



## *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 PENTECOST

Liturgy p. 425  
Numbers 11:16-20=9  
2Cor 3:1-6  
Luke 10:1-7



### 16TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Gen. 18:1-10  
Psalm 15  
Col. 1:24-28  
Luke 10: 38-42

*Sunday, July 20th, 2025*

## DIVINE LITURGY & MASS INTENTIONS DOWNTOWN:

Sat. July 19	<i>St. Margaret, Martyr</i>
Sun. July 20 10:15 am	<b>7TH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST</b> <b>St. Sharbel and Prophet Elijah</b> +Joan Fiock By Bill Fiock +Katherine and Byron Varnum By Michael and Marie Crenshaw and Varnum Family +Babs Osegura By the Family +James Hoffmann By David & Kathy Mueckl +Debbie Schaible By Rose Reynolds
Mon. July 21 12:00 pm	<i>St Simon Salot</i> Poor Souls in Purgatory
Tue. July 22	<i>St Lucius, or Nohra</i>
Wed. July 23 12:00 pm	<i>St Sharbel</i> Debbie Anzalone By Mary & John Denny
Thurs. July 24	<i>St Christina of Tyre, Martyr</i>
Fri. July 25 12:00 pm	<i>St Ann, mother of Our Lady Mary</i> Poor Souls in Purgatory
Sat. July 26	<i>St Brigitte</i>
Sun. July 27 10:15 am	<b>8TH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST</b> +John Bouhasin By Diana Deebe and Family +Marilue Simon By Dr. Maged Haikal +George Elkhoury By Mary & Dr. Jamal Makhoul +Anthony A.Gamma By Tim & Donna Gamma
12:00 pm noon	Deceased members of Elias & Ida Issa Family

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

Sat. July 19 4:00 pm RC 5:15pm MC	<i>Sunday Vigil, Saint Macrina the Younger</i> Subdeacon George & Marilue Simon By Patti Carnie Joseph & Nellie Rask By LaDonna Rask
Sun. July 20 8:00 am RC 10:30 am RC	<b>16th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> Vittorio Moran Pro Populo
Mon. July 21 8:00 am RC	<i>St Laurence of Brindisi, Priest, Doctor</i> Claire Minton
Tue. July 22 8:00 am RC 6:00 pm MC	<i>St Mary Magdalen</i> Chris & Abby Getch by Jack Lauber Mike & Anne Brotherton By Linda Hill
Wed. July 23 8:00 am RC	<i>St Bridget of Sweden, Religious</i> Aaron Alster
Thurs. July 24 8:00am RC 6:00 pm MC	<i>St Charbel Makhoul</i> Oscar Ratterman Elias Hitti By Nazha Hitti and Family
Fri. July 25 8:00am RC	<i>St James, Apostle</i> Archbishop Felice Pirozzi By Steven Gilroy
Sat. July 26 4:00 pm RC 5:15pm MC	<i>Sunday Vigil, St Joachim and St Anne</i> Ruth & Jack Carnie By Linda Hill John & Mary Louis
Sun. July 27 8:00 am MC 10:30 am RC	<b>17th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> Joseph Ojile By David & Kathy Mueckl Brendan Moran

## WEEKLY FINANCES 7/13/2025 ST. RAYMOND-ST.ELIZABETH:

<b>4:00pm Saturday</b>	
Loose cash	348
Checks/Envelopes	430
<b>7:00pm Saturday</b>	
Loose cash	3
Checks/Envelopes	100
<b>8:00am Sunday</b>	
Loose cash	35
Checks/Envelopes	260
<b>10:30am Sunday</b>	
Loose cash	125
Checks/Envelopes	280
Rentals	500
Candles	154
Pickleball	951
Revenue during the week	430
Second Collection	85
Online Giving <a href="https://osvhub.com/stelizabethhungary/funds">https://osvhub.com/stelizabethhungary/funds</a>	558
Expenses	\$2,518.87

## ST. RAYMOND:

<b>5:15pm Saturday</b>	
Loose cash	8
Checks/Envelopes	30
<b>10:15am Sunday</b>	
Loose cash	181
Checks/Envelopes	620
Revenue during the week	540
Candles	87
Second collection	20
Coffee hour	76
Hall rentals	1,750
Online Giving <a href="https://osvhub.com/straymond-mc/giving/funds">https://osvhub.com/straymond-mc/giving/funds</a>	3,312
Expenses	\$19,431.82

