



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

Crestwood

1420 S. Sappington Road,

Crestwood, MO 63126

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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



CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

Liturgy p. 606

Joh 29:1-3, 23-26

Romans 12:9-21

Matthew 25:31-46



THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Exodus 22:20-26

Psalms 18

1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10

Matthew 22:34-40

Sunday, October 25th, 2026

DIVINE LITURGY & MASS INTENTIONS

DOWNTOWN:

Sat. Oct. 24	<i>St Broklos, Archbishop of Constantinople & St Ambramios and his Companions, Martyrs</i>
Sun. Oct. 25 10:15 am	CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY +Habib Chahoud By Pam DiMercurio +Husnie & Thunsa Simon By Linda Hill +Richard Mueller By David & Kathy Mueckl
Mon. Oct. 26 12:00 pm	<i>St Demetrius, Martyr</i> Poor Souls in Purgatory
Tue. Oct. 27	<i>St Capitolina and St Arotida, Martyrs</i>
Wed. Oct. 28 12:00 pm	<i>St Tirnisios and his companions, Martyrs</i> Mike & Anne Brotherton By Linda Hill
Thurs. Oct. 29	<i>St Anastasia the Great, Virgin and Martyr & St Blasius bishop of Sibastia, and his companions.</i>
Fri. Oct. 30 12:00 pm	<i>St Makarius, bishop of Jerusalem & St Serabion, bishop of Antioch & Baruch (Barookh) the prophet</i> Mass for retired nuns at Mason Pointe
Sat. Oct. 31	<i>St Abimakos and St Gordians, Martyrs</i>
Sun. Nov. 1 10:15 am	CONSECRATION AND RENEWAL OF THE CHURCH +Paulette Risha By Effie & David Westphal +Terry Leong By Don Leong and Family For Vivian (healing from brain stem tumor) By Maria Simon

CRESTWOOD: (RC Roman Catholic, MC Maronite)

Sat. Oct. 24 4:00 pm RC 5:15 pm MC	<i>Sunday Vigil; St Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop</i> Msgr. James E Margason by Steve Gilroy Robert Kelly Subdeacon George & Marilue Simon By Jodi & Cathi Slinkard
Sun. Oct. 25 8:00 am RC 10:30 am RC	THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Mary Ellen Degnan by Judy Shipp Aaron Alster
Mon. Oct. 26 8:00 am RC	<i>St Alfred the Great</i> Jill Kelsch; and Ronald & Ella Lauber by Wyatt Lauber;
Tue. Oct. 27 8:00 am RC 6:00 pm MC	<i>St Abraham the Poor</i> Scott Finke; and Neal & Aaron Alster by Pat Alster Poor Souls in Purgatory By Brenda Winebright
Wed. Oct. 28 8:00 am RC	<i>St Simon and St Jude, Apostles</i> Jordan Lauber by Wyatt Lauber; for Kathy Rachter (healing)
Thurs. Oct. 29 8:00 am RC 6:00 pm MC	<i>St Mary of Edessa</i> Aaron & Neal Alster by Pat Alster Jack & Mary Pudlowski By Linda Hill
Fri. Oct. 30 8:00 am	<i>St Raymond of Cardona</i> Elizabeth Gilroy by Steven Gilroy
Sat. Oct. 31 4:00 pm RC 5:15 pm MC	<i>Sunday Vigil; Blessed Virgin Mary</i> Anne Skoff by James Stecher John & Mary Louis By David & Kathy Mueckl Neal & Aaron Alster by Pat Alster
Sun. Nov. 1 8:00 am MC 10:30 am RC	SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS Joseph & Mary Ojile By George & Elaine Simon Maria & Jan Zamarlo

WEEKLY FINANCES 10/18/2026

ST. RAYMOND-ST.ELIZABETH:

4:00pm Saturday	
Loose cash	267
Checks/Envelopes	425
7:00pm Saturday	
Loose cash	-
Checks/Envelopes	
8:00am Sunday	
Loose cash	153
Checks/Envelopes	220
10:30am Sunday	
Loose cash	131
Checks/Envelopes	490
Candles	117
Pickleball	289
Revenue during the week	270
Second Collection	45
Rentals	-
Online Giving https://osvhub.com/stelizabethhungary/funds	\$836.29
Expenses	\$17,680.58

