



## *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

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

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/  
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



### 10TH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

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2 Kings 1:2-8

1 Cor. 12:1-11

Matthew 12:22-32



### 19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Wisdom 18:6-9

Psalms 33

Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19

Luke 12:32-48

*Sunday, August 10th, 2025*

## DIVINE LITURGY & MASS INTENTIONS DOWNTOWN:

Sat. Aug. 9	<i>St Matthias the Apostle</i>
Sun. Aug. 10 10:15 am	<b>10TH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST</b> +Bishop Robert Shaheen (8th Ann.) +John Bouhasin By Nazha Hitti and Family +Patricia Elking By Eddy Elking and Family +George Nasif By Dennis Durham, Jr
Mon. Aug. 11 12:00 pm	<i>St Justos and St Odios, 2nd bishop of Antioch after Saint Peter.</i> Poor Souls in Purgatory
Tue. Aug. 12	<i>St Shina</i>
Wed. Aug. 13 12:00 pm	<i>St Claire</i> Mary Grace Trad By Catherine Trad
Thurs. Aug. 14	<i>St Mereklos and Prophet Micah</i>
Fri. Aug. 15 12:00 pm	<i>The Assumption of the Virgin Mary</i> Badawiya LaHood By Mrs. Seid Couri
Sat. Aug. 16	<i>St Roukoz (Rock)</i>
Sun. Aug. 17 10:15 am	<b>11TH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST</b> +Mark Crenshaw, and James & Elizabeth Crenshaw By Karen, James, and Maria Crenshaw +John Bouhasin By Dr. Maged Haikal +Nick Ulett By Ann, Jim & Mary Ulett +Patricia Elking By Eddy Elking and Family +George Nasif By Dennis Durham, Jr

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

Sat. Aug. 9 4:00 pm RC 5:15pm MC	<i>Sunday Vigil, St Teresa Benedicta (Edith Stein)</i> Donna Grass By Sr. Rosalie Wisniewski, OSF Richard Mueller By David & Kathy Mueckl
Sun. Aug. 10 8:00 am RC 10:30 am RC	<b>19th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> Raffaello Moran Pro Populo
Mon. Aug. 11 8:00 am RC	<i>St Claire</i> John Bouhasin By Dr. Maged Haikal
Tue. Aug. 12 8:00 am RC 6:00 pm MC	<i>St Jane Frances De Chantal</i> Saide Sous By Salam Sous Jack and Theresa Haddad By Jodi & Cathi Slinkard
Wed. Aug. 13 8:00 am RC	<i>St Pontian and St Hippolytus</i> Aaron Alster
Thurs. Aug. 14 8:00am RC 6:00 pm MC	<i>St Maximilian Kolbe</i> Loretta & Anthony Simon By Linda Hill Elias Hitti By Nazha Hitti and Family
Fri. Aug. 15 8:00am RC	<i>The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> Subdeacon George Simon & Marilue Simon By Patti Carnie
Sat. Aug. 16 4:00 pm RC 5:15pm MC	<i>Sunday Vigil, St Stephen of Hungary</i> Raffaello Moran Norman Gibbs By LaDonna Rask
Sun. Aug. 17 8:00 am RC 10:30 am RC	<b>20th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> Joe Sous By Salam Sous Jack and Connie McDermott By Linda Hill

## WEEKLY FINANCES 8/3/2025 ST. RAYMOND-ST.ELIZABETH:

<b>4:00pm Saturday</b>	
Loose cash	310
Checks/Envelopes	827
<b>7:00pm Saturday</b>	
Loose cash	31
Checks/Envelopes	180
<b>8:00am Sunday</b>	
Loose cash	40
Checks/Envelopes	400
<b>10:30am Sunday</b>	
Loose cash	294
Checks/Envelopes	424
Rentals	2,880
Candles	51
Pickleball	482
Revenue during the week	580
Second Collection	450
Online Giving <a href="https://osvhub.com/stelizabethhungary/funds">https://osvhub.com/stelizabethhungary/funds</a>	828
Expenses	\$8,477.34

## ST. RAYMOND:

<b>5:15pm Saturday</b>	
Loose cash	35
Checks/Envelopes	100
<b>10:15am Sunday</b>	
Loose cash	119
Checks/Envelopes	1,114
Revenue during the week	1,770
Candles	333
Second collection	610
Coffee hour	-
Sun 8am Mass	335
Online Giving <a href="https://osvhub.com/straymond-mc/giving/funds">https://osvhub.com/straymond-mc/giving/funds</a>	2,864
Expenses	\$14,931.48

## WED. LUNCH 8/6/25

Total Revenue Lunch	6,021.63
Expenses	\$1,739.54





### **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 is 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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Deadline: 8am Tuesdays  
To submit: Email Felicity  
steeliz@straymond-mc.org

##### **ONLINE GIVING**

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Kathleen Wahby 314 276 3062

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Donate or Borrow piece of medical  
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## LECTORS: CRESTWOOD

