



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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Facebook: www.facebook.com/groups/saintraymonds

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1420 S. Sappington Road
Crestwood, MO 63126

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Website: stelizabethhungary.org

Facebook: 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 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



PARABLE OF THE PRODIGAL SON

Liturgy p. 217

Zech 3:1-7

2 Corinthians 13:5-13

Luke 15:11-32



3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

Exodus 17:3-7

Psalms 95

Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

John 4:5-42

Sunday, March 8th, 2026

**DIVINE LITURGY & MASS INTENTIONS
DOWNTOWN:**

Sat. Mar 7	<i>St. Narsis, bishop of Jerusalem</i>
Sun. Mar 8 10:15 am	PARABLE OF THE PRODIGAL SON +Gloria 'Skip' Leisure By David & Effie Westphal +Rose Azar By Ramona Milford +Ameal Nassif By Kim Hecht +Nizar Mahfoud By Claude Azrak and Family +Badira Geryes Abozulof
Mon. Mar 9 12:00 pm	<i>The 40 martyrs of Cappadocia</i> Ameal Nassif By
Tue. Mar 10	<i>St. oksinios & St. Agathon</i>
Wed. Mar 11 12:00 pm	<i>St. Safronios, patriarch of Jerusalem</i> Gloria 'Skip' Leisure By Ralph Wahby
Thurs. Mar 12	<i>St. Gregory I, the great</i>
Fri. Mar 13 12:00 pm	<i>St. Teofanos of Sefrania, a confessor</i>
Sat. Mar 14	<i>St. Frousia</i>
Sun. Mar 15 10:15 am	HEALING OF THE PARALYTIC +John Haman and the deceased members of the Haman Family By The Haman Family +Bishop Richard Stika By David & Effie Westphal +Ameal Nassif

CRESTWOOD: (RC Roman Catholic, MC Maronite)

Sat. Mar 7 4:00 pm RC 5:15 pm MC	<i>Sunday Vigil, Sts. Perpetua & Felicity</i> John & Helga Steuber +James Hoffmann By David & Kathy Mueckl +Richard Kerkhoff
Sun. Mar 8 8:00 am RC 10:30 am RC	3RD SUNDAY OF LENT Joey & Mary Ann Klohr by Maureen Toberman Valentino Robles by Roberto Robles
Mon. Mar 9 8:00 am RC	<i>St. Frances of Rome</i> Ronald Lauber by Luke Lauber
Tue. Mar 10 8:00 am RC 6:00 pm MC	<i>St. Marie Eugenie of Jesus</i> Neal Alster by Pat Alster Theresa Haddad and Jack Haddad By Linda Hill
Wed. Mar 11 8:00 am RC	<i>St. Eulogius</i> Michelle Malawey for healing
Thurs. Mar 12 8:00 am RC 6:00 pm MC	<i>St. Maximilian</i> Samuel Lauber by Wyatt Lauber +Richard Mueller By David & Kathy Mueckl +Anitta Michelle Judith Shannon by Steven Gilroy
Fri. Mar 13 8:00am RC 6:00 pm	<i>St. Euphrasia</i> Neal Alster & Aaron Alster by Pat Alster
Sat. Mar 14 4:00 pm RC 5:15 pm MC	<i>Sunday Vigil, St. Matilde</i> Ann Million +Terry Rask By LaDonna Rask +Alster Family
Sun. Mar 15 8:00 am RC 10:30 am RC	4TH SUNDAY OF LENT Tanalee Storm Peggy McGuire by the McGuire Family

**WEEKLY FINANCES 3/1/2026
ST. RAYMOND-ST.ELIZABETH:**

4:00pm Saturday	
Loose cash	621
Checks/Envelopes	1,840
7:00pm Saturday	
Loose cash	-
Checks/Envelopes	180
8:00am Sunday	
Loose cash	-
Checks/Envelopes	230
10:30am Sunday	
Loose cash	185
Checks/Envelopes	813
Candles	-
Pickleball	353
Revenue during the week	2,271
Eparchial Patriarchal Charities	45
Online Giving https://osvhub.com/stelizabethungary/funds	1,380
Expenses	\$20,388.78

