



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

Facebook: www.facebook.com/groups/saintraymonds

DIVINE LITURGY

Sunday: 10:15am
Mon, Wed, Fri: 12 noon

RECONCILIATION:

Sunday: 9:15am
or by appointment

Crestwood

1420 S. Sappington Road
Crestwood, MO 63126
Tel: (314) 968-0760

Website: stelizabethhungary.org

Facebook: www.facebook.com/sehcrestwood/

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



14th SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

Liturgy p. 492
Deut 6:4-9
1 Thes 2:1-13
Lk 10:38-42



23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Wisdom 9:13-18b
Psalm 90
Philemon 9-10, 12-17
Luke 14:25-33

Sunday, September 7th, 2025

**DIVINE LITURGY & MASS INTENTIONS
DOWNTOWN:**

Sat. Sept. 6	<i>Memorial of the miracle of St. Michael in the city of Colossi</i>
Sun. Sept. 7 10:15 am	14TH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST +Dr John Bouhasin By Pamela DiMercurio +Anna Elking By Dennis & Roxanne Elking +William Shaheen By Donna Shaheen and Family +Catherine Leisure By Francis Leisure Jr & Family +Elia & Shmoonie Sabat By George & Elaine Simon +Tony Turco By David & Kathy Mueckl
Mon. Sept. 8 12:00 pm	<i>The Birth of our Lady the Virgin Mary</i> Poor Souls in Purgatory
Tue. Sept. 9	<i>Sts. Joachim & Anne, parents of the Virgin Mary</i>
Wed. Sept. 10 12:00 pm	<i>St. Polkaria the queen</i> Dr. John Bouhasin By Elie Asfour
Thurs. Sept. 11	<i>St. Theodora</i>
Fri. Sept. 12 12:00 pm	<i>St. Cyrilius, the centurion</i>
Sat. Sept. 13	<i>St. Christopher</i>
Sun. Sept. 14	EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS 8:00 am Intentions of All Volunteers at Lebanese Festival Terry Rask By David & Kathy Mueckl 10:15 am Dr. John Bouhasin By the Oesterlei & Randazzo Families Joseph Ojile By George & Elaine Simon and Family

CRESTWOOD: (RC Roman Catholic, MC Maronite)

Sat. Sept. 6 4:00 pm RC 5:15 pm MC	<i>Sunday Vigil, St. Eleutherius</i> Vittorio Moran Nick Ulett By Dom & Shelly Vitale
Sun. Sept. 7 8:00 am MC 10:30 am RC	23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Subdeacon George and Marilue Simon Aaron Alster
Mon. Sept. 8 8:00 am RC	<i>St. Adrian</i> Grace Minton
Tue. Sept. 9 8:00 am RC 6:00 pm MC	<i>St. Peter Claver</i> Jerry & Dana Nurdin Anniversary by Linda Talley Jack and Connie McDermott By Linda Hill
Wed. Sept. 10 8:00 am RC	<i>St. Nicholas of Tolentino</i> Brendan Moran
Thurs. Sept. 11 8:00 am RC 6:00 pm MC	<i>St. Paphnutius</i> Frank Miles Anniversary of Death Elias Hitti By Nazha Hitti and Family
Fri. Sept. 12 8:00am RC	<i>St. Guy of Anderlecht</i> William Busekrus by Pat Busekrus and Family
Sat. Sept. 13 4:00 pm RC 5:15 pm MC	<i>Sunday Vigil, St. John Chrysostom</i> Mike & Anne Brotherton By Linda Hill Mary & John Louis
Sun. Sept. 14 8:00 am RC 10:30 am RC	EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS Charles and Joan Powell By Linda Hill Mary Susan Bickel

**WEEKLY FINANCES 8/31/2025
ST. RAYMOND-ST.ELIZABETH:**

4:00pm Saturday	
Loose cash	393
Checks/Envelopes	2,405
7:00pm Saturday	
Loose cash	-
Checks/Envelopes	140
8:00am Sunday	
Loose cash	48
Checks/Envelopes	110
10:30am Sunday	
Loose cash	182
Checks/Envelopes	540
Rentals	
Candles	66
Pickleball	393
Revenue during the week	5,972.5
Second Collection	20
Online Giving https://osvhub.com/stelizabethhungary/funds	898
Expenses	\$24,430.65

