



# 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: [www.facebook.com/groups/saintraymonds](http://www.facebook.com/groups/saintraymonds)

## Crestwood

1420 S. Sappington Road  
Crestwood, MO 63126

Tel: (314) 968-0760

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

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/sehcrestwood/](http://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 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



### 3rd SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

Liturgy p.107

Num 21: 4-9

Gal 3: 23-29

Jn 3: 1-16



### THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10

Ps 19

1 Corinthians 12:12-30

Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

*Sunday, January 26th, 2025*

## DIVINE LITURGY & MASS INTENTIONS DOWNTOWN:

Sat, Jan. 25	Memorial of the conversion of St. Paul & baptism
Sun, Jan. 26 10:15 am	<b>3rd SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY</b> +Agnes Koram- Timmons, Mary Earley, Gary Peters By the Family +Denise & Dan Metz By Rose Reynolds
Mon, Jan. 27 12:00 pm	St. Paula, the widow Poor Souls in Purgatory
Tues, Jan. 28	St. Ephrem, a Doctor in the Church
Wed, Jan. 29 12:00 pm	St. Baladius & St. Apiolitos, a martyr Georgette Kevorkian By Mary & John Denny
Thurs, Jan. 30	St. Maximus, the confessor
Fri, Jan. 31 12:00 pm	St. John Bosco Poor Souls in Purgatory
Sat, Feb. 1	St. Fionos, the martyr & pope Oticanos
Sun, Feb. 2 10:15 am	<b>PRESENTATION OF THE LORD IN THE TEMPLE</b> All Living and Deceased Parishioners of Our Church Community in Downtown and Crestwood.

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

Sat, Jan. 25 4:00 pm RC 5:15 pm M	<i>Sunday Vigil</i> Nancy Davis Terry Rask By David & Kathy Mueckl
Sun, Jan. 26 8:00 am RC 10:30 am RC	<b>3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> Morrow Sons by Carol Morrow Mary Ann Reiter
Mon, Jan. 27 8:00 am RC	St. Angela Merici Helmut Kramer
Tue, Jan. 28 8:00 am RC 6:00 pm M	St. Thomas Aquinas Charles & Katherine Dunivin By David & Kathy Mueckl Mike & Anne Brotherton By Linda Hill
Wed, Jan. 29 8:00 am RC	St. Gildas the Wise Charles and Joan Powell By Linda Hill
Thurs, Jan. 30 8:00 am RC 6:00 pm M	St. Columba Marmion James Hoffmann By David & Kathy Mueckl Elias Hitti By Nazha Hitti and Family
Fri, Jan. 31 8:00 am RC	St. John Bosco Joseph Ojile By Linda Hill
Sat, Feb. 1 4:00 pm RC 5:15 pm M	<i>Sunday Vigil</i> Nancy Davis John & Mary Louis
Sun, Feb. 2 8:00 am RC 10:30 am RC	<b>THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD</b> Pro Populo Mary Ann Reiter

## WEEKLY FINANCES 1/19/2025 ST. RAYMOND-ST.ELIZABETH:

<b>4:00pm Saturday</b>	
Loose cash	395
Checks/Envelopes	465
<b>7:00pm Saturday</b>	
Loose cash	22
Checks/Envelopes	140
<b>8:00am Sunday</b>	
Loose cash	173
Checks/Envelopes	195
<b>10:30am Sunday</b>	
Loose cash	237
Checks/Envelopes	345
Candles	31
Pickleball	295
<b>Revenue during the week</b>	12,801.10
<b>First Offering</b>	
<b>Online Giving</b> <a href="https://osvhub.com/stelizabethungary/funds">https://osvhub.com/stelizabethungary/funds</a>	435
<b>Expenses</b>	\$6,586.57

## ST. RAYMOND:

<b>5:15pm Saturday</b>	
Loose cash	105
Checks/Envelopes	
<b>10:15am Sunday</b>	
Loose cash	74
Checks/Envelopes	1,365
<b>Second collection</b>	145
<b>Revenue during the week</b>	115
Candles	135
Coffee hour	434
Memorial	600
<b>Online Giving</b> <a href="https://osvhub.com/straymond-mc/giving/funds">https://osvhub.com/straymond-mc/giving/funds</a>	1,948
<b>Expenses</b>	\$4,741.02

