



## *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

931 Lebanon Drive  
St. Louis, MO 63104

Tel: (314) 621-0056

Website: [straymond-mc.org](http://straymond-mc.org)

Facebook: St. Raymond's  
Maronite Cathedral group

### DIVINE LITURGY

Sunday: 10:15am  
Monday–Friday: 12 noon

### RECONCILIATION:

Sunday: 9:15am  
or by appointment

### Crestwood

1420 S. Sappington Road  
Crestwood, MO 63126

Tel: (314) 968-0760

Fax: (314) 968-8023

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

Facebook: St. Elizabeth of Hungary  
Catholic Church @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 Fr. 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; Fr John's emergency contact is on the answering machine

**Intentions for Divine Liturgy:** call the rectory, mail, or email your intentions



### BIRTH OF JOHN THE BAPTIST

Liturgy p. 48  
1 Sam 1:9-11, 19-23  
Gal 4:21-5:1  
Lk 1:57-66



### SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Is 40:1-5, 9-11  
Ps 85  
2 Pt 3:8-14  
Mk 1:1-8

*Sunday, December 10, 2023*

## DIVINE LITURGY & MASS INTENTIONS DOWNTOWN:

<b>Sun, Dec 10</b> 10:15 am	<b>BIRTH OF JOHN THE BAPTIST</b> +Anna Elking By Dennis & Roxanne Elking +John R. Assaf By Ruth Ann and Philipjohn Assaf +Dennis Slay By Nancy Slay and Family +John Putzel By Donna Shaheen +Deceased members of St. Raymond's Choir By Terry & Don Leong +Tony & Delia Wahby By Richard Baker Sr.
<b>Mon, Dec 11</b> 12:00 pm	<i>Monday— the Birth of John the Baptist</i> Poor Souls in Purgatory
<b>Tue, Dec 12</b>	<i>St Spyridon</i>
<b>Wed, Dec 13</b> 12:00 pm	<i>Wednesday— the Birth of John the Baptist</i> Mildred Colbert By Linda Hill
<b>Thur, Dec 14</b>	<i>St Nemtallah El-Hardini</i>
<b>Fri, Dec 15</b>	<i>Friday— the Birth of John the Baptist</i>
<b>Sun, Dec 17</b> 10:15 am	<b>REVELATION TO JOSEPH</b> +Edward Elking By Dennis & Roxanne Elking +William Shaheen Anniversary By Dennis and Roxanne Elking +Patricia Elking By Dr. Maged Haikal

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

<b>Sat, Dec 9</b> 4:00pm RC 5:15pm M	<i>Sunday Vigil</i> Deacon Louis Peters John & Mary Louis
<b>Sun, Dec 10</b> 8:00am RC 10:30am RC	<b>SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b> Pro Populo Ruth Werkmeister
<b>Mon, Dec 11</b> 8:00am RC	<i>St Damasus I</i> Ron Klipfel
<b>Tue, Dec 12</b> 8:00am RC 6:00pm M	<i>Our Lady of Guadalupe; St Valery</i> Michael Joseph Cono William Busekrus By Amal and Merry Kweiter
<b>Wed, Dec 13</b> 8:00am RC	<i>St Lucy</i> Jack & Mary Pudlowski By Linda Hill
<b>Thurs, Dec 14</b> 8:00am RC 6:00pm M	<i>St John of the Cross</i> Poor Souls in Purgatory By Dcn Tony & Mary Simon Elias Hitti By Nazha Hitti & Family
<b>Fri, Dec 15</b> 8:00am RC 6:30pm M	<i>St Christiana</i> Pete Rask By David & Kathy Mueckl Christmas Novena
<b>Sat, Dec 16</b> 4:00pm RC 5:15pm M	<i>Sunday Vigil</i> Pro Populo Elias Hitti By Nazha Hitti & Family
<b>Sun, Dec 17</b> 8:00am RC 10:30am RC	<b>THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b> Morrow Sons Kathy Bain

## WEEKLY FINANCES 12/03/23 ST. RAYMOND-ST.ELIZABETH:

<b>4:00pm Saturday</b>	
Loose cash	316
Checks/Envelopes	3,615
<b>7:00pm Saturday</b>	
Loose cash	36
Checks/Envelopes	10
<b>8:00am Sunday</b>	
Loose cash	158
Checks/Envelopes	433
<b>10:30am Sunday</b>	
Loose cash	159
Checks/Envelopes	140
Candles	134
Pickleball	266
Other income	1,185
Online Giving <a href="https://osvhub.com/stelizabethhungary/funds">https://osvhub.com/stelizabethhungary/funds</a>	1,075.30
Expenses	\$3,169.00