## Wed. LUNCH 7/16/25

Total Revenue Lunch	5,577.75
Expenses	\$1,572.29

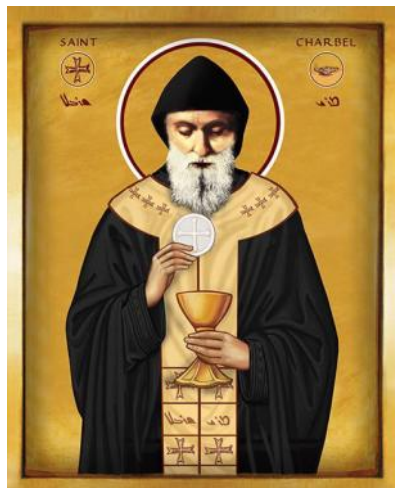




### St. Charbel Makhlouf (1828-1898)

Saint Charbel was born Yousef on May 8 1828 in a small mountain village of Northern Lebanon. He entered the monastery at the age of 23 and lived a monastic life taking the vows of poverty, chastity and obedience. He took the name 'Charbel' and was ordained a priest on July 23 1859. After 16 years on his first assignment at the Monastery of St. Maroun, he sought permission of his superiors to retire to the Hermitage of Saints Peter and Paul. He lived as a hermit for the next 23 years of his life until his death in this monastery.

He spent most of his day in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. He is known to have taken hard penances by sleeping on a slab of stone with a half stump of wood as his pillow. He endured frequent hunger, poverty, physical fatigue and unbearable cold with the courage of a martyr. Through his



prayer and penance he hoped to offer a sacrifice for the reconciliation of the whole world to God. During his lifetime, there are several miracles that are attributed to him. But it was after his death that the most remarkable event occurred. He died on Christmas Eve in 1898 following a stroke. As was the monastic custom then, the body was not embalmed, was dressed in full habit of the Order and consigned to the grave without a coffin.

After he was buried, a great light started emanating from the grave. The mysterious light could be seen from a great distance and continued for 45 days after his death. When the grave was opened in the presence of the Superiors and other monks of the Order, it was found to be in perfect condition. Though the body was found floating in rain water that had entered the grave, it did not have any signs of deterioration. The body was cleaned, clothed in a fresh habit and placed in a wooden coffin in a corner of the private chapel of the monastery.

Soon it was observed that a liquid mixture of blood and water emanated from the pores of the body. The blood soaked clothes were changed often and small pieces were distributed as relics. There were several miracles reported of healing of pain and other sickness through these relics. Later the body was moved into a new coffin covered with zinc in 1927. The coffin was placed on two stones to prevent contact with the dampness of the soil and left undisturbed till 1950 when again a new phenomenon was observed by the pilgrims to the shrine. Reportedly on February 25 1950, pilgrims noticed a liquid seeping from a corner of the tomb and flowing onto the floor of the oratory. The tomb was opened and strangely the inside was found to be dry and the coffin intact except for the liquid seeping in from the casket. Again, in the presence of all ecclesiastical authorities the coffin was opened and the body was found to be incorrupt, flexible and lifelike!! The sweat of liquid and blood that exuded from the body had stained the garments though.

Pilgrims began flocking to the shrines and innumerable miracles were reported. The monastery began maintaining a record of these miracles from 1950.

More than 30 thousands of documented miracles have been reported at the Shrine as well as from people who took the relics and placed them on their bodies for healing. The body of Saint Charbel remained perfectly preserved for many more years. In 1965 by the time he was beatified by Pope Paul VI. He was canonized on October 9, 1977 by Pope Paul VI. His feast is celebrated on July 23rd, or 3rd Sunday of July, (Feast Day is July 24th in the Roman Catholic Church).

St. Sharbel, Pray For Us!

