



## 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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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



### PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE

Liturgy p. 157  
Gn 29:1-14  
Rom 9:30-10:4  
Lk 2:22-35



### FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

Malachi 3:1-4  
Ps 24  
Hebrews 2:14-18  
Luke 2:22-40

*Sunday, February 2nd, 2025*

## DIVINE LITURGY & MASS INTENTIONS

### DOWNTOWN:

Sat, Feb. 1	<i>St. Fionos, the martyr &amp; pope Oticanos</i>
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
Mon, Feb. 3 12:00 pm	<i>St. Simon the elder &amp; Anna the prophetess</i> Poor Souls in Purgatory
Tues, Feb. 4	<i>St. Isidor of Farm (an old city in Egypt)</i>
Wed, Feb. 5 12:00 pm	<i>St. Agatha, a virgin</i> Georgette Kevorkian By Elie Asfour
Thurs, Feb. 6	<i>St. Brocollos, bishop of Smyrna &amp; Fosta, a martyr</i>
Fri, Feb. 7 11:00 am	<i>St. Britanius, bishop of Lampsak</i> Mass for retired sisters at Mason Pointe
Sat, Feb. 8	<i>Prophet Zaccary</i>
Sun, Feb. 9 10:15 am	<b>ST. MARON</b> +Turner & Sandra Hutcheson By daughter Jennifer Hutcheson +Georgette Kevorkian By Mary & Jamal Makhoul +Richard Mueller By David & Kathy Mueckl

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

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
Mon, Feb. 3 8:00 am RC	<i>St. Blaise</i> Chompunut Walbridge
Tue, Feb. 4 8:00 am RC 6:00 pm M	<i>St. Jane of Valois</i> Judy & Jerry Herberholt for their intentions Theresa Haddad & Jack Haddad By Linda Hill
Wed, Feb. 5 8:00 am RC	<i>St. Agatha</i> Aaron Alster
Thurs, Feb. 6 8:00 am RC 6:00 pm M	<i>St. Dorothy</i> Thunsa & Husnie Simon By Linda Hill Elias Hitti By Nazha Hitti and Family
Fri, Feb. 7 8:00 am RC	<i>St. Richard of Lucca</i> Leroy Wilson By David & Kathy Mueckl
Sat, Feb. 8 4:00 pm RC 5:15 pm M	<i>Sunday Vigil</i> Pat Cooseman by Kathleen Schlueter Jack & Mary Pudlowski By Linda Hill
Sun, Feb. 9 8:00 am RC 10:30 am RC	<b>FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> Haddad By Linda Hill Pro Populo

## WEEKLY FINANCES 1/26/2025

### ST. RAYMOND-ST.ELIZABETH:

<b>4:00pm Saturday</b>	
Loose cash	332
Checks/Envelopes	1373
<b>7:00pm Saturday</b>	
Loose cash	42
Checks/Envelopes	140
<b>8:00am Sunday</b>	
Loose cash	98
Checks/Envelopes	62
<b>10:30am Sunday</b>	
Loose cash	265
Checks/Envelopes	320
Candles	103
Pickleball	219
Revenue during the week	4,310
First Offering	
Online Giving <a href="https://osvhub.com/stelizabethungary/funds">https://osvhub.com/stelizabethungary/funds</a>	725
Expenses	\$8,590.35

### ST. RAYMOND:

<b>5:15pm Saturday</b>	
Loose cash	51
Checks/Envelopes	
<b>10:15am Sunday</b>	
Loose cash	177
Checks/Envelopes	1,387
Second collection	96
Revenue during the week	2,185
Candles	211
Coffee hour	114
<b>12 noon Sunday</b>	
Online Giving <a href="https://osvhub.com/straymond-mc/giving/funds">https://osvhub.com/straymond-mc/giving/funds</a>	1,612
Expenses	\$8,872.36

### WED. LUNCH 1/29/25

Total Revenue Lunch	5,457.88
Expenses	\$2,368.08

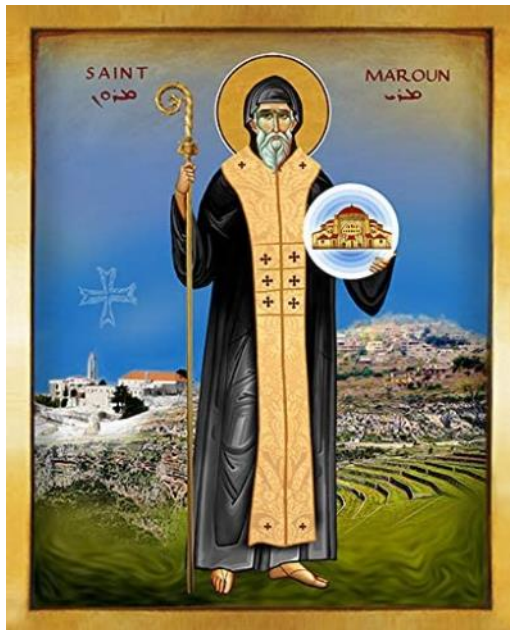




# A note from the pastor

## St. Maron – Patron and Father of The Maronite Church (350 – 410)

St. Maron was a 5th century Syriac Christian monk who after his death was followed by a religious movement that became known as the Maronites. The Church that grew from this movement is the Maronite Church. St. Maron was known for his missionary work, healing and miracles, and teachings of a monastic devotion to God. St. Maron, born in the middle of the 4th century in Syria, was a priest who later became a hermit, retiring to a mountain of Taurus in the region of Cyrrhus, near Antioch. His holiness and miracles attracted many followers, and drew attention throughout the empire. St. John Chrysostom sent him a letter around AD 405 expressing his great love and respect, and asking St. Maron to pray for him.



Maron is considered the Father of the spiritual and monastic movement now called the Maronite Catholic Church. This movement had a profound influence in Lebanon. St. Maron spent all of his life on a mountain in Syria. It is believed that the place was called "Kefar-Nabo" on the mountain of Ol-Yambos, making it the cradle of the Maronite movement.

The Maronite movement reached Lebanon when St. Maron's first disciple Abraham of Cyrrhus who was called the Apostle of Lebanon, realized that there were many non-Christians in Lebanon, so he set out to convert them to Christianity by introducing them to the way of St. Maron. The followers of St. Maron, both monks and laity, always remained faithful to the teachings of the Catholic Church. Maron's way was deeply monastic with emphasis on the spiritual and ascetic aspects of living.

St. Maron embraced the quiet solitude of the mountain life. He lived his life in open air exposed to the forces of nature such as sun, rain, hail and snow. His extraordinary desire to come to know God's presence in all things allowed St. Maron to transcend such forces and discover that intimate union with God.

St. Maron was a mystic who started this new ascetic-spiritual method that attracted many people in Syria and Lebanon to become his disciples. 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.

After his death in the year 410, his spirit and teachings lived on through his disciples and today it is believed that he lies in "brad" village to the north of Aleppo.

Our bishop, Most Rev. A. Elias Zaidan will celebrate St. Maron Feast Day at St. Raymond Cathedral:

Sun. Feb. 2nd, 10:105 am

All Officers/Members of the different Organizations/Committees are invited to come for a blessing and renewal of their service commitment at our church. Knights of St. Gregory, St. Sylvester, St. Maron, St. Sharbel, Massabki, Faith of the Mountain, and other medal recipients are encouraged to put on their medals for the Divine Liturgy.

Pray for us, O St. Maron, Pray for us in Heaven!

### CONTACT US:

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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  
davidcmiller60@gmail.com





**LECTORS: CRESTWOOD**

<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
<b>Tues, Feb. 8</b> 4:00 pm	Janet Finke
<b>Wed, Feb. 9</b> 8:00 am 10:30 am	Nancy Wall Jean Minton

**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	Milad Abounader
Gloria (Skip) Leisure	
Don Ganim	
John Anton	
Jim Hoffman	
Richard Baker Sr	

**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 Crestwood, Tel: (314) 968-0760 steeliz@straymond-mc.org

**EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

Eucharistic Adoration this Mon. Feb. 3, at St. Raymond– St. Elizabeth Church, from 8:30am to 5:00pm.

**REL. ED. CLASSES**

- Monday, Feb. 3, 2025 Class & Bible Study for Adults
- Monday, Feb. 10, 2025 Class
- Monday, Feb. 17, 2025 No Class, Presidents’ Day
- Monday, Feb. 24, 2025 Class [Teachers Meeting]

**BIBLE STUDY WITH FR JAD- MON FEB 3**

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.

**KITCHEN SCOOP**

The Kitchen will be open Wed. Feb. 5, 2025. On Tuesday, Feb. 4, 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 Feb. 6, 2025, after 8am Mass, at Fr. Edwards Hall.

**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.

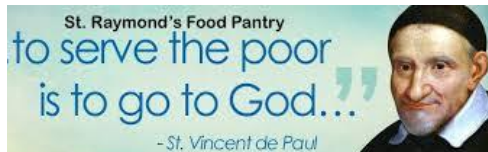
**CHURCH UP-COMING EVENTS**

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
- ✠ Carolyn Smith 10-26-2024
- ✠ Wesley Kempfer 10-2-2024
- ✠ 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
- ✠ Mary Hopfinger 7-2-2024
- ✠ 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

**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).

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

The altar flowers are lovingly placed in memory of JoAnn Vollet, honoring her life and the love she shared. May her spirit continue to inspire and comfort all who knew her.

**BLESSED BAPTISM**

To Beckham T Rask and Koen M Krupp, children of Joseph Anthony Rask & Taylor Christna Marie Rask (Guemmer). Galatians 3:27 “for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. “



# Jubilee Year Eparchial Pilgrimage to **Rome & Sicily** August 25-September 4

10 Days - 9 Nights

## Package includes:

- Stay at 4 Star Hotels
- Most Meals (breakfast, lunch, and dinner)
- Visits to important sites
- English Speaking Guide
- Bus transportation between sites & flights from Rome to Sicily (Palermo) and back to Rome

**\$3,900**

FOR DOUBLE OCCUPANCY  
PER PERSON

Additional \$1,000 Supplement for  
Single Occupancy (Total \$4,900)

Flights to/from the United States to Rome  
(FCO) Round Trip need to be booked  
separately.



**First 50 People Only!**

### TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT CONTACT:

Ivette Jackson: 323-336-3168  
Jamilah Koury: 818-626-9193  
Email: [info@eparchy.org](mailto:info@eparchy.org)

\$1,200 Deposit Required Per Person or  
registration/space cannot be guaranteed

Full Pilgrimage amount due by May 31, 2025

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### For More Information, Please Contact:

Lindsey Hanna (331) 999 - 8988  
Instagram: @lolmya



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Where Do I  
Belong?

*Finding My Place in the  
Christian Community*

MAR

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Live in Continual  
Conversion

*An Essential Attitude  
for Discernment*

APR

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Habits for  
Discernment

*Cultivating Virtues  
& Practices*

MAY

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The Art of  
Decision-Making

*Choosing with  
Confidence & Trust*

**8:30 AM - 1:00 PM**

Mass | Talk & Discussion | Eucharistic Adoration | Lunch

To register, contact Sr. Amanda Marie:  
[stlouisvocations@paulinemediamedia.com](mailto:stlouisvocations@paulinemediamedia.com) or 617-413-1469

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## DESIGNER PURSE BINGO

ST. RAMOND'S WARD NIGHT CATHEDRAL SPONSORED BY ST. RAMOND'S & LEBANON LADIES SOCIETY

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

20 BINGO GAMES-20 DESIGNER PURSES

ATTENDANCE PRIZES

COFFEE, TEA, WATER PROVIDED/CASH BAR

TABLE FOOD ALLOWED/NO FOOD FOR PURCHASE

### MORE INFORMATION CONTACT

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To purchase tickets :  
scan the QR Code below