## WED. LUNCH 1/22/25

<b>Total Revenue Lunch</b>	4,005.75
<b>Expenses</b>	\$1,000.70





# A note from the pastor

## CONTACT US:

### RECTOR

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Dennis Keller, Jr.  
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### BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

Deadline: 8am Tuesdays  
To submit: Email Felicity  
steeliz@straymond-mc.org

### ONLINE GIVING

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

### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT- CRESTWOOD

Mondays 8:30am-5:00pm

### MERCY MEAL


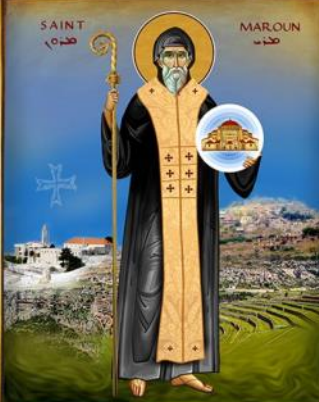
Kathleen Wahby 314 276 3062

### MEDICAL EQUIPMENT

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


### PICKLEBALL

David Miller  
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**St. Maron 350-410 AD  
Feast Day, Feb. 9  
Priest and Hermit  
Patron and Father of  
the Maronite Church**

Saint Maron was a mystic who started this new ascetic-spiritual life that attracted many people in Syria and Lebanon to become his disciples. Accompanying his deeply spiritual and ascetic life, he was a zealous missionary with a passion to spread the message of Christ by preaching it to all he met. He sought not only to cure the physical ailments that people suffered, but had a great quest for nurturing and healing the "lost souls" of both non-Christians and Christians of his time. This missionary work came to fruition when in the mountains of Syria, Saint Maron was able to convert a temple into a Christian church in Kafr Nabu. This was to be the beginning of the conversion to Christianity in Syria which would then influence and spread to Lebanon. After his death in the year 410 in Kalota, his spirit and teachings lived on through his disciples. The Maronite movement reached Lebanon when Saint Maron's first disciple, Abraham of Cyrhus, who was called the Apostle of Lebanon, realized that there were many non-Christians in Lebanon and so he set out to convert them to Christianity by introducing them to the way of Saint Maron. Maronites have always remained in full communion with the Holy See / Chair of St. Peter.



## St. Maron's Feast Day Celebration and Reception

**St. Maron's Feast Day on Sun. Feb. 2, 2025,  
10:15 AM Divine Liturgy, Presided by  
Bishop A. Elias Zaidan  
at St. Raymond Cathedral, St. Louis, MO**  
Installation of Officers/Members of all Church Organizations/Committees

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**St. Maron's Feast Day Reception at The Cedars,  
Sun. Feb. 2, at 12:00 PM noon  
(939 Lebanon Dr, St. Louis, MO 63104)**

- ✦ Bishop's Eparchial Awards
- ✦ Silver Massabki Medal Awards
- ✦ Faith of Mountain Award

**Food Menu:** Moughrabieh (middle eastern couscous with chicken, onions, and other herbs), Kibbe bi Sayniyye (ground beef and cracked wheat), Humus, Salad, Sweets, and Beverage drinks

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**\$20 per adult  
\$10 per youth (13-17 yo)  
\$5 per child (5-12 yo)  
Free for children (4 year old and under)**

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For table reservation, please contact:  
The church offices at:  
314 621 0056 Downtown, or 314 968 0760 Crestwood  
email: [secretary@straymond-mc.org](mailto:secretary@straymond-mc.org), or [steeliz@straymond-mc.org](mailto:steeliz@straymond-mc.org)

We accept Visa, Master Card, American Express, Checks, and Cash Payments  
50% of the proceeds to our church and 50% to the work of Caritas Lebanon



**LECTORS: CRESTWOOD**

<b>Tues, Jan. 25</b> 4:00 pm	Ralph & Margie
<b>Wed, Jan. 26</b> 8:00 am 10:30 am	Nancy Wall Fabi Pineda
<b>Tues, Feb. 1</b> 4:00 pm	Ralph & Margie
<b>Wed, Feb. 2</b> 8:00 am 10:30 am	Nancy Wall Fabi Pineda

**UP COMING EVENTS**

- \*Sun. Feb. 2 : St. Maron’s Feast Day
- \*Sun. March 9 : Ladies’ Sodality Purse Bingo
- \*Sun. April 13: Palm Sun. Lunch.
- \*Sat. April 19: Easter Egg Hunt
- \*Sun. May 4 : First Holy Communion
- \*Sun. May 11 : Mother’s Day Brunch
- \*Thurs. May 29: Confirmation at St. R– St. E
- \*Sat. June 7: Men’s Society Golf Tournament
- \*June 23-26: Vacation Bible School
- \*June 23-28: MYO Youth National Conf.
- \*Sep. 19-21: St. Louis Lebanese Festival
- \*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	Mary L Simon
Ted Arunski	Jim Benoist
Dave Holdinghausen	Eddie Bremehr
Michelle Bausworth	Judy Roderick
Tom Saucier	Rob Turner
Rhoda Simpher	Dr. John Bouhasin
Patricia Beck	Emil Salman
Terry Leong	Jennifer Van Luven
Mary Ojile	David Taylor
Gloria (Skip) Leisure	Milad Abounader
Don Ganim	George Lampe
John Anton	
Jim Hoffman	
Richard Baker Sr	

**SUN JAN 26 NOON DIVINE LITURGY**

Sun. Jan. 26 (last Sun of the month), we will celebrate at St. Raymond Cathedral, noon Divine Liturgy (mostly in Arabic language).

**COFFEE HOUR**

We welcome all our parishioners and visitors for coffee hour Sun. Jan. 26, at the Cedars, prepared and served by the Ladies’ Sodality.

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

Eucharistic Adoration this Mon. Jan. 27, at St. Raymond– St. Elizabeth Church, from 8:30am to 5:00pm.

**REL. ED. CLASSES**

- Monday, Jan. 27, 2025 Class
- Monday, Feb. 3, 2025 Class, Catholic Schools Week
- Monday, Feb. 10, 2025 Class
- Monday, Feb. 17, 2025 No Class, Presidents’ Day
- Monday, Feb. 24, 2025 Class [Teachers Meeting]

**KITCHEN SCOOP**

The Kitchen will be open Wed. Jan. 29, 2025. On Tuesday, Jan. 28, at 8:30am we will be preparing kibbe aras, and rolling grape/cabbage leaves and another shift at 5:00pm. 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 VIDEO SERIES**

We will have Christian documentary films Thursday morning, on Jan. 30, 2025, after 8am Mass, at Fr. Edwards Hall.

**ST MARON’S FEAST DAY CELEBRATION**

We will celebrate, Sunday, February 2, 2025, St. Maron’s Feast Day Divine Liturgy and Reception afterward at St. Raymond Cathedral, presided by our bishop, Most Reverend A. Elias Zaidan.

All Church Organizations/Committees are invited to participate for the Installation of all the Officers/Members of all Committees/Organizations. We will have a reception and luncheon at the Cedars afterward (\$20 per adult, Youth and children are for free), Awards/Medals and Receptions during the reception/luncheon. Proceeds to help the work of Caritas Lebanon 25%, our Youth 25%, our church 50%. For reservation contact, parish offices:

Downtown, Tel: (314) 621-0056 [secretary@straymond-mc.org](mailto:secretary@straymond-mc.org)  
Crestwood, Tel: (314) 968-0760 [steeliz@straymond-mc.org](mailto:steeliz@straymond-mc.org)

**8AM MARONITE DIVINE LITURGY**

We will not have a Maronite Divine Liturgy Sun. Feb. 2, at our church in Crestwood, it will be a Roman Catholic 8am Mass, because our bishop is celebrating the Feast of St. Maron, at St. Raymond Cathedral on that day.

**CHURCH UP-COMING EVENTS**

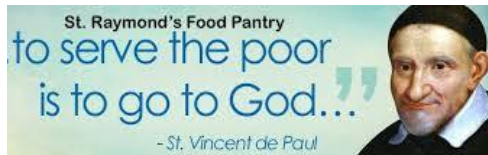
Please, look on the left section of this page, you can see the whole calendar year 2025:

- \*Sun. Feb. 2 : St. Maron’s Feast Day
- \*Sun. March 9 : Ladies’ Sodality Purse Bingo,...



**ST. RAYMOND FOOD PANTRY:**

Please help us restock St. Raymond’s Food Pantry. Current needs: canned or packaged meat/fish, soups/stews, peanut butter, rice/pasta, pasta sauce, and cereal. 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

**ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM, O LORD**

- ✠ Georgette Kevorkian 1-5-2025
- ✠ Chris Beck 12-3-2024
- ✠ Mary Ann Reiter 11-14-2024
- ✠ Patricia Cooseman 11-4-2024
- ✠ Carol Alkobri 9-30-2024
- ✠ Gary Wayne Bieller 9-9-2024
- ✠ Amal Kweiter 8-8-2024
- ✠ Larry Tuberty 7-23-2024
- ✠ Robert Deutschmann 7-18-2024
- ✠ Robert Reask 7-10-2024
- ✠ Albertha Marchi 6-27-2024
- ✠ Robert Kelly 6-23-2024
- ✠ Roberto Mendoza 6-3-2024
- ✠ James Hamm 4-27-2024
- ✠ Gerald Peters 4-25-2024
- ✠ Teresa Syron 4-20-2024
- ✠ Sandra Wahby 4-16-2024
- ✠ William Appelbaum 4-3-2024
- ✠ Charles Nesser 3-23-2024
- ✠ Hisham Altwal 3-18-2024
- ✠ Phyllis Sullivan 2-23-2024
- ✠ Robert Schwarz 2-16-2024
- ✠ Marilyn Flores 2-14-2024
- ✠ Virginia Morrow 2-10-2024
- ✠ Charles LaMartina 1-26-2024
- ✠ Arline Deutschmann 1-21-2024
- ✠ Adel Altwal 1-11-2024
- ✠ Catherine Leisure 12-29-2023
- ✠ Raymond Gazall 12-9-2023
- ✠ 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

**PURSE BINGO SUN MARCH 9**

Purse Bingo at the Cedars hall on Sunday. For any questions or information, see flyer in the back, and contact Mary Denny <marypdenny@gmail.com>

**FISH FRY EVERY FRIDAY OF LENT**

St. Raymond– St. Elizabeth church cafeteria will have a Fish Fry every Friday of Lent 2025, starting March 7, 4pm– 7pm. At 6:00pm we will have at the church, the Stations of the Cross and Maronite Adoration of the Cross Prayers. We will have the different church organizations and committees to help in the Fish Fry. Pre-orders, Menu, Carry-out, Dine-in will be posted on our church Square page <http://st-raymond-cathedral.square.site/>

**LIGHT WEIGH CATHOLIC WEIGHT-LOSS GROUP**

For more information contact group leader Kathy Harkins, kathyharkins@charter.net or Pam Olimpio pcatherine@att.net, Director of Formation.

**SENIOR MINISTRY**

For more information contact Dr. Saad Alkaade: 3146815837, saad.k@sbcglobal.net

**CASEY’S KICKERS TRIVIA NIGHT**

Casey’s Kickers is having their annual trivia night on Saturday February 8th, 2025 in St. Elizabeth’s gym. Doors open at 6pm and trivia starts at 7pm. Proceeds from this trivia benefit the Scott Gallagher Living Legacy Scholarship in honor of Casey Klipfel. Tables of 8 are \$200 (\$25 per person) and VIP tables are available for \$320. To reserve your table you can send a check to Casey’s Kickers c/o Glenn Klipfel 624 Fox Creek Ct, St. Louis, MO 63126. If you would like to pay via Square or Venmo please reach out to Cindy Klipfel at 314-609-6830. You can also reach out to Glenn Klipfel at 314-210-6690.

**CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT FOR 2024**

Contribution statements for 2024 will be mailed to all parishioners, please if you have any questions, please call or email the church offices, at St. Raymond Cathedral or St. Raymond– St. Elizabeth Church. Thanks for your support and help to our church.

**MEN’S SOCIETY & LADIES’ SODALITY**

St. Raymond– St. Elizabeth Men’s Society and Ladies’ Sodality sent their membership applications to most parishioners/Men and Women, please if you would like to be a member of the societies, send or renew your membership to church offices (\$25 annual fee membership).

**BIBLE STUDY WITH FR JAD**

Join Fr. Jad, our assistant pastor, for a Bible Study on St. John’s Gospel. Classes will meet on Mondays, 6:00-7:00 pm. Please bring your Bible! (And bring a friend!) Location: St Raymond-St Elizabeth Fr. Edwards hall, Crestwood. Soon, we will announce the dates of the Bible study.

# 6TH GRADE VOCATION ESSAY CONTEST

SPONSORED BY SERRA CLUB OF ST LOUIS



## ATTENTION ALL 6TH GRADERS

Why are Priests, Brothers, Sisters and Deacons necessary for the mission of the Catholic Church?

Entries from all Catholic schools, home schools, parishes and youth groups will be judged by a Serra Club of St. Louis Committee. Entries must be postmarked by March 21st and be 125 to 300 words. Essays must be typed.

Please include your name, school, parish, boy/girl and name/email/phone number of the teacher or youth minister.

Please submit essays via mail:  
Serra Club of St. Louis  
Attn: Linda Patterson  
5200 Glennon Drive  
St. Louis, MO 63119

Questions:  
Call or email  
Linda Patterson  
(314) 616-7097

1st Prize winners - \$125 for the teacher

## WIN CASH

\$300 1st Place Girls and Boys

\$200 2nd Place Girls and Boys

\$100 3rd Place Girls and Boys

## St Raymond-St Elizabeth Parish School of Religion

### Parent Newsletter

Dear Families,

Next Monday, January 27, 2025 we will be back to class.

**Monday evening the 5/6th Grade class will lead evening prayer.**

Monday, Jan. 27, 2025	Class	
Monday, Feb. 3, 2025	Class	
Monday, Feb. 10, 2025	Class	Catholic Schools Week (Feb. 9 Feast of St Maron)
Monday, Feb. 17, 2025	No school	Presidents Day
Monday, Feb. 24, 2025	Class	[Teachers Meeting]
Monday, March 3, 2025	Class	Ash Monday
Monday, March 10, 2025	Class	All School Confessions
Monday, March 17, 2025	No school	Spring Break
Monday, March 24, 2025	Class	First Communion Meeting

#### Sacraments

Saturday, May 3, 2025  
Sunday, May 4, 2025

Thursday, May 29, 2025

1st Communion Practice St Raymond Cathedral 10:30-11:30am  
1st Holy Communion Divine Liturgy @ St Raymond Cathedral 10:15am  
Confirmation Practice St Raymond - St Elizabeth  
Confirmation St Raymond - St Elizabeth 6:00pm Mass  
May Crowning of the Bl. Virgin Mary

## DESIGNER PURSE BINGO

ST RAYMOND'S MARONITE CATHEDRAL/SPONSORED BY ST RAYMOND-ST ELIZABETH LADIES SODALITY

SUNDAY MARCH 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025

THE CEDARS BANQUET CENTER  
939 LEBANON DR ST. LOUIS, MO 63104

DOORS OPEN @ 12 NOON

BINGO BEGINS @ 1PM

\$30.00 PER PERSON or \$240.00 PER TABLE OF 8

PAYMENT DUE AT TIME OF RESERVATION-NO TICKETS SOLD AT THE DOOR

20 BINGO GAMES-20 DESIGNER PURSES

ATTENDANCE PRIZES

COFFEE, TEA, WATER PROVIDED/CASH BAR

TABLE FOOD ALLOWED/NO FOOD FOR PURCHASE

MORE INFORMATION CONTACT

MARY DENNY

314-269-7583 or [marypdenny@sbcglobal.net](mailto:marypdenny@sbcglobal.net)

To purchase tickets :  
scan the QR Code below