ST. RAYMOND:

5:15pm Saturday	
Loose cash	-
Checks/Envelopes	
10:15am Sunday	
Loose cash	42
Checks/Envelopes	931
Revenue during the week	450
Candles	117
Coffee hour	250
Second Collection	250
Online Giving https://osvhub.com/straymond-mc/giving/funds	2,072
Expenses	\$17,185.57





Saint John Paul II

Karol J. Wojtyla, known as John Paul II since his October 1978 election to the papacy, was born in Wadowice, a small city 50 kilometres from Cracow, on May 18, 1920.

Upon graduation from Marcin Wadowita high school in Wadowice, he enrolled in Cracow's Jagiellonian University in 1938 and in a school for drama.

The Nazi occupation forces closed the university in 1939 and young Karol had to work in a quarry (1940-1944).

In 1942, aware of his call to the priesthood, he began courses in the clandestine seminary of Cracow.

After the Second World War, he continued his studies in the major seminary of Cracow, once it had re-opened, and in the faculty of theology of the Jagiellonian University, until his priestly ordination in Cracow on November 1, 1946.

Soon after, Cardinal Sapieha sent him to Rome where he worked under the guidance of the French Dominican, Garrigou-Lagrange. He finished his doctorate in theology in 1948 with a thesis on the topic of faith in the works of St. John of the Cross.

On July 4, 1958, he was appointed Auxiliary Bishop of Cracow by Pope Pius XII, and was consecrated September 28, 1958, in Wawel Cathedral, Cracow, by Archbishop Baziak.

On January 13, 1964, he was nominated Archbishop of Cracow by Pope Paul VI, who made him a cardinal June 26, 1967.

Besides taking part in Vatican Council II with an important contribution to the elaboration of the Constitution *Gaudium et spes*.

Since the start of his Pontificate on October 16, 1978, Pope John Paul II has completed 95 pastoral visits outside of Italy and 142 within Italy. As Bishop of Rome he has visited 301 of the 334 parishes.

His principal documents include 14 encyclicals, 13 apostolic exhortations, 11 apostolic constitutions and 42 apostolic letters. The Pope has also published three books: "Crossing the Threshold of Hope" (October 1994); "Gift and Mystery: On the 50th Anniversary of My Priestly Ordination" (November 1996) and "Roman Tryptych - Meditations", a book of poems (March 2003).

John Paul II has presided at 138 beatification ceremonies (1,310 Blesseds proclaimed) and 48 canonization ceremonies (469 Saints) during his pontificate. He has held 8 consistories in which he created 201 cardinals. He has also convened six plenary meetings of the College of Cardinals.

From 1978 to today the Holy Father has presided at 15 Synods of Bishops: six ordinary, one extraordinary (1985) and eight special.

No other Pope has encountered so many individuals like John Paul II: to date, more than 16,700,000 pilgrims have participated in the General Audiences held on Wednesdays (more than 1,000). Such figure is without counting all other special audiences and religious ceremonies held [more than 8 million pilgrims during the Great Jubilee of the Year 2000 alone] and the millions of faithful met during pastoral visits made in Italy and throughout the world. It must also be remembered the numerous government personalities encountered during 38 official visits and in the 690 audiences and meetings held with Heads of State, and even the 226 audiences and meetings with Prime Ministers.

Pope John Paul II was shot and seriously wounded on May 13, 1981, in St. Peter's Square at Vatican City. Mehmet Ali Ağca, a 23-year-old Turkish citizen and member of the far-right group Grey Wolves, opened fire with a pistol. The Pope was struck twice (or up to four times, hitting his abdomen, arm, and hand), suffering severe blood loss and wounds to his colon and small intestine. Two other bystanders, Ann Odre and Rose Hall, were also wounded.

Ağca was sentenced to life in prison by an Italian court. The Pope famously forgave him days later from his hospital bed, later visited him in Rebibbia Prison in 1983, and requested a presidential pardon. Ağca was pardoned in 2000 and deported to Turkey.

The Pope credited his survival to the intercession of Our Lady of Fátima, as the shooting occurred on the anniversary of the Fátima apparitions. He later placed the bullet that struck him into the crown of the Virgin Mary's statue in Fátima, Portugal.