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Donate or Borrow piece of medical  
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## LECTORS: CRESTWOOD

<b>Sat, July 19</b> 4:00 pm	Sr. Rosalie
<b>Sun, July 20</b> 8:00 am 10:30 am	Dan & Kathleen Austin Krueger
<b>Sat, July 26</b> 4:00 pm	Janet Finke
<b>Sun, July 27</b> 8:00 am 10:30 am	Glen Brookman Jean Minton

## UP COMING EVENTS

- \*Sep. 12-14: St. Louis Lebanese Festival
- \*Mon. Sep. 29: Skeet Shooting Tournament
- \*Oct. 25: Autumn Harvest Festival, Crestwood
- \*Nov. 8: Vendor Fair, Crestwood
- \*Nov. 22-23: St. Elizabeth & St. Romanos
- \*Sun Dec. 7: Breakfast with Santa
- \*Wed Dec 31: New Year's Eve Celebration

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK & HOMEBOUND OF OUR PARISH

Tom Hearst	Patrick Carr
Victor Sciarino	Steve Baker
Rosalie Hubert	Jana Smith
Mike McSorley Sr.	Janet Zhakaria
James Brumfield	John Cleary
Christopher & Cathy Seemayer	Tom Morrow
Mary Lou Works	Marie Kallial
Chris Nelms	Eddie Bremehr
Ted Arunski	Rob Turner
Dave Holdinghausen	Emil Salman
Michelle Bausworth	Jennifer Van Luven
Tom Saucier	Milad Abounader
Rhoda Simpher	Pat Lampe
Patricia Beck	Janet Emerson
Terry Leong	Susan Bickel
Mary Ojile	George Lampe
Gloria (Skip) Leisure	Burton Droste
Don Ganim	Dot Smith
John Anton	Gabe Vollet
Jim Hoffman	Barb Rohr
Richard Baker Sr	

## COFFEE HOUR SUN JULY 20

We welcome all of our parishioners and visitors to coffee hour after 10:15am Divine Liturgy at the Cedars hall. Thanks to our Youth for preparing and serving the Coffee hour.

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Eucharistic Adoration this coming Mon. July 21, at St. Raymond– St. Elizabeth Church, from 8:30am till 5pm.

## BIBLE STUDY WITH FR. JAD

(No Bible Study for Young Adults, Mon. July 21, at 6pm)  
Wed. July 23, at 4pm, at Fr. Edwards hall. Bring your Bible and a friend. "Know your Bible, Know Jesus Christ" St. Jerome

## KITCHEN SCOOP

The Kitchen is open on Wed. July 23, 2025.  
On Tuesday, July 22, at 8:30am we will be preparing kibbe aras, and rolling grape/cabbage leaves and another shift at 5:00pm. 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

## SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

Ladies' Sodality School Supply Drive for St Frances Cabrini  
Please place supplies in bins in vestibules of church by August 10th, 2025.  
St. Frances is especially in need of: plastic folders with pockets  
highlighters - specifically green & pink composition notebooks  
ziploc bags (any size) dry erase markers, blue, black and red pens

## AUTUMN HARVEST FESTIVAL & MEETING

St. Raymond– St. Elizabeth Autumn Harvest Festival is on Saturday, October 25, 2025, from 12 noon till 9pm (date changed).  
All chair and committee members are invited to a meeting, Wed. July 30, at 6:30 pm, at the cafeteria of St. Ray– St. E church.  
For volunteering or any information contact Tim Kallial at 314 761 6017 <timkallial@gmail.com>

## VENDOR FAIR

The Ladies Sodality is having a VENDOR FAIR on Saturday, November 8th from 9am-1pm at St. Raymond–St. Elizabeth Gym. If you know of any vendors or are interested in having a booth, please contact Karen Crenshaw <crenshawkfc@outlook.com>  
Also, we will need volunteers to set up on November 7th and take down afterwards on November 8th for the Vendor Fair. This involves tables so we are looking for some man power. Any help would be appreciated.

## PROTECTION OF GOD'S CHILDREN

Please, all volunteers and employees 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



### ST. RAYMOND FOOD PANTRY:

Please help us restock St. Raymond's Food Pantry.  
Current needs: canned or packaged meat/fish, soups/stews, peanut butter, rice/pasta, fruits, vegetables, beans, and cereal. No glass jars please! Thank for helping those in need.

### 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

Prolife Rosary at 5:15pm

#### 1st Friday

Sacred Heart Litany

#### 4th Saturday of the Month

Rosary at noon for country, family, Church and world peace.

### ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM, O LORD

✠ John D. Bouhasin	7-9-2025
✠ Eileen Bayer	6-18-2025
✠ Mary Ann Friehs	5-20-2025
✠ Elaine Snyder	3-30-2025
✠ John Michaels	3-29-2025
✠ Agnes Guhman	3-25-2025
✠ Marilue Simon	3-24-2025
✠ Thomas Bremehr	3-16-2025
✠ Brenda Wenner	3-12-2025
✠ Rose Franz	3-2-2025
✠ Judith A. Roderick	2-9-2025
✠ Henry Llewellyn	2-2-2025
✠ Jane Bell Wilcox	2-2-2025
✠ Georgette Kevorkian	1-5-2025
✠ Mary Rudolph	1-1-2025
✠ Chris Beck	12-3-2024
✠ Richard V. Wagner	11-28-2024
✠ Mary Ann Reiter	11-14-2024
✠ Patricia Cooseman	11-4-2024
✠ Carolyn Smith	10-26-2024
✠ Wesley Kempfer	10-2-2024
✠ Carol Alkobri	9-30-2024
✠ Gary Wayne Bieller	9-9-2024

### LEBANESE FESTIVAL MEETING

Meeting for Committee Chairpersons/ Coordinators of St. Louis Lebanese Festival  
Thurs. July. 31st, at 6:30pm at Lebanon room of St. Raymond Cathedral. The St. Louis Lebanese Festival is on Sep 12-14, 2025, at St. Raymond Maronite Cathedral ground/ facilities.



In order for the Festival to be successful, we need the help of the entire community at St. Raymond Cathedral and St. Raymond- St. Elizabeth Church, from Volunteers, to Sponsors, and Workers. We will be launching the website for volunteers soon.

Raffle: If you would like to donate prizes for the festival raffle, please contact the church offices: 314 621 5600 secretary@straymond-mc.org or Steeliz@straymond-mc.org 314 968 0760.

For Sponsorship, contact Patti Carnie <pmsc200@gmail.com>, or Nancy Stevens <nrcstevens@gmail.com>

Sponsorship cover letter, application form, and flyer will be mailed to parishioners and friends of the Festival, for more information see our website and Facebook page.

### WHITE HOUSE RETREATS

Men's retreat weekend starts with dinner in the evening of Thursday July 31st and depart by 2:00pm Sunday August 3rd. To register contact Jim Ebert at 314.250.7540 or jim.ebert45@gmail.com. The women's weekend starts the evening of August 7th and concludes on Sunday August 10th. To register contact Karen Lebeau at 314.265.3462. Visit the website at www.whitehouseretreat.org.

### ST. RAYMOND CATHEDRAL- REMODELING

We will start construction on the two main brick walls by the main gate. We are getting bids of jack mud leveling the side walks, curbs, and parking lot repairs.

We still are painting the hall walls and doors, cleaning storages

### ST. RAYMOND- ST. ELIZABETH CHURCH

We have some remodeling at St. Raymond- St. Elizabeth church this summer. The right wall at the foyer of the church will be a Donor/Memorial Wall. We are getting some bids on the kitchen floor and some new equipment. Water heater being installed for the dish washer, new speakers for the church, additional lights in the parking lot. An architect working on a master plan for the entire property. We installed new JBL sound system speakers in the church.

### SUBDEACON TO BE ELIE KASSAB

Let us keep in our prayer Mr. Elie Kassab who will be ordained subdeacon by bishop A. Elias Zaidan on Sun. Aug. 3rd, 2025, at St. Raymond Cathedral.

Prophet Elijah (July 20, Feast Day) intercede and pray for subdeacon candidate Elie Kassab and his Family!

# The 58th Annual St. Louis Lebanese Festival

**FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 12, 2025, 6:00 PM — 9:00 PM**  
(Friday: drink specials including imported Almaza Lebanese beer/ limited Food menu/ Music)  
**SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 13, 2025, 12:00 Noon — 10:00 PM**  
**SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 14, 2025, 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 Abd  
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](http://www.StRaymond-MC.org)



Pre-Order of Festival Tickets and Raffle:  
+ Online Sep 1- Sep 11  
<https://st-raymond-cathedral.square.site>  
+ Call-In, Sep 8- Sep 11, 9am-12pm,  
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## VENDOR FAIR

NOVEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup>,  
2025

SAVE THE  
DATE!

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# AUTUMN HARVEST FESTIVAL

SATURDAY  
**OCT 25** 2025  
12NOON to 9PM

FOOD - DRINK - CRAFTS - VENDORS - GAMES

St. Raymond - St. Elizabeth  
1420 Sappington Road - Crestwood, MO. 63126