ST. RAYMOND:

5:15pm Saturday	
Loose cash	25
Checks/Envelopes	185
10:15am Sunday	
Loose cash	270
Checks/Envelopes	4,330
Revenue during the week	1,404
Candles	331
Coffee hour	250
Memorials	2,865
2nd Collection	480
Fish Fry	5,869
Online Giving https://osvhub.com/straymond-mc/giving/funds	2,309
Expenses	\$12,340.21





*A note
from the pastor*

SCHOLARSHIPS



High School Senior Scholarships

MYO – John A. Solomon	Massabki Brothers
Two for High School Seniors \$2000	One for High School Seniors \$2000
Naomi & Paul Kassouf	Abouna Sharbel
Two for High School Seniors \$3000	Five for High School Seniors \$1000

Undergraduate Scholarships

Chagoury Family Undergraduate	Thomas and Jennie Ayoub
One for College Student \$2000	One for College Student \$2000

Graduate & Professional Scholarship

Chagoury Family Graduate
One for Graduate Student \$2000

Study Abroad in Lebanon Opportunities

Notre Dame University-Louaize
Up to 10 scholarships for Fall 2026 or Spring 2027
The Holy Spirit University of Kaslik
Up to 12 scholarships for Summer 2026 Semester

For more information and application visit www.namaronites.org,
e-mail scholarship@namaronites.org or call NAM at 440-821-6303



ST RAYMOND SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

High School and College student scholarship applications are at St. Raymond Cathedral and St Raymond– St Elizabeth Church foyers and web-sites [St. Raymond Maronite Cathedral: Scholarships](#)



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BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

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

ONLINE GIVING

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

MERCY MEAL

Kathleen Wahby 314 276 3062

MEDICAL EQUIPMENT

Donate or Borrow piece of medical equipment, please call
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ST RAYMOND'S BANQUET HALL

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YOUTH MINISTER

Alex Khater

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Carla Aouad
Margo Kassab

YOUNG ADULTS

Joseph Nesser



LECTORS: CRESTWOOD

Sat, Mar. 7 4:00 pm	Janet Finke
Sun, Mar. 8 8:00 am 10:30 am	Glen Brookman Jean Minton
Sat, Mar. 14 4:00 pm	Sr. Rosalie
Sun, Mar. 15 8:00 am 10:30 am	Nancy Wall Fabi Pineda

UP COMING EVENTS

- *Sun March 8: Purse Bingo
- *Fish Fry: Feb 20,27, March 6,13,20,27, April 3 (Good Fri at St Raymond's)
- *March 28: Easter Egg Hunt
- *April 25-26: Parish Ladies' Sodality Retreat
- *May 3: First Communion
- *May 5-13: Our Lady of Fatima Novena
- *May 10: Mother's Day
- *June 6: Golf Tournament
- *June 9-10: Synodality Conf. at the Cedars
- *June 23-28: Youth National Conference Univ. of Dayton OH
- *June 29-July 5: NAM Conv., San Diego, CA
- *Sep. 18,19,20: Lebanese Festival
- *Sep. 28- Oct. 9: Trip to Lebanon
- *Oct. 17: Autumn Harvest Festival
- *Nov. 14: Vendor Fair
- *Dec. 3: Men's 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	Dot Smith
Michelle Bausworth	Gabe Vollet
Tom Saucier	Barb Rohr
Rhoda Simpher	Gerry Nassif
Patricia Beck	Tim Gamma
Don Ganim	Munir Matar
John Anton	Rima Cabbabe
Jim Hoffman	Ralph Wahby
Richard Baker Sr	Lynn Kersting
Patrick Carr	Mary Saucier
Steve Baker	

MEN OF ST JOSEPH MEETING

Men of St. Joseph meeting Sat. March 7, at 7:30am at St. Raymond– St. Elizabeth Church. All Men are invited!