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ONLINE GIVING

Crestwood:
osvhub.com/stelizabethhungary/funds

Downtown:
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Donate or Borrow piece of medical equipment, please call
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Joseph Nesser



LECTORS: CRESTWOOD

Sat, Oct. 24 4:00 pm	Ralph & Margie
Sun, Oct. 25 8:00 am 10:30 am	Dan & Kathleen Austin Krueger
Sat, Oct. 31 4:00 pm	Sr. Rosalie
Sun, Nov. 1 8:00 am 10:30 am	Nancy Wall Glen Brookman

UP COMING EVENTS

- *Oct. 17: Autumn Harvest Festival
- *Nov. 14: Vendor Fair
- *Nov. 21: St Elizabeth Feast Day, 4pm Mass
- *Nov. 22: St Romanos Feast Day
- *Dec. 3: Men's Christmas Dinner
- *Dec. 10: Ladies' Christmas Dinner
- *Sun Dec. 6: Breakfast with Santa
- *Sun. Dec. 13: Mission Sunday with our bishop

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK & HOMEBOUND OF OUR PARISH

Tom Hearst	Rob Turner
Victor Sciarrino	Emil Salman
Rosalie Hubert	Jennifer Van Luven
Mike McSorley Sr.	Janet Emerson
James Brumfield	Burton Droste
Cathy Seemayer	Gabe Vollet
Mary Lou Works	Barb Rohr
Chris Nelms	Gerry Nassif
Ted Arunski	Tim Gamma
Dave Holdinghausen	Munir Matar
Michelle Bausworth	Rima Cabbabe
Tom Saucier	Lynn Kersting
Rhoda Simpher	Mary Saucier
Patricia Beck	Don Works
Don Ganim	Joyce Banovz
John Anton	
Jim Hoffman	
Richard Baker Sr	
Patrick Carr	
Steve Baker	
Janet Zhakaria	
John Cleary	
Tom Morrow	
Marie Kallial	

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 the Ladies' Sodality, thank you!

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Eucharistic Adoration this coming Mon. Oct. 26 , 8:30am—5:00pm, at St. Raymond— St. Elizabeth Church.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION & OCIA FORMATION

Rel. Ed. Mon. Oct. 26, at 5:45pm at St. Raymond— St. Elizabeth Church.
 Religious Education Calendar 2026:
 Monday, Oct. 26, 2026, Class, Dress like a Saint
 Monday Nov. 2, 2026, Class, All Souls Day, Rosary & pizza reward night
 Monday, Nov. 9 , 2026, Class, Parent meeting, 1st Confession`
 Monday, Nov. 16, 2026, Class, St Raymond & St Elizabeth
 Monday, Nov. 23, 2026, No class, Thanksgiving week
 Monday, Nov. 30, 2026, Class, 1st Week of Advent/Visitation of the B. Mary
 Monday, Dec. 7 , 2026, Class, 1st Confession Vigil of the Imm. Conception
 Monday, Dec. 14, 2026, Class, Advent/ Charity/Christmas Pageant
 Monday, Dec. 21, 2026, No class, Merry Christmas, Jesus Christ is Born!
 Monday, Dec. 28, 2026, No class, Christmas

BIBLE STUDY

Come join the Bible Study group, Mon. Oct. 26, 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. 28 , 2026.
 On Tuesday, Oct. 27, 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. 29 . All welcome! At Fr Edwards Hall following 8 am Mass.

THANK YOU RECEPTION FOR BOTH FESTIVALS

We will meet for a reception and evaluation meeting for both our Festivals on Wed. Nov. 4, at 6:30pm, at St Raymond- St Elizabeth church cafeteria. All coordinators and chairpersons are invited. Thank You!

