



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



THIRD SUNDAY AFTER HOLY CROSS

Liturgy p. 606
Daviel 7:9-14
Philippians 3:17-21, 4:1
Matt 24:23-31



TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Isaiah 5:1-7
Psalm 80
Philippians 4:6-9
Matthiew 21:33-43

Sunday, October 4th, 2026

DIVINE LITURGY & MASS INTENTIONS DOWNTOWN:

Sat. Oct. 3	<i>St Deonisos the Areopague (from Athena)</i>
Sun. Oct. 4 10:15 am	THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE GLORIOUS CROSS +Lawrence Gazall By Pam Gazall DiMercurio and Family +Mary Alice Hansen and Fayez Looka By Tony & Haifa Sabat
Mon. Oct. 5 12:00 pm	<i>St Paul the simple & St Christina the virgin</i> Poor Souls in Purgatory
Tue. Oct. 6	<i>St Thomas the Apostle</i>
Wed. Oct. 7 12:00 pm	<i>St Sergius and Backhos</i> For Vivian who is fitting cancer By Maria Simon
Thurs. Oct. 8	<i>St Pelagia the penitent</i>
Fri. Oct. 9 12:00 pm	<i>St James the brother of the Lord, apostle</i> Mass for retired nuns at Mason Pointe
Sat. Oct. 10	<i>St Olampus and his sister Olampia, and their companions, martyrs</i>
Sun. Oct. 11 10:15 am	FOUTH SUNDAY AFTER THE GLORIOUS CROSS For the Order of St. Sharbel Members +Joseph & Mary Ojile By Linda Hill

CRESTWOOD: (RC Roman Catholic, MC Maronite)

Sat. Oct. 3 4:00 pm RC 5:15 pm MC	<i>Sunday Vigil; Martyrs of Alexandria - 9 Saints</i> Joseph Gioeli by Steven Gilroy Elias Hitti By Ramona Milford
Sun. Oct. 4 8:00 am MC 10:30 am RC	TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Aaron Alster by Neal & Pat Alster Tom Milford Sr.
Mon. Oct. 5 8:00 am RC	<i>St Faustina Kowalska, Virgin; Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest</i> Neal Alster & Aaron Alster by Patricia Alster
Tue. Oct. 6 8:00 am RC 6:00 pm MC	<i>St Bruno, Priest; Blesd Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin</i> Rev. Anthony Simon by Wyatt Lauber Ruth and Jack Carnie By Linda Hill
Wed. Oct. 7 8:00 am RC	<i>Our Lady of the Rosary</i> Jordon Lauber by Sam Lauber
Thurs. Oct. 8 8:00 am RC 6:00 pm MC	<i>Benedicta of Origny-sur-Oise</i> Neal Alster & Aaron Alster by Patricia Alster Mike & Anne Brotherton By Linda Hill
Fri. Oct. 9 8:00 am	<i>St John Henry Newman; St Denis, Bishop and Companions, Martyrs; St John Leonardi, Priest</i> Holy Souls in Purgatory
Sat. Oct. 10 4:00 pm RC 5:15 pm MC	<i>Sunday Vigil;</i> Leigh & Matthew Nye by Stacy Kike Charles and Katherine Dunivin By David & Kathy Mueckl
Sun. Oct. 11 8:00 am RC 10:30 am RC	TWENTY-EIGHT SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME The Alster Family Mary Margaret Devereux by Nancy Wall & Libby Volkart

WEEKLY FINANCES 9/28/2026

ST. RAYMOND-ST.ELIZABETH:

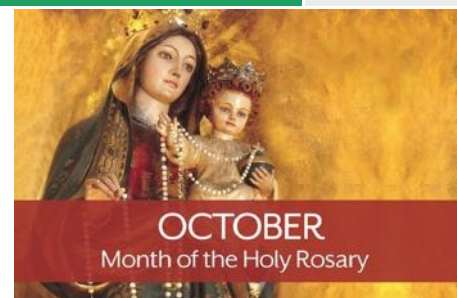
4:00pm Saturday Loose cash Checks/Envelopes	459 925
7:00pm Saturday Loose cash Checks/Envelopes	6 200
8:00am Sunday Loose cash Checks/Envelopes	92 375
10:30am Sunday Loose cash Checks/Envelopes	289 398
Candles	60
Pickleball	293
Revenue during the week	6,630
Parish Improvement/ Upkeep	140
Rentals	3,822
Online Giving https://osvhub.com/ stelizabethhungary/funds	1,106.29
Expenses	\$20,218.59

ST. RAYMOND:

5:15pm Saturday Loose cash Checks/Envelopes	7
10:15am Sunday Loose cash Checks/Envelopes	91 1,445
Revenue during the week	554
Candles	257
Coffee hour	-
Second Collection	37
Rentals	2,400
Online Giving https://osvhub.com/straymond- mc/giving/funds	1,527
Expenses	\$17,799.63

WED LUNCH 9/30/2026

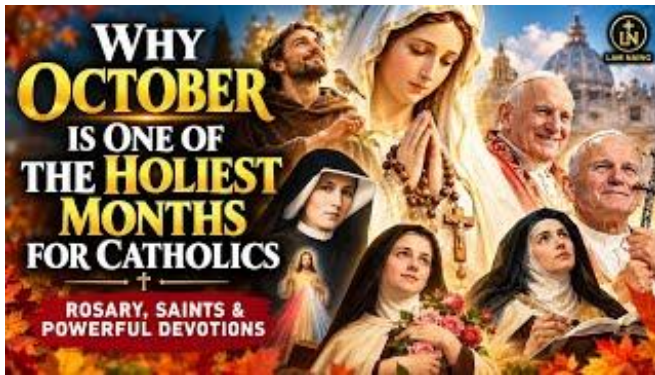
Income	5,231.32
Expenses	\$601.44





A note from the pastor

Month of October



Month of the Holy Rosary: Catholics are encouraged to pray the rosary daily for personal intentions, family peace, and the protection of the Church. This tradition is anchored by the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary on October 7, which honors a historic Christian victory attributed to Mary's intercession.

Respect Life Month: In the United States, October is also designated as Respect Life Month, where the church focuses on prayer and action to uphold the sanctity of human life from conception to natural death.

St. Thérèse of Lisieux: Celebrated on October 1, known for her "Little Way" of spiritual trust.

Guardian Angels: Celebrated on October 2, honoring the heavenly protectors assigned to every person.

St. Francis of Assisi: Celebrated on October 4, known for his love of creation and radical poverty.

October 5: St. Faustina, Divine Mercy

St. Teresa of Avila: Celebrated on October 15, a mystic and Doctor of the Church.

St. Luke the Evangelist: Celebrated on October 18, author of the Gospel of Luke and Acts.

October 11: St. John XXIII, Second Vatican Council

October 16: St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, St. Longinus, and St. Hedwig, all have devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

October 17: St. Ignatius of Antioch

St. John Paul II: Celebrated on October 22, the beloved modern pope who added the Luminous Mysteries to the Rosary.

And many other Saints!

All Saints of God, Pray for Us!

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Joseph Nesser



LECTORS: CRESTWOOD

Sat, Oct. 3 4:00 pm	Fabi Pineda
Sun, Oct. 4 8:00 am 10:30 am	Dan & Kathleen Jean Minton
Sat, Oct. 10 4:00 pm	Sr. Rosalie
Sun, Oct. 11 8:00 am 10:30 am	Nancy Wall Austin Krueger

UP COMING EVENTS

- *Oct. 17: Autumn Harvest Festival
- *Nov. 14: Vendor Fair
- *Dec. 3: Men's Christmas Dinner
- *Dec. 10: Ladies' 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	Don Works
Steve Baker	Joyce Banovz

MEN OF ST JOSEPH

we will have our Saint Joseph's men's meeting October 3, 7:30 – 8:30 AM in Crestwood we are starting the book consecration to Saint Joseph

COFFEE HOUR

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 Mary, Pam, and Elie, thank you!

YOUTH MEETING AND ELECTION OF NEW OFFICERS

Our Youth will have their election of officers first Sunday of October.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FORMATION

Rel. Ed. Mon. Oct. 5, at 5:45pm at St. Raymond– St. Elizabeth Church.

BIBLE STUDY

Come join the Bible Study group, Mon. Oct. 5, at 6:00 pm, at Fr. Edwards hall with Msgr. John, interesting passages from the Bible will be presented and discussed.

KITCHEN SCOOP

The Kitchen will be open Wed. Oct. 7 , 2026.
On Tuesday, Oct. 6, at 8:30am we will be preparing kibbe aras, and rolling grape/cabbage leaves at 2pm. 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

THURSDAY CHRISTIAN DOCUMENTARY FILMS

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

LADIES' SODALITY MEETING

Sun. Oct. 11, starting with 10:15am Divine Liturgy at St. Raymond Cathedral.

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>

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 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 church office (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
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

✠ Bernard Bopp	9-22-2026
✠ 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

ORDER OF ST SHARBEL

October 11th is designated "Order of Saint Sharbel Sunday" in the Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon of Los Angeles. We will have a brief, special presentation on the Order that day. The Order of Saint Sharbel is vitally important in providing financial and spiritual support for educating our seminarians, who are crucial for the future of our Maronite Church, and caring for our retired priests. Please prayerfully consider joining the Order. You may enroll online at www.orderstsharbel.org or ask Father for more information.

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 <StRStEVendorFair@gmail.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.

LEBANESE FESTIVAL

Thanks to all Our Volunteers, Workers, Sponsors, Participants for the 59th Annual St. Louis Lebanese Festival.

Sponsorship donation \$82,020

Sale of Food and others \$ 69,100 (corrected)

Expenses not all paid yet

PRO LIFE

The Life Chain is Sunday, Oct. 4, after 10:30 Mass. We stand in silent prayer along S. Sappington Road, holding signs such as "Life: The First Inalienable Right" and "Abortion Hurts Women." For all ages, families. You can bring a lawn chair. And your rosary!

On Tuesday, Oct. 13 at 7:00 pm in the Fr. Edwards Hall, we will watch several short (4 to 5 minute) pro-life videos. They are produced by LiveAction. Examples are "Window to the Womb" which shows developing life from conception to birth, "Do Pro-life Laws Hurt Women?" and "The Abortion Pill."

We will watch a short video, pause for discussion, and then proceed to the next video as time permits. The whole evening need not last much more than an hour. High school students are welcome too.

CONGRATULATIONS AND BLESSED MARRIAGE

Blessed Marriage to RJ Hunt and Kaitlyn Pounders.

Numbers 6:24-26: "The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace."

RIP

Bernard Bopp Jr. passed on into Eternal Life on Sep 22, 2026. We offer our prayers and condolences to the family and friends. Funeral and Mass will be celebrated for the repose of Bernard Bopp on Tuesday, Oct. 13, at 10am at St. Raymond— St. Elizabeth Church. May God grant him Eternal Rest in His Kingdom.

Autumn Harvest Festival

You're Invited!

SAVE the DATE!

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!

AUTUMN HARVEST FESTIVAL

SATURDAY OCT 17 2026

12 NOON to 9 PM

Savor
Lebanese & American Cuisine

LIVE Music BY The SappingTones

*Great Music
Great Food
Great Drinks
Great Times*

BAND PLAYS FROM 5 PM - 9 PM

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

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St. Raymond St. Elizabeth Church

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