## ST. RAYMOND:

<b>5:15pm Saturday</b>	
Loose cash	45
Checks/Envelopes	235
<b>10:15am Sunday</b>	
Loose cash	126
Checks/Envelopes	822
Revenue during the week	515
Second Collection	1,137
Candles	159
Coffee hour	74
Online Giving <a href="http://straymond-mc.org/online-giving">straymond-mc.org/online-giving</a>	1,689
Expenses	\$11,737.6

## WED. LUNCHEON 12/06/23

Total Revenue	6,861.13
Expenses	\$1,391.87





*A note  
from the pastor*



## NATIONAL Eucharistic Congress

Jesus is Calling Us Deeper

HE PROMISES TO RESTORE AND RENEW HIS PEOPLE

Our world is hurting. We all need healing, yet many of us are separated from the very source of our strength. Jesus Christ invites us to return to the source and summit of our faith in the celebration of the Eucharist. The National Eucharistic Revival is a movement to restore understanding and devotion to this great mystery here in the United States by helping us renew our worship of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist.

### MAKING HISTORY

The First National Eucharistic Congress in 83 Years

This is a pivotal moment in both American history and the legacy of the Catholic Church. We are expecting tens of thousands of pilgrims—but space is limited. Jesus Christ will be there. Will you?

### WHEN

July 17–21, 2024

### WHERE

Lucas Oil Stadium

INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

### WHO

Laypeople, Clergy, & Religious



**4**

Routes

**60**

Days on the Road

**1,000**

Hosts

**6,500**

Miles Traveled

**100,000+**

Total Participants

From our Pacific coast, the western arm of the Pilgrimage will cross the Rocky Mountains and Great Plains on foot. The Junipero Serra Route will be the longest and most challenging branch of the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage—covering over 2,200 miles!

This dynamic journey will provide countless opportunities for pilgrims to walk closely with our Eucharistic Lord, following him just as the first apostles did throughout his earthly ministry. We will travel across deserts in Nevada, mountains in Colorado, and the great plains of the Midwest. Join us as we carry the Blessed Sacrament across America!



### CONTACT US:

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#### BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

Deadline: 8am Tuesdays  
To submit: Email Fr. Patrick  
[patrickkassab@outlook.com](mailto:patrickkassab@outlook.com)

#### ONLINE GIVING

Crestwood:  
[osvhub.com/stelizabethhungary/funds](https://osvhub.com/stelizabethhungary/funds)  
Downtown:  
[straymond-mc.org/online-giving](https://straymond-mc.org/online-giving)

#### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT- CRESTWOOD

Mondays 8:30am-5:00pm

#### MERCY MEAL

Kathleen Wahby 314 276 3062

#### MEDICAL EQUIPMENT

Donate or Borrow piece of medical equipment, please call  
Patty Renschen 314 517 7044





## LECTORS: CRESTWOOD

<b>Sat, Dec 9</b> 4:00 pm	Janet Finke
<b>Sun, Dec 10</b> 8:00 am 10:30 am	Jake Garanzini Laura Lebeau
<b>Sat, Dec 16</b> 4:00 pm	Mr. & Mrs. Wuebker
<b>Sun, Dec 17</b> 8:00 am 10:30 am	Nancy Wall Fabi Pineda

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND OF OUR PARISH

Mark Beck	Marie Kallial
Tom Hearst	Mary L Simon
Victor Sciarrino	Jim Benoist
Rosalie Hubert	Eddie Bremehr
Mike McSorley Sr.	Larry Tuberty
James Brumfield	Judy Roderick
Christopher & Cathy Seemayer	Marilyn Flores
Mary Lou Works	Rob Turner
Chris Nelms	Raymond Gazall
Ted Arunski	Dr. John Bouhasin
Dave Holdinghausen	Sandy Wahby
Pat Cooseman	Emil Salman
Mary Ann Reiter	Virginia Morrow
Michelle Bausworth	
Tom Saucier	
Rhoda Simpher	
Patricia Beck	
Terry Leong	
Mary Ojile	
Gloria (Skip) Leisure	
Don Ganim	
John Anton	
Jim Hoffman	
Gary Bieller	
Richard Baker Sr	
Patrick Carr	
Steve Baker	
Jana Smith	
Janet Zhakaria	
Bert Marchi	
John Cleary	
Tom Morrow	



## MISSION SUNDAY AND BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Sun. Dec. 10, we are celebrating Mission Sunday at 10:15am Divine Liturgy. Please, have our children bring gifts to be offered at Mass for the less fortunate children in St. Louis City.

Breakfast with Santa right after at The Cedars, please see attached flyer for more information, reservation contact Barbara Skitt 314 223 5923

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Eucharistic Adoration this coming Mon. Dec. 11.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education this coming Mon. Dec 11, at 6pm.

