



St. Raymond– St. Elizabeth Maronite Catholic Church

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sehcrestwood/](https://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



TWELFTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

Liturgy p. 492
Ruth 1:15-19a
Ephesians 3:1-13
Matthew 15:21-28



NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a
Psalm 85
Romans 9:1-5
Matthew 14:22-33

Sunday, August 9th, 2026

DIVINE LITURGY & MASS INTENTIONS DOWNTOWN:

Sat. Aug. 8	<i>St Pope Sixtus II, Martyr</i>
Sun. Aug. 9 10:15 am	TWELFTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST +Bishop Robert Shaheen +Nader & Nijmeh Abounader By their Family +Patricia Elking By Dennis & Roxanne Elking +Wafiq Eid (father of Fr. Ronald Eid)
Mon. Aug. 10 12:00 pm	<i>St Lorensius, martyr</i> Poor Souls in Purgatory
Tue. Aug. 11	<i>St Odios, 2nd bishop of Antioch after Saint Peter</i>
Wed. Aug. 12 12:00 pm	<i>Mar Shina</i> Mildred Colbert By Linda Hill
Thurs. Aug. 13	<i>St Clair</i>
Fri. Aug. 14 12:00 pm	<i>St Mereklos and Prophet Micah</i> Mass for retired nuns at Mason Pointe
Sat. Aug. 15	<i>The Assumption of the Virgin Mary</i>
Sun. Aug. 16 10:15 am	THIRTEENTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST +Mark A. Crenshaw By Karen, James, Maria Crenshaw +Patricia Elking By Eddy Elking and Family +Theresa Haddad and Jack Haddad By Linda Hill

CRESTWOOD: (RC Roman Catholic, MC Maronite)

Sat. Aug. 8 4:00 pm RC 5:15 pm MC	<i>Sunday Vigil; St Dominic</i> John Lauber +Bishop Robert Shaheen By David & Kathy Mueckl +Jack and Theresa Haddad By Cathi & Jodi Slinkard
Sun. Aug. 9 8:00 am RC 10:30 am RC	NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Joseph & Mary Ojile By Linda Hill Duane & Margaret Brophy
Mon. Aug 10 8:00 am RC	<i>St Lawrence</i> Aaron, Neal & Pat Alster
Tue. Aug 11 8:00 am RC 6:00 pm MC	<i>St Clare</i> Alster Family Antoine Hitti By Nazha Hitti and Family
Wed. Aug 12 8:00 am RC	<i>St Jane Frances de Chantal</i> The Souls in Purgatory by Wyatt Lauber
Thurs. Aug 13 8:00 am RC 6:00 pm MC	<i>St Pontian and St Hippolytus</i> Aaron, Neal & Pat Alster; Bill Allen by Barbara Allen Charles and Joan Powell By Linda Hill
Fri. Aug 14 8:00 am	<i>St Maximilian Kolbe</i> Clifford & Barbara Youngstrom by Gregory Youngstrom
Sat. Aug. 15 4:00 pm RC 5:15 pm MC	<i>Sunday Vigil; The Assumption of the Blessed Mary</i> Aaron, Neal & Pat Alster +Norman Gibbs By LaDonna Rask +Pete Rask By David & Kathy Mueckl
Sun. Aug. 16 8:00 am RC 10:30 am RC	TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Subdeacon George & Marilue Simon By Patti Carnie Aaron, Neal & Pat Alster

WEEKLY FINANCES 8/2/2026 ST. RAYMOND-ST.ELIZABETH:

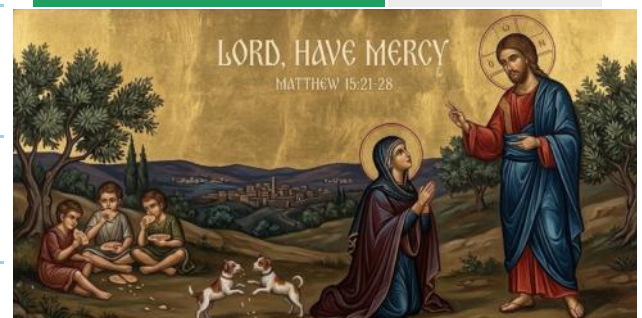
4:00pm Saturday Loose cash Checks/Envelopes	416 805
7:00pm Saturday Loose cash Checks/Envelopes	14 50
8:00am Sunday Loose cash Checks/Envelopes	- 160
10:30am Sunday Loose cash Checks/Envelopes	61 365
Candles	93
Pickleball	330
Revenue during the week	195
Second Collection	-
Rentals	-
Online Giving https://osvhub.com/stelizabethhungary/funds	1,266.29
Expenses (tuck pointing)	\$21,138.38