<b>Sat, Aug. 9</b> 4:00 pm	Sr. Rosalie
<b>Sun, Aug. 10</b> 8:00 am 10:30 am	Dan & Kathleen Austin Krueger
<b>Sat, Aug. 16</b> 4:00 pm	Janet Finke
<b>Sun, Aug. 17</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	Janet Emerson
Patricia Beck	Susan Bickel
Terry Leong	Burton Droste
Mary Ojile	Dot Smith
Gloria (Skip) Leisure	Gabe Vollet
Don Ganim	Barb Rohr
John Anton	Ameal Nassif
Jim Hoffman	Gerry Nassif
Richard Baker Sr	Tim Gamma
	Munir Matar

## COFFEE HOUR

Parishioners and visitors are welcomed to socialize after 10:15am Divine Liturgy at the Cedars hall. Thanks for the Young Adults MYA for serving the coffee hour.

## DABKEH DANCE AT LEBANESE FESTIVAL

Sun. Aug. 10, and every Sunday ahead of the Lebanese Festival, we will have Dabkeh dance practice in the small hall after the 10:15am Divine Liturgy, for more information contact Alex Khater.

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Eucharistic Adoration this coming Mon. Aug. 11, at St. Raymond–St. Elizabeth Church, from 8:30am till 5pm.

## BIBLE STUDY WITH FR. JAD

Mon. Aug. 11, at 6pm, at Fr. Edwards hall.

## KITCHEN SCOOP

The Kitchen is closed, no lunch this Wed. Aug. 13, 2025. On Tuesday, Aug. 12, at 8:30am we will be preparing kibbe aras, and rolling grape/cabbage leaves. For more information log on to Square <http://st-raymond-cathedral.square.site/> Thank you! Denise and Gina

## THURSDAY VIDEOS

Thursday morning videos will resume Thursday August 28, after 8am mass. Join us for coffee and inspiration!

## LEBANESE FESTIVAL MEETING

Meeting for Committee Chairpersons/ Coordinators of St. Louis Lebanese Festival Mon. Aug. 11, 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 0056 [secretary@straymond-mc.org](mailto:secretary@straymond-mc.org) or [Steeliz@straymond-mc.org](mailto:Steeliz@straymond-mc.org) 314 968 0760.

For Sponsorship, contact Patti Carnie <[pmssc200@gmail.com](mailto:pmssc200@gmail.com)>, or Nancy Stevens <[nrcstevens@gmail.com](mailto:nrcstevens@gmail.com)>

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

For Volunteering, [St. Louis Lebanese Festival Booth Chairs: 2025 St. Louis Lebanese Festival - 58th Annual](#)



## UPCOMING FESTIVAL PREPARATION

Kibbe prepping, Wednesday, September 3 at 9:00 am Tuesday's throughout August starting at 8:30 prepping kibbe and grape leaves.

Sunday August 24th following Mass, Kaffta prepping. Rolling cabbage, Tuesday evenings at 5:00 throughout August. All helping hands appreciated, Thank you!



### 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

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### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION

Classes every Monday 5:45pm—7:00pm, Sacramental Preparation, Youth Group, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, Family Night, OCIA, Adult Formation. Please, contact Pam Olimpio, DRE at pcatherine@att.net or call church offices 314 968 0760

### 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, TBA, 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.

### 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

### ST. RAYMOND CATHEDRAL- REMODELING

We finished construction on the two main brick walls by the main gate. We finished mud jacking the side walks, getting bids on new curbs, and parking lot repairs, tuckpointing,...

We still are painting the hall walls, ceiling 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. We finished installing water heater for the dish washer, 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, and new furniture for offices.

### BLESSED ORDINATION

Blessed Ordination, Subdeacon Elie Kassab. Our community enjoyed the ordination and seeing your family and Fr. Patrick with us this past Sunday.

"The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest."

Matthew 9:37-38



# 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

On the Menu:

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

*Singer Said Abi Akl  
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 1- Sep 11  
<https://st-raymond-cathedral.square.site>  
+ Call-In, Sep 8- Sep 11, 9am-12pm,  
Tel: 314 621 0056



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

**REGISTER NOW!**

Contact: Pam Olimpio  
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OUR LADY OF LEBANON  
**MYA**  
2025 EPARCHIAL  
CONFERENCE

HOUSTON, TX



**WHEN:**

OCTOBER 24-26, 2025

**COSTS:**

CONFERENCE: \$175

HOTEL: \$99/NIGHT

**HOTEL INFORMATION:**

HYATT PLACE  
HOUSTON SUGARLAND  
16730 CREEKBEND DRIVE  
SUGARLAND, TX 77478

**HOST PARISH:**

OUR LADY OF THE CEDARS  
HOUSTON, TEXAS

@OLOLMYA

Saint Raymond-Saint Elizabeth  
1420 Sappington Rd.  
St. Louis, MO 63126

## Annual Vendor Fair

Get a head start on your holiday shopping!

Saturday  
November 8, 2025  
9:00am-1:00pm

# 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