PSR Calendar:

Monday, Dec. 11, 2023 Class First Confession and All School Confessions  
Monday, Dec. 18, 2023 Class Advent Family Night  
Monday, Dec. 25, 2023 No Class Merry Christmas  
Monday, Jan. 1, 2024 No Class Blessed New Year

## KITCHEN SCOOP

The Kitchen will be closed till Wed. Jan. 10, 2024. Merry Christmas and Blessed New Year!

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

## THURS. MORNING CHRISTIAN DOC FILMS

We will not have a showing of Christian Doc Films on Thursday after morning 8am Mass till we resume on Thurs. Jan. 11, 2024.

## CHRISTMAS NOVENA

Join us to pray the Christmas Novena according to our Maronite tradition every night from Dec 15th till Dec 23rd (Weekdays) at 6:30pm at St. Raymond- St. Elizabeth Church (Crestwood)

On Saturdays and Sundays, Novena are prayed during the Divine Liturgy. *Confessions available during Novena.*

## ORDINATION OF DEACON ANTHONY SIMON

All parishioners of our church in both locations, Crestwood and Downtown, are invited to the ordination of deacon Tony Simon to the order of priesthood, Sun. Dec. 17, at 10:15am, at St. Raymond Cathedral, and reception afterward at the Cedars. Please, RSVP to [secretary@straymond-mc.org](mailto:secretary@straymond-mc.org) if you are coming, and indicate if you would like to stay for the reception.

## ORDER OF ST. SHARBEL

We congratulate Dr. Edmond & Mrs. Rima Cabbabe on becoming perpetual members of the Order of St. Sharbel. The installation in the Order of St. Sharbel will be on Sun. Dec. 17, by Bishop A. Elias Zaidan.

## WELCOME FR. MATTHEW BAUGH, SJ

Fr. Matthew Baugh, SJ will be celebrating Mass at St. Raymond- St. Elizabeth Church on Sun. Dec. 17, at 10:30am, he will confessions at 9:45am.

## NEW YEAR'S PARTY

New Year's Party at St. Raymond- St. Elizabeth Church on Sun. Dec. 31. Please RSVP by Sat. Dec. 23.

For more information, please see the attached Flyer, or call Nick Shahood at 314 749 9697



## FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS ITEMS MOST NEEDED:

Please help us restock the St. Raymond Food Pantry. All the following canned or packaged foods are needed: Meat/fish, fruits, vegetables, beans, cereal/oatmeal, soups/stews, rice, pasta, pasta sauce, and peanut butter. No glass jars, please. Thank you for your generosity in 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

## ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM, O LORD

✠ Ruth Werkmeister	10-25-2023
✠ John Steuber	10-18-2023
✠ John Putzel	10-4-2023
✠ William Busekrus	9-12-2023
✠ Michel Maghamez	8-14-2023
✠ Kathleen Ann Bruce	8-11-2023
✠ Patricia Elking	8-6-2023
✠ Wafica Issa	8-5-2023
✠ Jordan Taylor	8-1-2023
✠ Elias Hawatmeh	7-26-2023
✠ John William Cary	7-8-2023
✠ Rigo Berto Oseguera	6-18-2023
✠ Angel Mamarbashi	6-16-2023
✠ David Wissler	6-9-2023
✠ Martha Ibrahim	6-1-2023
✠ George Anton	5-29-2023
✠ Bernard Elking Sr.	5-26-2023
✠ Patricia Webbe	5-15-2023
✠ Betty Tracy	5-13-2023
✠ Elias Hitti	5-6-2023
✠ George Alkhouri	4-22-2023
✠ Lynn Warfel	3-13-2023
✠ Sabiha Abdallah	3-2-2023
✠ Rafael Gomez	2-26-2023
✠ Robert Drexler	2-19-2023
✠ Lydia Elking	2-18-2023
✠ Robert Bosch	2-13-2023
✠ Salim Sayegh	2-1-2023
✠ Antoine Gazal	1-28-2023
✠ Ralph Salame	1-26-2023
✠ Robert Risha	1-21-2023
✠ Mary Ritzka	1-13-2023
✠ Maren Dyer	1-12-2023

## CHRISTMAS 2023

### Mission Sunday & Breakfast with Santa:

Sun. Dec 10th at 10:15am (Downtown)

### Christmas Novena:

Dec 15th till Dec 23rd at 6:30pm at

St. Raymond- St. Elizabeth Church (Crestwood)

On Saturdays and Sundays, Novena are prayed during the Divine Liturgy.