YOUTH ELECTION OF NEW OFFICERS

Our 2026/2027 Youth MYO Officers
 Secretary: William; Treasury: Joe Chahla; Sergeant of arms: Nina
 Vice Presidents:
 Gabe, Lila, Mesk , Celena
 Presidents:
 Oct-Nov. Sam; Dec-Jan. Nick; Feb-Mar. Joseph; Apr-May Mira;
 June-July Maria
 Parent coordinators: Mary Rose, Alexis, Jennifer, Elssy
 Youth minister: Alex Khater

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

✠ Tommy Ortmann	10-12-2026
✠ Paulette Risha	10-10-2026
✠ 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
✠ Milad Abounader	10-6-2025
✠ Carol Bilger	9-25-2025
✠ Christopher Seemayer	9-5-2025
✠ Mary Susan Bickel	8-24-2025
✠ Barbara Marchetto	7-18-2025
✠ John D. Bouhasin	7-9-2025



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.

LEGACY SUNDAY

Our focus is the Catholic parishes, schools and ministries in the Archdiocese of St. Louis. We work with donors and leaders to sustain these local faith organizations now and long into the future. More info, flyer is in the back and see our ambassadors, Bob and Teddy.

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

MARRIAGE BANNS

We announce the Banns of Marriage between:

- ✠ 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.

RIP

Art & Dorothy Smith from our community at St Raymond- St Elizabeth church. Family/ friends prayer of Interment on Fri. Oct 23, 2026. May God grant Art & Dorothy Eternal Rest in His Kingdom.

RIP

Tommy Ortmann passed on into Eternal Life, our prayers and condolences are offered to his family. Mass/ Funeral will be celebrated on Sat. Oct. 24, at St. Raymond—St. Elizabeth Church, at 10 am. May God grant Tommy Eternal Rest in His Kingdom.

Wisdom 3

1 But the souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and no torment will ever touch them.

2 In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died, and their departure was thought to be an affliction,

3 and their going from us to be their destruction; but they are at peace.

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Looking for Vendors

Join our Annual Vendor Fair

Saturday
November 14, 2026
9:00am-1:00pm

Space rental includes a 3'x8' table and 2 chairs.
\$60 per space (limit 2).
Space rental will be limited to one representative
per Vendor and will be on a
"first-come first-served" basis.

For registration form email StRS1EVendorFair@gmail.com

Faith Across Generations




LEGACY SUNDAY

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Maronite Liturgical Calendar

Sundays of the Church The Church, our Family in Christ  <i>We gather, we pray, we grow in faith</i> • Consecration of the Church • Renewal of the Church	Season of the Birth of Jesus The Promise Fulfilled in a Child  <i>God became man</i> • Announcement of Zachariah • Announcement to Mary • Visitation to Elizabeth • Birth of John the Baptist • Revelation to Joseph • Genealogy of Jesus • Glorious Birth of Jesus • Finding of the Lord in the Temple • Circumcision of Jesus	Season of the Glorious Epiphany Christ reveals himself to the World  <i>The Father's voice proclaimed: 'This is my beloved Son'</i> • Glorious Epiphany of the Lord • Sundays of the Epiphany	Three Weeks of Commemorations Remembering the Faithful in Christ  <i>They live in God's love, forever.</i> • Commemoration of the Priests • Commemoration of the Righteous and the Just • Commemoration of the Faithful Departed	Season of the Great Lent A time of Prayer, Fasting, and Renewal  <i>Turn to the Lord with a humble heart</i> • Wedding at Cana • Healing of the Leper • Healing of the Hemorrhaging Woman • Parable of the Prodigal Son • Healing of the Paralytic • Healing of the Blind Man • Hosanna Sunday
Passion Week The Journey of Love and Sacrifice  <i>He suffered for us, that we might live.</i> • Coming to the Harbor • Wednesday of the Lamp • Thursday of the Mysteries • Great Friday • Saturday of the Light	Season of the Glorious Resurrection Christ is Risen! He is Truly Risen!  <i>Death is not the end, but the beginning</i> • Sunday of the Glorious Resurrection • New Sunday • Sundays of Resurrection • Ascension of the Lord	Season of the Glorious Pentecost The Holy Spirit builds the Church  <i>One Spirit, One Church, One Mission</i> • Pentecost Sunday • Sunday of the Most Holy Trinity • Pentecost Sundays • Feast of the Holy Apostles Peter & Paul • Feast of the Twelve Apostles • Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord • Feast of the Assumption of the Virgin	Season of the Glorious Cross The Cross Brings Life  <i>Through the Cross comes Salvation, through the Cross comes new life.</i> • Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross	