



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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Crestwood

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Tel: (314) 968-0760

Website: 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



FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

Liturgy p. 492
Micah 7:7-9, 18-20
1 Thessalonians 1:1-10
Luke 7:36-50



TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jeremiah 20:7-9
Psalm 63
Romans 12:1-2
Matthew 16:21-27

Sunday, August 30th, 2026

DIVINE LITURGY & MASS INTENTIONS DOWNTOWN:

Sat. Aug. 29	<i>The beheading of St John the Baptist</i>
Sun. Aug. 30 10:15 am	FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST +Thomas Kevorkian By Daisy Kevorkian and Family +Patricia Elking By Ed Elking and Family +Ralph & Sandy Wahby By David & Kathy Mueckl +Thunsa and Husnie Simon By Linda Hill
Mon. Aug. 31 12:00 pm	<i>Mar Abda, Mar Zakhia, and Mar Ijdios</i> Poor Souls in Purgatory
Tue. Sep. 1	<i>St Simon the Stylite</i>
Wed. Sep. 2 12:00 pm	<i>Mar Mema, martyr</i> Poor Souls in Purgatory
Thurs. Sep. 3	<i>St Theodore the Great</i>
Fri. Sep. 4 12:00 pm	<i>St Babila</i> Poor Souls in Purgatory
Sat. Sep. 5	<i>St Sharbel of Edessa and his sister</i>
Sun. Sep. 6 10:15 am	SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST +Bernice Baker By John & Denise Seifert +Anna Elking By Denny & Roxanne Elking +Patricia Elking By Ed Elking and Family +Francis and Anna Slay By David & Kathy Mueckl

CRESTWOOD: (RC Roman Catholic, MC Maronite)

Sat. Aug. 29 4:00 pm RC 5:15 pm MC	<i>Sunday Vigil; The Passion of St John the Baptist</i> Jordan Lauber by Luke Lauber Bryan Mueckl By David & Kathy Mueckl
Sun. Aug. 30 8:00 am RC 10:30 am RC	TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME The Souls in Purgatory by John Lauber David Brophy
Mon. Aug 31 8:00 am RC	<i>St Joseph of Arimathea</i> Berny Foerster By his sister Sonja Jabouri & Family Neal, Aaron & Pat Alster
Tue. Sept 1 8:00 am RC 6:00 pm MC	<i>Martyred Hospitallars of The Spanish Civil War</i> John Cleary Healing Mass The Forgotten Souls in Purgatory by Wyatt Lauber
Wed. Sept 2 8:00 am RC	<i>St Antoninus of Syria</i> The Alster Family
Thurs. Sept 3 8:00 am RC 6:00 pm MC	<i>St Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor</i> Aaron, Neal & Pat Alster Subdeacon George & Marilue Simon By Linda Hill
Fri. Sept 4 8:00 am	<i>St Boniface I, Pope</i> For Vivian who is fighting brain cancer By Maria Simon
Sat. Sept 5 4:00 pm RC 5:15 pm MC	<i>Sunday Vigil; St Teresa of Calcutta</i> Tom Wangler by Patty Renschen Terry Rask By Ramona Milford
Sun. Sept 6 8:00 am RC 10:30 am RC	TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Theresa and Jack Haddad By Linda Hill The Alster Family

WEEKLY FINANCES 8/23/2026

ST. RAYMOND-ST.ELIZABETH:

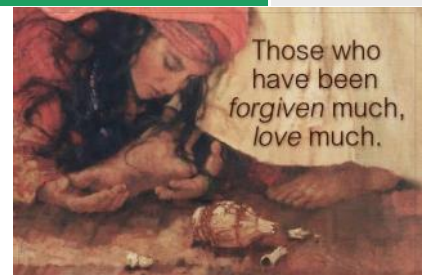
4:00pm Saturday Loose cash Checks/Envelopes	406 665
7:00pm Saturday Loose cash Checks/Envelopes	- 150
8:00am Sunday Loose cash Checks/Envelopes	122 105
10:30am Sunday Loose cash Checks/Envelopes	370 255
Candles	106
Pickleball	325
Revenue during the week	3,235
Second Collection	30
Rentals	50
Online Giving https://osvhub.com/stelizabethhungary/funds	786.29
Expenses	\$8,499.03

ST. RAYMOND:

5:15pm Saturday Loose cash Checks/Envelopes	24 290
8:00am Sunday	-
10:15am Sunday Loose cash Checks/Envelopes	222 1,396
Revenue during the week	6,355
Candles	206
Second Collection	385
Coffee hour	260
Online Giving https://osvhub.com/straymond-mc/giving/funds	1,138
Expenses	\$15,065.07

WED LUNCH 8/26/2026

Income	5,709.15
Expenses	\$1,321.60





A note from the pastor

ST RAYMOND- ST ELIZABETH CHURCH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FORMATION PROGRAM

Mission Statement

The Catholic Church teaches that parents are the first teachers of their children and have the responsibility to teach them the Faith. The Religious Education and Formation program provides support to parents in teaching the dogma of the Catholic Faith, and to experience the love of Jesus and begin a lifelong relationship with Him. Students are prepared for and receive the Sacraments through the parish school of religion.

When do we meet?

Classes will meet on Monday evenings 5:45-7:00pm, Aug. 31st-May 3rd

Who do we serve?

All children from PreK-8th Grades, young adults, adults, and families.

Please join us for the Ice Cream Social, Registration, and Meet the Teachers Night on **Monday, August 31, 2026** in the Cafeteria.

Bring the Family to enjoy a bit of Summery Ice Cream and Face Painting, learn about our very special and unique Catechesis Program and meet the wonderful teachers of each grade!

No family should ever hesitate because of financial need, cost will never prevent a child from attending.

If you have a financial need, please discuss with Msgr. John Nahal.

Volunteer opportunities are also available.

Pamela Olimpio, Director of Rel Ed



Please join us for the St. Raymond - St. Elizabeth

Religious Education Ice Cream Social

&

Meet the Teachers Night



Date: Monday, August 31, 2026

Location: Cafeteria

Time: 5:45-7:00pm

Religious Education & Formation Meet the Teachers, Sign Up & Information Night

Face Painting Available

CONTACT US:

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BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

Deadline: 8am Tuesdays
submit to: Pam DiMercurio
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ONLINE GIVING

Crestwood:
osvhub.com/stelizabethhungary/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
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Margo Kassab

YOUNG ADULTS

Joseph Nesser



Congratulations to Archbishop Elect Sharbel Maroun for the Maronite Archdiocese of Damascus, Syria.

Archbishop Elect Sharbel Maroun is the Vicar General at our Eparchy and good friend to many of us.

Axios!



LECTORS: CRESTWOOD

Sat, Aug. 29 4:00 pm	Sr. Rosalie
Sun, Aug. 30 8:00 am 10:30 am	Dan & Kathleen Austin Krueger
Sat, Sept 5 4:00 pm	Janet Finke
Sun, Sept 6 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. 30

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 Men's Society, thank you!

DABKE DANCE AT FESTIVAL

All our Children/ Youth/ Young Adults are invited to dance dabke at the Lebanese Festival. Practice every Sunday at the stage of the Cedars. For more info contact Gina Oesterlei <tohpic@sbcglobal.net> All active youth members in the youth group and other activities will have community service hours, additional point for their St Raymond's scholarship program.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Eucharistic Adoration this coming Mon. Aug. 31, 8:30am—5:00pm, at St. Raymond– St. Elizabeth Church.

RELIGIOUS ED. PROGRAM- ICE CREAM SOCIAL

All families are invited to begin the Rel Ed school year with Ice Cream social Mon. Aug. 31, at 5:45pm at St. Raymond– St. Elizabeth Church Cafeteria in Crestwood.

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>

LEBANESE FESTIVAL MEETING

Mon. Aug 31, 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 at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0C4CA4AD2FA6F58-64694747-59th#/>

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 <pmssc200@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.

KITCHEN SCOOP

The Kitchen will be closed for Wed. lunches Sep. 2,9,16,23, 2026. We will resume Wed. Lunch after the Leb. Fest. Wed. Sep. 30. For more info log on to Square (<http://st-raymond-cathedral.square.site/>).