### Ordination of Deacon Tony Simon to the order of priesthood:

Sun. Dec. 17th at 10:15am (Downtown)

### Christmas Masses/Divine Liturgies:

Sat. Dec. 23: 4:00pm Roman (Crestwood) - *Sunday Vigil*

5:15pm Maronite (Crestwood) - *Genealogy Sunday*

Sun. Dec. 24: 10:15 am Maronite (Downtown) - *Genealogy Sunday*

10:30 am Roman (Crestwood) - *Fourth of Advent*

4:00pm Roman (Crestwood) - *Christmas Vigil*

5:15pm Maronite (Downtown) - *Nativity*

10:00pm "Midnight" Mass Roman (Crestwood)

10:00pm "Midnight" Maronite (Downtown)

Mon. Dec. 25: 10:15am Maronite (Downtown)

10:30am Roman (Crestwood)

### Solemnity of Mary (Roman)/Circumcision (Maronite) – not a

Holyday of Obligation in the Roman Catholic Church in 2024

Mon. Jan. 1: 10:15am Maronite (Downtown)

10:30am Roman (Crestwood)

*\*Confession/Reconciliation before Mass & at Christmas Novena*



## THE GIVING TREE

(Crestwood) This year's Giving Tree will benefit Our Lady's Inn: a Faith-in-Action response to a woman in her most desperate hour; affirming the dignity of women and the sanctity of each life. Opened in honor of Our Blessed Mother, for whom there was no room in the Inn, Our Lady's Inn offers hope and healing to mind, body and spirit. Your support is most appreciated.

(Downtown) The MYO have set up the Giving Tree in the vestibule at St. Raymond-St. Elizabeth Downtown to be donated to the children of St. Mathew in North St. Louis. There you will find ornaments for newborns - 13 years of age. We are collecting UPWRAPPED hats, gloves, pajamas, socks and toys. All gifts need to be dropped off no later than Sunday, December 12, 2023, Breakfast with Santa. Last year, we delivered over 200 gifts. Please be generous again this year.

## MAINTENANCE

We will be going through some emergency maintenance at St. Raymond- St. Elizabeth church.

Outside concrete slab maintenance by the entrance of the church \$9,000. Please, let us support and help donate to the maintenance fund at our church.

Convection oven for Kitchen \$12,000

Flooring for church \$35,000

Boiler parts and maintenance \$15,000 (already donated, thank you for the donor).

Thank You!

## BANNS OF MARRIAGE

Banns of Marriage are announced for Maria Simon & Juan Alvarado; Anthony Simon & Emma Krummenacher;

If anyone knows why these people should not be married, please let the pastor know now or forever hold your peace!



God does not call the **Qualified**,  
He qualifies the **Called**.

If you think you have a calling, contact

**Office of Vocations**  
for unmarried men studying for  
the Sacred Priesthood

Chorbishop Don Sawyer, D. Min  
512-458-3693 or frdsawyer@outlook.com  
www.eparchy.org/offices/office-of-vocations



**Office of Ministries**  
for married men studying for the Subdiaconate,  
Diaconate & the Sacred Priesthood

Father Patrick Kassab  
314-437-2882 or ministries@eparchy.org  
www.vineyardofthelord.org






FEATURING SPECIAL GUEST,  
HIS EXCELLENCY, BISHOP ZAIDAN



**"ON THE INCARNATION"**  
**EPARCHIAL MYA CHRISTMAS EVENT**

 SUNDAY, DEC. 17TH - 7:30 PM EST  
THE WORD MADE FLESH - JOHN 1:14  
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85824886025>

**seek**<sup>24</sup>  
St. Louis, MO | Jan 1-5 

Join us for the  
**Making  
Missionary  
Disciples  
Track**



Join us in St. Louis from  
January 1-5, 2024 with  
other members of your  
parish!

Practical training  
to answer your  
call to missionary  
discipleship

FOR ALL AGES  
[archstl.org/seek](http://archstl.org/seek)

*New Year's Eve  
Celebration*

**2024**

**St Raymond - St Elizabeth Church**

Sunday, December 31, 2023  
Starting at 7:30 PM

**St Raymond - St Elizabeth Gymnasium**  
1420 S Sappington Rd, St Louis, MO 63126

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SAVE THE DATE

**DESIGNER PURSE  
BINGO**

SUNDAY MARCH 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
THE CEDARS BANQUET CENTER  
939 LEBANON DR ST. LOUIS, MO  
63104





*Singer Said Abi Akl*

Lebanese Food  
Baby Sitter and Clown



**2024**

\$100 per adult  
\$ 50 per 12-17  
Free for 11 and younger

For tickets, please contact Nick Chahood: 314 749 9697  
or church offices: 314 621 0056 or email: [secretary@straymond-mc.org](mailto:secretary@straymond-mc.org)  
We accept Visa, Master Card, American Express, Checks, and Cash Payments