ST. RAYMOND:

5:15pm Saturday	
Loose cash	30
Checks/Envelopes	
10:15am Sunday	
Loose cash	155
Checks/Envelopes	830
Revenue during the week	130
Candles	100
Festival	3,965
Coffee hour	131
2nd Collection	25
Online Giving https://osvhub.com/straymond-mc/giving/funds	1,599
Expenses	\$22,145.10

Shema

HEAR, O ISRAEL: THE LORD OUR GOD, THE LORD IS ONE. YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL AND WITH ALL YOUR MIGHT, AND THESE WORDS THAT I COMMAND YOU TODAY SHALL BE ON YOUR HEART. YOU SHALL TEACH THEM DILIGENTLY TO YOUR CHILDREN, AND SHALL TALK OF THEM WHEN YOU SIT IN YOUR HOUSE, AND WHEN YOU WALK BY THE WAY, AND WHEN YOU LIE DOWN, AND WHEN YOU RISE. YOU SHALL BIND THEM AS A SIGN ON YOUR HAND, AND THEY SHALL BE AS FRONTLETS BETWEEN YOUR EYES. YOU SHALL WRITE THEM ON THE DOORPOSTS OF YOUR HOUSE AND ON YOUR GATES.

Deuteronomy 6:4-9



A note from the pastor

**Carlo Acutis and Pier Giorgio Frassati
to be canonized together— Sunday, September 7, 2025**



Pope Leo XIV presides at an Ordinary Public Consistory for the Vote on Causes for Canonization, which gave formal approval for the canonizations of eight Blessed, and set the date for their canonizations.

Pope Leo XIV held the first Ordinary Public Consistory of his pontificate on Friday morning, with Cardinals giving their formal approval for the canonizations of eight Blessed.

During the ceremony, the Holy Father announced that Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati and Blessed Carlo Acutis will be canonized together on 7 September.

The canonizations of the two young saints—one from the early twentieth century, the other the first twenty-first-century saint—have been greatly anticipated due to the great devotion among the faithful.

(<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2025-06/carlo-acutis-and-pier-giorgio-frassati-to-be-canonized-together.html>)



Monsignor John Nahal, president of Caritas Lebanon USA, from the Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon was nominated among 41 candidates for the Lumen Christi Award. 2025– 2026

(2025-2026 Lumen Christi Award Nominees - Catholic Extension Society)

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Deadline: 8am Tuesdays
To submit: Email Felicity
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ONLINE GIVING

Crestwood:
osvhub.com/stelizabethhungary/funds
Downtown:
straymond-mc.org/online-giving

MERCY MEAL

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Donate or Borrow piece of medical
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LECTORS: CRESTWOOD

Sat, Sept. 6 4:00 pm	Janet Finke
Sun, Sept. 7 8:00 am 10:30 am	Glen Brookman Jean Minton
Sat, Sept. 13 4:00 pm	Ralph & Margie
Sun, Sept. 14 8:00 am 10:30 am	Nancy Wall Fabi Pineda

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 Sciarrino	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. Thank you Mary, Pam, and Elie for serving the coffee hour.

YOUTH MEETING & DABKEH DANCE AT FESTIVAL

Sun. Sep 7, we will have Youth meeting and Dabkeh dance practice after the 10:15am Divine Liturgy, for more information contact Alex K., Elissa H. and we thank Carla Aouad for the children group (11 years and under)

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Rel Ed classes Mon. Sep 8, 5:45pm–7:00pm, Sacramental Preparation, Youth Group, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, Family Night, OCIA, Adult Formation. Please, contact Pam Olimpio, DRE at patherine@att.net or call church offices 314 968 0760

KITCHEN SCOOP

We are closed until Wed. Sep. 24, 2025. For more information, log on to Square <http://st-raymond-cathedral.square.site/> Thank you! Denise and Gina

THURSDAY CHRISTIAN DOCUMENTARY FILMS

We will have morning videos Thurs., Sep. 11, after 8am Mass. Join us for coffee and inspiration!

AUTUMN HARVEST FESTIVAL & MEETING

Meeting Sep. 18, at 6:30pm. St. Raymond– St. Elizabeth Autumn Harvest Festival is on Saturday, October 25, 2025, from 12 noon till 9pm. For Volunteering/ Sponsoring and more information, please 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.

ROSARY DRIVE

Knights of Columbus Council 2117 is collecting new or gently used rosaries to help St. Louis Lambert Airport Chaplains evangelize among the employees and travelers they serve each day. Their supply is completely gone after giving away hundreds of rosaries. Please drop off rosaries in the vestibule of the Church in a basket marked Rosaries for Airport Chaplains by September 30th. Thank you!

FINANCIAL REPORTS 2024

St. Raymond Cathedral and St. Raymond– St. Elizabeth Church financial reports are posted on our church websites. www.straymond-mc.org and <https://stelizabethhungary.org/>



ST. RAYMOND FOOD PANTRY:

Please help! The supplies in St. Raymond's Food Pantry are getting very low. Currently needed are: canned or packaged soups/stews, peanut butter, rice/pasta, fruits, vegetables, beans, meats/fish, and cereal/oatmeal. No glass jars please! Thanks 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](mailto: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

✠ Mary Susan Bickel	8-24-2025
✠ 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

LEBANESE FESTIVAL

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 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 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

Wednesday September 3rd we are making kibbe and rolling grape leaves 8:30am-noon. Tuesdays throughout August starting at 8:30 prepping kibbe and grape leaves.

Rolling cabbage, Tuesday evenings at 5:00 throughout August.

The Festival is September 12th, 13th and 14th

Monday September 8th (9am-noon) Pre-cut onions and washing tomatoes plus extra kitchen items such as filling oil containers, cutting spinach etc.

Tuesday September 9th (9am-noon): Making Kibbe Aras

Wednesday September 10th (9am-2pm): Making hummus and washing/cutting vegetables. Preparing meat and spinach pies.

Thursday September 11th (9am-noon): Chopping veggies for all food booths and preparing tabbouli. From 1-3pm, preparing dough for Saj.

Friday September 12th (9am-1pm): Preparing meat and spinach pies (TBD). (1pm-3pm) Bread preparations for booths (tearing bread for sandwiches).

Kitchen preparations are not only for the kitchen booths, but for all food booths.

All helping hands appreciated, Thank you!

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

ST RAYMOND CATHEDRAL FACILITY MANAGER

We are looking for a Facility Manager at St. Raymond Cathedral, Downtown. If you are interested full time or part time, please contact Msgr. John Nahal rector@straymond-mc.org

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 Abi and Band




Hosted by **St. Raymond Maronite Cathedral**
www.StRaymond-MC.org

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

REGISTER NOW!

Contact: Pam Olimpio
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HOUSTON, TX

OUR LADY OF LEBANON MYA 2025 EPARCHIAL CONFERENCE

JUBILEE 2025
 PILGRIMS OF HOPE

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

2025 Golf Tournament

Revenue			
Golfers		\$ 13,625.00	
Sponsors		\$ 6,750.00	
Raffle and Skins		\$ 850.00	
			\$ 21,225.00
	Revenue		
Expenses			
Sugar Creek		\$ 4,886.00	
Prizes			
Balls		\$ 352.00	
Golf Clubs and Cooler		\$ 697.00	
Cigar and Raffle Tickets		\$ 225.00	
Gas Card Prize		\$ 300.00	
Signs		\$ 288.00	
Food		\$ 575.00	
Beverage		\$ -	
			\$ 7,323.00
	Expenses		
		Profit from Golf Tournament	\$ 13,902.00

Thanks to the Men's Society and Co-Chairs
 Subdeacon David Wahby and Rick Baker

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