Thank you! Denise and Gina

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>



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

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AUTUMN HARVEST FESTIVAL

Meeting Sep 2, at 6:30pm at St. Ray- St E church cafeteria. 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>

THURSDAY CHRISTIAN DOCUMENTARY FILMS

Thursday morning videos, Thurs. Sep. 3. All welcome! At Fr Edwards Hall following 8 am Mass.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES DRIVE

School Supplies Drive: Over the next two weeks, we will hold a School Supplies Drive to support St. Anthony's Food Pantry. Donation bins will be placed at the back of church at both St. Raymond's and St. Elizabeth.

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 <crenshawkfc@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.

PROTECTION OF GOD'S CHILDREN

Zoom meeting (Aug 19/20) for all Rel Ed teachers of our Eparchy, for more info contact Pam Olimpio

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

MARRIAGE BANNS

We announce the Banns of Marriage between:

✠RJ Hunt & Kaitlyn Pounders

✠Sophie Hibbard & Clark Wolfsberger

✠Henry Etzel & Tram-anh Vo

✠Jessica Crenshaw & Garrett Meggs

✠Lucas Wahby & Jessica Francik

✠Caline Mattar & Philipp Gruebener

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.

BLESSED MARRIAGE

Jordan West & Audrie Khoury

Genesis 1:27-28 "So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth ..."

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

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

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

Singer Said Ali Ali
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

You're Invited!

SAVE the DATE!

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!

AUTUMN HARVEST FESTIVAL

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

Great Music
Great Food
Great Drinks
Great Times



59th Annual Lebanese Festival—Raffle 2026 Saint Louis, MO

Drawing on Sunday, September 20th, at 5:00pm,
at St. Raymond Cathedral, 931 Lebanon Dr.

- 1st Prize \$1,500 Cash - donated by St. Raymond Ladies' & Men's Societies
 - 2nd Prize \$1,000 Cash- donated by St. Raymond Ladies' & Men's Societies
 - 3rd Prize \$500 Cash- donated by St. Raymond Ladies' & Men's Societies
 - 4th Prize Jewelry- donated by John Legens, Diamonds and Gold LLC
 - 5th Prize 2 nights hotel stay at Casino Queen- donated by Elie Asfour
 - 6th Prize \$100 DOORDASH Card- donated by Claudine Adem
 - 7th Prize Arabic class (online)- donated by Maribelle Bouchaya
- Many other valuable prizes

\$10 Donation per ticket
\$50 for a book of 6 tickets

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St. Louis Lebanese Festival

St. Raymond Cathedral
931 Lebanon Dr., St. Louis, MO 63104

*Drawing on Sunday, September 20th, at 5:00pm,
at St. Raymond Cathedral, 931 Lebanon Dr.
Winners Need Not Be Present to Win*

\$1 Donation 6
tickets for \$5

**Money Basket
“Pot of Gold”**



St. Louis Lebanese Festival

St. Raymond Cathedral 931 Lebanon
Dr., St. Louis, MO 63104

*Drawing on Sunday, September 20th, at 5:00pm,
at St. Raymond Cathedral, 931 Lebanon Dr.
Winners Need Not Be Present to Win*

Must be 21 to purchase, win and claim prize

\$1 Donation
6 tickets for \$5

**Liquor
Wagon**

Soccer Game on Oct. 14th. Last home game of the year!

St. Louis CITY SC Tickets | City View Suite for 6
You'll have fun cheering the St. Louis CITY SC, a Major
League Soccer expansion franchise, on their season with
five (5) of your friends in an all-inclusive City View Suite.
The stadium touts that by increasing the depth of the sta-
dium bowl below street level, it brings ALL fans closer to
the action!

Includes one parking spot.

Donated by Jim Simon

\$10 Donation per ticket
\$50 for a book of 6 tickets

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For more information and pre-order tickets, log on to:
[2026 Lebanese Festival | St. Raymond Maronite Cathedral](https://2026-Lebanese-Festival-St-Raymond-Maronite-Cathedral)