-10  
Psalm 145  
Romans 8:9, 11-13  
Matthew 11:25-30

*Sunday, July 5th, 2026*

# DIVINE LITURGY & MASS INTENTIONS

## DOWNTOWN:

Sat. July 4	<i>St Andrew, Archbishop of Crete (Greek Island) Independence Day</i>
Sun. July 5 10:15 am	<b>SEVENTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST:</b> Sending of the Seventy-two +Babs Ablan Oseguera By Ramona Milford +Jean Moubarak By Dr Tony & Claudine Adem and Family +John Elking By Denny & Roxanne Elking +Ralph Wahby By Nina Bouhasin and Family +Muhannad Etwal By Johnny & Natasha Simon
Mon. July 6 12:00 pm	<i>Anba Sisois the Great</i> Poor Souls in Purgatory
Tue. July 7	<i>St Thomas the hermit</i>
Wed. July 8 12:00 pm	<i>St Procopius, Martyr</i> Subdeacon George and Marilue Simon By Linda Hill
Thurs. July 9	<i>St Kibri, Martyr</i>
Fri. July 10 12:00 pm	<i>The Massabki brothers: St Francis, St Abdel Moati, &amp; St Raphael, Maronite Martyrs</i> Poor Souls in Purgatory
Sat. July 11	<i>St Benedict</i>
Sun. July 12 10:15 am	<b>EIGHTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST</b> +Dr. John Bouhasin By The Bouhasin & Adem Families +Debbie Mahanna +Hanna Ghousain +Bro Leo Slay +Gloria 'Skip' Leisure +Janet Wright +Gus Millati

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

Sat. July 4 4:00 pm RC 5:15 pm MC	<i>Sunday Vigil, Independence Day</i> Aaron, Neal & Pat Alster; Pat Cooseman Mark Crenshaw By David & Kathy Mueckl
Sun. July 5 8:00 am MC 10:30 am RC	<b>FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> Berny Foerster (for healing), and Neal Alster Mildred Colbert By Linda Hill Debbie Mahanna
Mon. July 6 8:00 am RC	<i>St Maria Goretti</i> Alma Suntrup by Mary Horn; Sr. Amanda Marie Detry
Tue. July 7 8:00 am RC 6:00 pm MC	<i>St Augustine Zhoe Rong and Companions</i> Neal Alster Elias Hitti By Nazha Hitti and Family
Wed. July 8 8:00 am RC	<i>St Saba</i> Henry Suntrup by Mary Horn
Thurs. July 9 8:00 am RC 6:00 pm MC	<i>St Veronica Giuliani</i> Mass for the living of the Mike Pisoni family Poor Souls in Purgatory By Brenda Winebright
Fri. July 10 8:00 am	<i>St Victoria</i> John Angelos George
Sat. July 11 4:00 pm RC 5:15 pm MC	<i>Sunday Vigil, St Benedict</i> The Flores Family by Bob & Pam Olimpico Betty Wolkey By Deborah Pudlowski Bishop Robert Shaheen By David & Kathy Mueckl Alster Family
Sun. July 12 8:00 am RC 10:30 am RC	<b>FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> Dean Willenborg; Betty Wolkey By Deborah Pudlowski Ula Zamarlo

# WEEKLY FINANCES 6/28/2026

## ST. RAYMOND-ST.ELIZABETH:

4:00pm Saturday Loose cash Checks/Envelopes	368 1,745
7:00pm Saturday Loose cash Checks/Envelopes	33 200
8:00am Sunday Loose cash Checks/Envelopes	96 385
10:30am Sunday Loose cash Checks/Envelopes	232 743
Candles	62
Pickleball	338
Revenue during the week	245
Memorial Wall	
Second Collection	110
Rentals	10,358
Online Giving <a href="https://osvhub.com/stelizabethhungary/funds">https://osvhub.com/stelizabethhungary/funds</a>	1,036.29
Expenses	\$1,473.05

## ST. RAYMOND:

5:15pm Saturday Loose cash Checks/Envelopes	10 176
10:15am Sunday Loose cash Checks/Envelopes	280 1,010
Revenue during the week	1,090
Candles	93
Second Collection	675
Coffee hour	250
Rentals	300
Mercy Meal	2,300
Online Giving <a href="https://osvhub.com/straymond-mc/giving/funds">https://osvhub.com/straymond-mc/giving/funds</a>	1,357
Expenses	\$10,458.92





# A note from the pastor

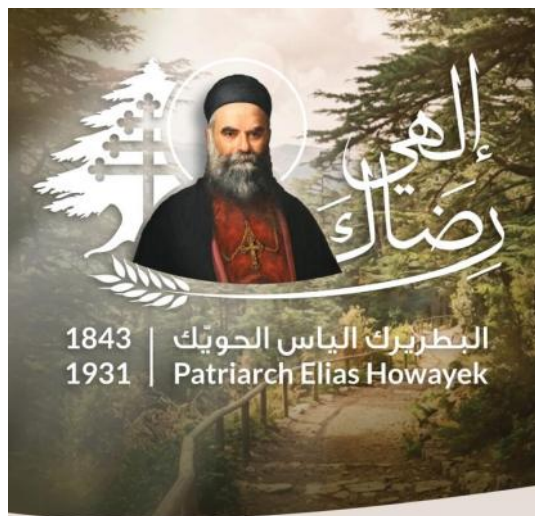


As our nation celebrates its 250th year this Fourth of July, we pause to give thanks for the many blessings God has bestowed upon us and our country. Among them, the freedom to gather, worship, and live out our faith - something we should never take for granted.

This milestone is an opportunity not only to celebrate our history but also to reflect and recenter ourselves in gratitude and prayer.

May we be a people who seek truth over opinion, unity over division, service over self-interest, and hope over fear. May our communities continue to be places where faith is lived and passed along, where our neighbors are loved, and where every person is treated with dignity.

As we celebrate our nation's past, may we be inspired to build a future rooted in faith, hope, and gratitude.



**Beatification of  
Maronite Patriarch  
Elias Howayek,  
Saturday, July 25, 2026  
Bkerke, Lebanon**

**إعلان التطويب | السبت 25 تموز 2026**  
الضرخ البطريركي - الذيمان

يبدأ استقبال الوفود لإحتفال التطويب عند الساعة 1:30 ب.ظ.  
بينما يبدأ الإحتفال في تمام الساعة 5 مساءً.

## CONTACT US:

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### BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

Deadline: 8am Tuesdays  
submit to: Felicity  
steeliz@straymond-mc.org

### ONLINE GIVING

Crestwood:  
osvhub.com/stelizabethungary/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

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### ST RAYMOND'S BANQUET HALL

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### YOUTH MINISTER

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### CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Carla Aouad <aouadcarla@gmail.com>  
Margo Kassab

### YOUNG ADULTS

Joseph Nesser



**LECTORS: CRESTWOOD**

<b>Sat, July 4</b> 4:00 pm	Sr. Rosalie
<b>Sun, July 5</b> 8:00 am 10:30 am	Glen Brookman Jean Minton
<b>Sat, July 11</b> 4:00 pm	Janet Finke
<b>Sun, July 12</b> 8:00 am 10:30 am	Nancy Walls Fabi Pineda

**UP COMING EVENTS**

- \*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   | Paulette Risha     |
| Patrick Carr       |                    |
| Steve Baker        |                    |

**MEN OF ST JOSEPH- MEETING JULY 11**

Men of St Joseph Meeting is moved to July 11, at 7:30 am the month of July. Happy Independence Day!

**COFFEE HOUR Sun July 5**

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, and Pam, thank you!

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

Eucharistic Adoration this coming Mon. July 6, 8:30am—5:00pm, at St. Raymond– St. Elizabeth Church.

**KITCHEN SCOOP**

The Kitchen will be open Wed. July 8, 2026.

On Tuesday, July 7, at 8:30am we will be preparing kibbe aras, and rolling grape/cabbage leaves at 2pm. 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**

Summer break until late August. Thank you!

**OCIA CLASS**

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>

**WHITE HOUSE RETREAT**

The men's retreat weekend starts with Dinner on Thursday evening July 30th and departure is by 2:00 PM on Sunday August 2nd.

To register call Jim Ebert at (314) 250-7540 or email jim.ebert45@gmail.com.

The women's retreat weekend starts with Dinner on Thursday evening August 6th and departure is by 2:00 PM on Sunday August 9th.

To register call Karen Lebeau at (314) 265-3462. You can visit the website at whitehouseretreat.org

**MARRIAGE BANNS**

We announce the Banns of Marriage between:

✠Marianne Maghamez & Michel Najjar

✠RJ Hunt & Kaitlyn Pounders

✠Sophie Hibbard & Clark Wolfsberger

If any of you know cause or just impediment why these persons should not be joined together in the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony, you are to let the pastor know.

We ask our community to pray for these couples as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony.



**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**

✠ Debra Mahanna	5-30-2026
✠ 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

**LEBANESE FESTIVAL MEETING**

Mon. July 13, Lebanese Festival meeting for all coordinators and volunteers in charge of different booths and committees, at St. Raymond's hall-Lebanon room, at 6:30pm.

**ST RAYMOND SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE**

We welcome 3 new members on the scholarship committee, Andrea Gutierrez, CPA, Dr. Elie Chahla, and Dr. Bob Ubriaco. St. Raymond Scholarship committee met on Thursday, June 11, at 6:30pm at St. Raymond- St. Elizabeth church and awarded scholarships for 6 high school students (\$1,500 each). An independent committee will evaluate and award the college scholarships (2 candidates) at a later date.

**REGISTRATION FOR REL ED FORMATION**

Registrations are open for Religious Education classes for year 2026-2027. For more information, please contact Pam Olimpio, Director, at <pamela.olimpio@johnpaulprep.org>

**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

**HELP TO CHRISTIAN FAMILIES IN 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.



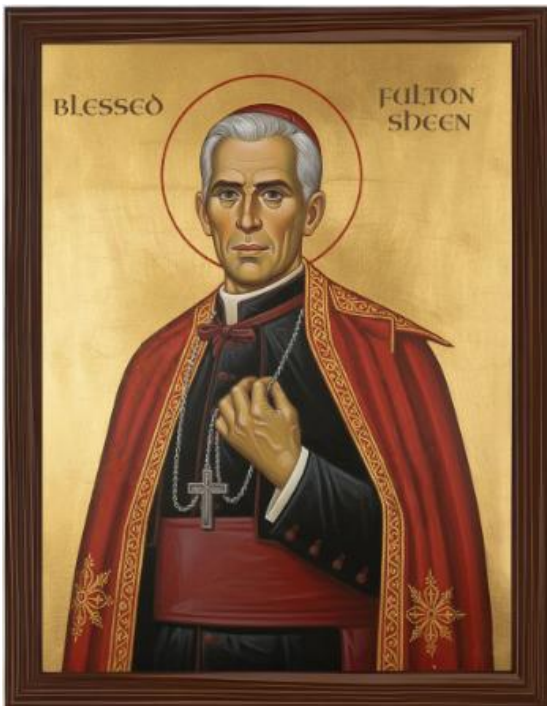
- 1/ You can go to [www.CaritasLebanon.org](http://www.CaritasLebanon.org) and donate
- 2/ or make a check to the order of Caritas Lebanon and mail to: St Raymond Cathedral, 931 Lebanon Dr, St Louis, MO 63104
- 3/ Stock donations, contact your financial advisor to donate stock to "St. Raymonds Church"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

**Excommunication decreed for Lefebvrite episcopal ordinations**

A document signed by Cardinal Víctor Fernández, Prefect of the Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith, defines the rite celebrated on 1 July as an "act of a schismatic nature," with an explanatory note providing details of the grave canonical sanction of excommunication.

The bishops of the Priestly Fraternity of Saint Pius X, Alfonso de Galarreta and Bernard Fellay—respectively principal consecrator and co-consecrator—and the newly consecrated bishops Pascal Schreiber, Michael Goldade, Michel Poinciset de Sivry, and Marc Hanappier have incurred "ipso facto" the "latae sententiae" excommunication reserved to the Apostolic See for having carried out "an act of a schismatic nature": the "episcopal consecration of four presbyters, without pontifical mandate and against the will of the Supreme Pontiff."

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/vatican-city/news>



The beatification of Venerable Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen will take place on Thursday, September 24, 2026 at The Dome at America's Center in St. Louis, Missouri. Cardinal Luis Antonio Tagle will preside over the Mass, which is expected to draw tens of thousands of pilgrims. Blessed (to be) Archbishop Fulton Sheen, Pray for Us!

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## Looking for Vendors

Join our Annual Vendor Fair

Saturday  
November 14, 2026  
9:00am-1:00pm

Space rental includes a 3'x8' table and 2 chairs.  
\$60 per space (limit 2).  
Space rental will be limited to one representative per Vendor and will be on a "first-come first-served" basis.

For registration form email [StRStEVendorFair@gmail.com](mailto:StRStEVendorFair@gmail.com)

# St. Sharbel Feast Day

Saturday July 18 and Sunday July 19, 2026

<p><b>Saturday July 18</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Divine Liturgy at 5:00 pm</li> <li>Procession after Divine Liturgy</li> <li>Evening of fun, food, and live music until 10:00 pm</li> <li>Souvenirs available for sale</li> <li>Veneration of First Class Relic</li> </ul>	<p><b>Sunday, July 19</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Divine Liturgies at 8:00 &amp; 10:00 am</li> <li>Procession after Divine Liturgy</li> <li>Afternoon of fun, food, and live music until 3:00 pm</li> <li>Souvenirs available for sale</li> <li>Veneration of First Class Relic</li> </ul>
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**Directions to St. Sharbel Church**  
From the Southeast:  
Take I-74 West to Exit 88 (Sterling Ave.). Turn right at stoplight and go 2 stoplights to Scenic Dr. Turn left & go to the end of Scenic street. Entrance on left side. Turn right on drive to Church.  
From the Northwest:  
Take I-74 East to Exit 88 (Sterling Ave.). Turn left at stoplight and follow same directions above.

2920 W. Scenic Dr. | Peoria, IL 61615 | 309.370.4939

## 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

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

Singer Said Abi Abd and Band

Hosted by St. Raymond Maronite Cathedral  
[www.StRaymond-MC.org](http://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