COFFEE HOUR

Parishioners and visitor friends are welcome to socialize at the Cedars hall after 10:15am Divine Liturgy, Blessed Sunday!

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Eucharistic Adoration this coming Mon. Mar. 9 , 8:30am–5:00pm, at St. Raymond– St. Elizabeth Church.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Rel Ed classes Mon. Mar. 9, at 5:45pm, at St. Raymond– St. Elizabeth church. All students are invited to confession /receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation!

BIBLE STUDY DURING LENT

Msgr. John will have a Bible Study during Lent, “Praying and Fasting with Jesus”, at 6pm, at St. Raymond– St. Elizabeth church, on Mondays with the Rel. Ed. program, March 9, “Repenting with the Prodigal Son”, Luke 15:11-32

KITCHEN SCOOP

The Kitchen is open on Wed. Jan. 28th, 2026. On Tue., Jan. 27th, at 8:30am we will be preparing kibbe aras, and rolling grape/cabbage leaves. We encourage you to place your orders, Monday and Tuesday before the Wed. luncheon, through Square

<http://st-raymond-cathedral.square.site/>

Thanks! Denise and Gina

THURSDAY CHRISTIAN DOCUMENTARY FILMS

Christian documentary movie on Thurs. March 12th, after 8am Mass.

OCIA CLASS

Class on Thurs. March 12th, at 6pm. If you like to know more about the Catholic/Maronite Faith, please join the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults OCIA. For more info Jacob Garanzini <jacob.hart.g@gmail.com>

FISH FRY EVERY FRIDAY OF LENT 2026

St. Raymond– St. Elizabeth church cafeteria will have a Fish Fry, Fri. Feb. 27, 4pm– 7pm. At 6:00pm we will have at the church, the Stations of the Cross and Maronite Adoration of the Cross Prayers. The different church organizations and committees will 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/>

Fish Fry Dinner help turn will be as follow: Feb. 27, Men's Society; March 6, Ladies' Sodality; March 13, Pickleball; March 20, Pro Life, Rel Ed; March 27, Parish, Finance Council, Choir; April 3, (Good Fri at St Raymond's) MYO and MYA

Organizations are to bring dessert on the assigned Friday and help serving. **FISH FRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED.** All activities take place at Crestwood campus. Sign-up sheets are in the vestibules and by clicking here. Food Line Prep– starting at 12 noon. Dessert Prep and Service 3:00 - 8 p.m. Food service 3:00 - 8:pm. Clean up 8-9 p.m.



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 office to get in touch: (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

- ✠ 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
- ✠ Eileen Bayer 6-18-2025

SUNDAY MARCH 15 MEETINGS

Ladies' sodality and Children's Ministry meetings, Sun. March 15, our Youth will serve Coffee hour.

MEN OF ST JOSEPH: FAITHFUL, NOT PERFECT

All men are invited: young and old, single, married, divorced, widowed, practicing or returning-to join Men of St. Joseph: Faithful, Not Perfect. Guided by Saint Joseph, rooted in prayer and trust in God's mercy, we gather as imperfect men striving to live faithfully, encouraging one another walk in God's will and begin again when we fall. Meeting at St. Raymond-St. Elizabeth on the first Saturday each month for prayer and fellowship in a welcoming, judgment-free setting. No commitment or experience is required—just a desire to grow closer to God alongside other men on the same journey.

Next Meeting, Sat. March 7, 7:30am– 8:30am

All men are welcome. Come as you are.

FOOD DRIVE

Sincere thanks to those who have generously donated food to St. Raymond's Food Pantry. If you or someone you know is in need of food assistance, please help yourself to the food in the Food Pantry bins in the back of church before or after Mass, or contact the church offices at (314) 621-0056 to schedule a time to pick up food.