ST. RAYMOND:

5:15pm Saturday Loose cash Checks/Envelopes	25 35
8:00am Sunday	261
10:15am Sunday Loose cash Checks/Envelopes	164 1,330
Revenue during the week	385
Candles	208
Second Collection	240
Coffee hour	261
Online Giving https://osvhub.com/straymond-mc/giving/funds	2,619
Expenses	\$7,314.12

WED LUNCH 8/5/2026

Income	5,392.31
Expenses	\$1,425.95





A note from the pastor

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, August 15- Maronite Icon

A Maronite Icon of the Assumption (often called the Dormition, or "falling asleep", in Eastern Churches) typically depicts the Virgin Mary's ascension into heaven, body and soul.

The icon typically focuses on the radiant form of Our Lady ascending from her tomb. The heavenly light surrounding her is often compared to icons of Christ on the Mount of Transfiguration and Christ Resurrected, emphasizing her glorified state and connection to Christ.

Mary is often shown being carried by a seraph (depicted as a cherubic face with six wings) and a company of angels, highlighting the heavenly reception of the Mother of God.

Some interpretations emphasize Mary's humility and absolute dependence on Christ for her Assumption, showcasing that she was "assumed" by divine power rather than ascending through her own merit.

The icon visually represents the Maronite belief that Mary, having been preserved from original sin, was granted the special privilege of entering heaven with her body glorified, just as her Son's was.

Mary is seen as the "second Eve," who brought forth life (Jesus), according to Maronite Servants of Christ the Light. She is a model for the Church and for all Christians, representing what a life "full of grace" can achieve (with Blessed Mary's cincture given to St. Thomas as a sign of her Assumption into Heaven).

The Twelve Apostles are often depicted gathered around Mary's bier (a stand for the coffin), signifying their presence at her passing.

The rocky Sapphire stones found in some icons of the Dormition are a reference to Exodus 24:10 and depict Mary as the Ark of the new covenant.

The sun and moon may also be depicted, representing the cosmic scope of Christ's light and redemption.

A single candle is often positioned near Mary's bier, symbolizing her life as a beacon of light and faith.

The Mandorla: This almond-shaped halo surrounding Christ is a symbol of His divine glory. The colors used hold symbolic meaning: Gold for eternity, red for martyrdom and kingship, blue for heaven, white for purity and green for creation.

It's important to remember that Maronite icons, like other Eastern Christian icons, are not simply illustrations, but windows into the sacred, intended to invite contemplation and prayer, conveying deep theological truths through symbolic imagery.

The Venerable, Patriarch Elias Howayek once declared; "The Blessed Virgin Mary is the mirror of the Divine beauty, and she is the custodian of our hope".

CCC 966 "Finally the Immaculate Virgin, preserved free from all stain of original sin, when the course of her earthly life was finished, was taken up body and soul into heavenly glory, and exalted by the Lord as Queen over all things, so that she might be the more fully conformed to her Son, the Lord of lords and conqueror of sin and death."



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submit to: Felicity
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ONLINE GIVING

Crestwood:
osvhub.com/stelizabethhungary/funds
Downtown:
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Donate or Borrow piece of medical
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Joseph Nesser



LECTORS: CRESTWOOD

Sat, Aug. 8 4:00 pm	Janet Finke
Sun, Aug. 9 8:00 am 10:30 am	Dan & Kathleen Glen Brookman
Sat, Aug. 15 4:00 pm	Sr. Rosalie
Sun, Aug. 16 8:00 am 10:30 am	Glen Brookman Jean Minton

UP COMING EVENTS

- *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	Paulette Risha
Patrick Carr	
Steve Baker	

COFFEE HOUR Sun Aug. 9

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 our Young Adults, thank you!

LADIES' SODALITY MASS AND MEETING

All Ladies from our church at St. Raymond Cathedral and St. Raymond– St. Elizabeth Church are invited to 10:15 Divine Liturgy and to meet afterward, the 2nd Sunday of every month at the small hall/ Lebanon room, downtown.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Eucharistic Adoration this coming Mon. Aug. 10, 8:30am–5:00pm, at St. Raymond– St. Elizabeth Church.

LEBANESE FESTIVAL MEETING

Mon, Aug. 10, at St. Raymond's hall, Lebanon room.

KITCHEN SCOOP

The Kitchen will be closed Wed. Aug. 12, 2026.

For more information, please log on to Square <http://st-raymond-cathedral.square.site/>

Thank you!

Denise and Gina

THURSDAY CHRISTIAN DOCUMENTARY FILMS

Summer break until late August. Thank you!

PARISH PASTORAL AND FINANCE COUNCIL

Meeting for parish pastoral and finance council is scheduled for Thurs. Aug. 13, at 6:30pm at St. Raymond– St. Elizabeth Church Cafeteria. Thank You!

O CIA 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>

AUTUMN HARVEST FESTIVAL

Flyers and Sponsorship information were mailed to parishioners, and are in the foyer of our church. Please, support our Festival. St. Raymond– St. Elizabeth Autumn Harvest Festival is on Saturday, October 17, 2026, from 12 noon till 9pm.

For volunteering or any information contact Tim Kallial at 314 761 6017 <timkallial@gmail.com>

REMODELING AND CONSTRUCTION

Our church in both campuses, needs some remodeling/maintenance.

Tuck pointing in both churches, in progress.

Resurfacing and sealing of parking lots, in progress.

Kitchen hood and suppression system, new aluminum shelves, floor, new Altar chairs at St. Raymond– St. Elizabeth church in Crestwood.

At St. Raymond's kitchen, downtown, we are installing new stainless steel wall panels, and gas connection to the outside, for frying and grilling. An underground electric cable to connect the gate and shrine

St. Raymond Cathedral, we already finish, from painting the hall, and installing new Fire Alarm electronic panel, changing all pull stations, and updating the fire sprinkler in the hall. Paint on both sides of the church outdoor ceiling.

We are having bids on a new church organ, and colored stained glass windows for St. Raymond's.



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 Chahla, VP; Claudine Adem, Secretary; Andrea Gutierrez, Treasurer, in addition to Fr. Tony, and Msgr

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. Aug 10, 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.

The St. Louis Lebanese Festival is on Sep 18-20, 2026, 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> 3143244183, or call church offices.

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.



VENDOR FAIR

The Ladies Sodality is having a VENDOR FAIR on Saturday, November 14th 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 <crensawkfc@outlook.com>

Also, we will need volunteers to set up on November 13th and take down afterwards on November 14th for the Vendor Fair. This involves tables so we are looking for some man power. Any help would be appreciated.

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>

BLESSED BAPTISM

Gaetano and Giovanni Magner children of Samatha DiMercurio and William Magner.

"I baptize you with water for repentance. But after me comes one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire."

Matthew 3:11

MARRIAGE BANNS

We announce the Banns of Marriage between:

✠ Jordan West & Audrie Khoury

✠ RJ Hunt & Kaitlyn Pounders

✠ Sophie Hibbard & Clark Wolfsberger

✠ Henry Etzel & Tram-anh Vo

✠ Jessica Crenshaw & Garrett Meggs

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.

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

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

Saint Raymond-Saint Elizabeth
 1420 Sappington Rd.
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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

You're Invited!

SAVE the DATE!

AUTUMN HARVEST FESTIVAL

SATURDAY OCT 17 2026

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!

12 NOON to 9 PM

Savor Lebanese & American Cuisine

LIVE Music BY The SappingTones

BAND PLAYS FROM 5 PM - 9 PM

St. Raymond - St. Elizabeth Church
 1420 Sappington Road - Crestwood, MO. 63126
 GRILL * WINGS * BAR * SNACKS * LEBANESE CUISINE

REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

OUR LADY OF LEBANON **EPARCHIAL CONFERENCE**

DATES OCTOBER 9-11, 2026 **LOCATION** DETROIT, MICHIGAN

MORE INFO AT OLOLMYA.COM

ST. SHARBEL MARONITE CHURCH, CLINTON TOWNSHIP, MI