FISH FRY 2026

All net proceeds from the Fish Fry in the Lent season will go to remodel and update the kitchen at St. Raymond– St. Elizabeth church cafeteria.

MO RIGHT TO LIFE—“Keep Missouri Pro-Life” Action Day

Wednesday, March 11th, 2026, Missouri State Capitol, Bus Transportation is available from several sites in the St. Louis metro and surrounding areas. Sign up online at www.easternregionmrl.org/actionday. Or contact MO Right to Life-Eastern Region at 314.434.4900 by March 6.

MEN'S AND LADIES' SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP

Membership form was mailed to the men and women of our parish. Please, consider joining those two organizations.

EASTER EGG HUNT FOR OUR CHILDREN

Our Youth are organizing Easter Egg Hunt, March 28th, at 10:30am, at our church, St. Raymond– St. Elizabeth church in Crestwood. For more information and reservation, please contact Maryrose Hamad maryrosehamad@yahoo.com

LOOKING FOR LECTORS FOR WEEKDAY MASSES

We are looking for more volunteers to lector for the 8am weekday Masses. If you are interested and able, please email the parish office at steeliz@straymond-mc.org

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



LAND TRIP TO FRANCE

May 19-28, 2026

Join Bishop A. Elias Zaidan to Lourdes and other important sites in France, including Paris, Lisieux, St. Michel, Normandie, and Bordeaux.

*Flights to/from the United States to France need to be booked separately.

**10 Days
9 Nights**

Double Occupancy \$4,000 /per person

Single Occupancy Additional Supplement \$1,000

Price Includes:

- 4 Star Hotels Accomodations
- Entrance Fees to Various Sites
- English Speaking Guide
- Transportation between locations
- All Meals and Tips included

To Reserve
Ivette Jackson: 323-336-3168
Jamileh Koury: 818-294-2901
Email: info@eparchy.org

Requirements
Reservation requires a deposit of \$2,000 per person.
Full amount due on March 31, 2026.

FISH Fry

KID'S MEALS AVAILABLE

Baked Cod & Shrimp Also Available

ST. RAYMOND - ST. ELIZABETH CHURCH

Every Friday AT 4 PM - 7 PM
February 20th thru March 27th
1420 S. Sappington Road - Crestwood

314-968-0760 | stelizabethhungary.org

40 Days for Life

The **40 Days for Life Campaign** is a nationwide opportunity for peaceful, silent prayer in front of abortion clinics. St. Raymond-St. Elizabeth Parish will join St. Catherine Laboure Parish to pray at the **Fairview Heights Planned Parenthood** regional abortion facility on our “adopted day” of **Fri. March 27 from 7:00 am – 5:00 pm. In the back of church you can sign up** for one hour of silent prayer, or you can contact Bonnie Sabin at 314-471-4333 or bonnie.sabin@gmail.com. We hope to form carpools as needed. Fairview Heights is a 30-minute drive from St. Elizabeth’s via I-255. Coalition Life, next door to Planned Parenthood, provides parking, restrooms, and a chapel. In the event of bad weather, you can pray in the chapel. If you cannot make it on March 27, you can go on any of the 40 days that continue throughout Lent. Other parishes will be there and will be delighted to see you. Your peaceful, prayerful presence makes a difference for babies and their parents!

St. Raymond Cathedral Youth MYO FAMILY NIGHT

KIDS ZONE

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MAY 02, 2026 · 5 TO 10 PM

ADULTS \$60 12&UNDER \$20

THE CEDARS BANQUET HALL
939 Lebanon Dr., St. Louis, MO 63104

It's a seated dinner so please be prompt.
Doors open at 5:00 pm with appetizers and salads.
Dinner will be served at 6:00 pm.
Security and police will be present for the entire time.

For tickets and seat reservation contact
Carla 314-660-9031, Elssy 636-219-2125
All reservations are due by March, 31st.
NO TICKETS AT THE DOOR!

DJ

All proceeds will benefit St. Raymond youth activities.