



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

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



ELEVENTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

Liturgy p. 492
Ezekiel 18:1,21-23,27-28
Ephesians 2:17-22
Luke 19:1-10



EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Isaiah 55:1-3
Psalm 145
Romans 8:35,37-39
Matthew 14:13-21

Sunday, August 2nd, 2026

DIVINE LITURGY & MASS INTENTIONS DOWNTOWN:

Sat. Aug. 1	<i>St Shmouni and her sons</i>
Sun. Aug. 2 10:15 am	ELEVENTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST +Loretta (Husnie) & Anthony (Thunsa) Simon By Linda Hill +Debra Mahanna +Marwan Sholy +Brother Leo Slay +Ralph Wahby +Ameal Nassif +Mary Ojile +Gloria 'Skip' Leisure
Mon. Aug. 3 12:00 pm	<i>Prophet David</i> Poor Souls in Purgatory
Tue. Aug. 4	<i>St Jean Vianney, Cure D'Ars</i>
Wed. Aug. 5 12:00 pm	<i>St Christophoros and St Louis of Gonzaga</i> Lou Brock By Mary and John Denny
Thurs. Aug. 6	<i>The Transfiguration of Our Lord Jesus Christ</i>
Fri. Aug. 7 12:00 pm	<i>St Dumit, martyr</i> Poor Souls in Purgatory
Sat. Aug. 8	<i>St Pope Sixtus II, Martyr</i>
Sun. Aug. 9 10:15 am	TWELFTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST +Bishop Robert Shaheen +Patricia Elking By Dennis & Roxanne Elking

CRESTWOOD: (RC Roman Catholic, MC Maronite)

Sat. Aug. 1 4:00 pm RC	<i>Sunday Vigil; St Alphonsus Liguori</i> Alster Family; Jean Brendel; Dorothy Smith; Patricia Warfel; Steven Vidra
5:15 pm MC	Judge Paul & Mary Jane Simon By Dave & Kathy Mueckl
Sun. Aug. 2 8:00 am MC 10:30 am RC	EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Subdeacon George & Marilue Simon By Patti Carnie David Brophy
Mon. Aug 3 8:00 am RC	<i>Saint Lydia of Philippi</i> Aaron, Neal & Pat Alster
Tue. Aug 4 8:00 am RC 6:00 pm MC	<i>St Jean Vianney, Cure D'Ars</i> Ryan Finke Elias Hitti By Nazha Hitti and Family
Wed. Aug 5 8:00 am RC	<i>Dedication of the Basilica of St Mary Major</i> Fr. Vito Lopardo by Steven Gilroy
Thurs. Aug 6 8:00 am RC 6:00 pm MC	<i>The Transfiguration of Our Lord Jesus Christ</i> Aaron, Neal & Pat Alster Jack & Mary Pudlowski By Linda Hill
Fri. Aug 7 8:00 am	<i>St Sixtus II and Companions, St. Cajetan</i> Melanie Finke
Sat. Aug. 8 4:00 pm RC 5:15 pm MC	<i>Sunday Vigil; St Dominic</i> John Lauber Bishop Robert Shaheen By David & Kathy Mueckl Jack and Theresa Haddad By Cathi & Jodi Slinkard
Sun. Aug. 9 8:00 am RC 10:30 am RC	NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Joseph & Mary Ojile By Linda Hill Duane & Margaret Brophy

WEEKLY FINANCES 7/26/2026

ST. RAYMOND-ST.ELIZABETH:

4:00pm Saturday Loose cash Checks/Envelopes	247 1,100
7:00pm Saturday Loose cash Checks/Envelopes	- -
8:00am Sunday Loose cash Checks/Envelopes	119 29
10:30am Sunday Loose cash Checks/Envelopes	172 330
Candles	113
Pickleball	195
Revenue during the week	350
Second Collection	
Rentals	
Online Giving https://osvhub.com/stelizabethhungary/funds	1,266.29
Expenses	\$7,524.37

ST. RAYMOND:

5:15pm Saturday Loose cash Checks/Envelopes	50 40
10:15am Sunday Loose cash Checks/Envelopes	286 793
Revenue during the week	9,055
Candles	83
Second Collection	
Coffee hour	119
Online Giving https://osvhub.com/straymond-mc/giving/funds	2,067
Expenses	\$8,505.06

WED LUNCH 7/29/2026

Income	5,655.06
Expenses	\$2,462.61

Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."





COMMEMORATIVE MASS FOR POPE PAUL VI

ADDRESS OF POPE JOHN PAUL II

*Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord
Friday, 6 August 1999*

Today, the Eucharist which we are preparing to celebrate takes us in spirit to Mount Tabor together with the Apostles Peter, James and John, to admire in rapture the splendour of the transfigured Lord. In the event of the Transfiguration we contemplate the mysterious encounter between history, which is being built every day, and the blessed inheritance that awaits us in heaven in full union with Christ, the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End.



We, pilgrims on earth, are granted to rejoice in the company of the transfigured Lord when we immerse ourselves in the things of above through prayer and the celebration of the divine mysteries. But, like the disciples, we too must descend from Tabor into daily life where human events challenge our faith. On the mountain we saw; on the paths of life we are asked tirelessly to proclaim the Gospel which illuminates the steps of believers.

This deep spiritual conviction guided the whole ecclesial mission of my venerable Predecessor, the Servant of God Paul VI, who returned to the Father's house precisely on the Feast of the Transfiguration, 21 years ago now. In the reflection he had planned to give at the Angelus on that day, 6 August 1978, he said: "The Transfiguration of the Lord, recalled by the liturgy of today's solemnity throws a dazzling light on our daily life, and makes us turn our mind to the immortal destiny which that fact foreshadows".

Yes! Paul VI reminds us: we are made for eternity and eternity begins at this very moment, since the Lord is among us and lives with and in his Church.

As we commemorate my unforgettable Predecessor in the see of Peter with deep emotion, let us pray that every Christian will know how to draw courage and constancy from contemplating Christ, who "reflects the glory of God and bears the very stamp of his nature" (Heb 1:3), in order to proclaim and witness faithfully through his words and works.

May Mary, our tender and caring Mother, help us to be bright rays of the saving light of her Son Jesus.

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Deadline: 8am Tuesdays
submit to: Felicity
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ONLINE GIVING

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

MERCY MEAL

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MEDICAL EQUIPMENT

Donate or Borrow piece of medical
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Joseph Nesser



LECTORS: CRESTWOOD

Sat, Aug. 1 4:00 pm	Ralph & Margie
Sun, Aug. 2 8:00 am 10:30 am	Nancy Wall Fabi Pineda
Sat, Aug. 8 4:00 pm	Janet Finke
Sun, Aug. 9 8:00 am 10:30 am	Dan & Kathleen Glen Brookman

UP COMING EVENTS

- *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	Gabe Vollet
Michelle Bausworth	Barb Rohr
Tom Saucier	Gerry Nassif
Rhoda Simpher	Tim Gamma
Patricia Beck	Munir Matar
Don Ganim	Rima Cabbabe
John Anton	Lynn Kersting
Jim Hoffman	Mary Saucier
Richard Baker Sr	Paulette Risha
Patrick Carr	
Steve Baker	

MEN OF ST JOSEPH

There is no meeting on Sat. Aug. 1 for the Men of St. Joseph. We pray that Fr. Tony will have a healthy recovery from the septum surgery.

COFFEE HOUR Sun Aug. 2

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 Mary and Pam, thank you!

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Eucharistic Adoration this coming Mon. Aug. 3, 8:30am—5:00pm, at St. Raymond– St. Elizabeth Church.

KITCHEN SCOOP

The Kitchen will be open Wed. Aug. 5, 2026.

On Tuesday, Aug. 4, 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

Summer break until late August. Thank you!

OCIA CLASS

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>

WHITE HOUSE RETREAT

The men's retreat weekend starts with Dinner on Thursday evening July 30th and departure is by 2:00 PM on Sunday August 2nd. To register call Jim Ebert at (314) 250-7540 or email jim.ebert45@gmail.com.

The women's retreat weekend starts with Dinner on Thursday evening August 6th and departure is by 2:00 PM on Sunday August 9th. To register call Karen Lebeau at (314) 265-3462. You can visit the website at whitehouseretreat.org

AUTUMN HARVEST FESTIVAL & MEETING

St. Raymond– St. Elizabeth Autumn Harvest Festival is on Saturday, October 17, 2026, from 12 noon till 9pm.

For volunteering or any information contact Tim Kallial at 314 761 6017 <timkallial@gmail.com>

REMODELING AND CONSTRUCTION

Our church in both campuses, needs some remodeling/maintenance.

Tuck pointing in both churches, in progress.

Resurfacing and sealing of parking lots, in progress.

Kitchen hood and suppression system, new aluminum shelves, floor, new Altar chairs at St. Raymond– St. Elizabeth church in Crestwood.

At St. Raymond's kitchen, downtown, we are installing new stainless steel wall panels, and gas connection to the outside, for frying and grilling. An underground electric cable to connect the gate and shrine

St. Raymond Cathedral, we already finish, from painting the hall, and installing new Fire Alarm electronic panel, changing all pull stations, and updating the fire sprinkler in the hall. Paint on both sides of the church outdoor ceiling.

We are having bids on a new church organ, and colored stained glass windows for St. Raymond's.



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

✠ 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

LEBANESE FESTIVAL MEETING

Mon. Aug 10, Lebanese Festival meeting for all coordinators and volunteers in charge of different booths and committees, at St. Raymond's hall-Lebanon room, at 6:30pm.

The St. Louis Lebanese Festival is on Sep 18-20, 2026, at St. Raymond Maronite Cathedral ground/ facilities.

In order for the Festival to be successful, we need the help of the entire community at St. Raymond Cathedral and St. Raymond- St. Elizabeth Church, from Volunteers, to Sponsors, and Workers. We will be launching the website for volunteers soon.

Raffle: If you would like to donate prizes for the festival raffle, please contact the church offices: 314 621 5600 secretary@straymond-mc.org or Steeliz@straymond-mc.org 314 968 0760.

For Sponsorship, contact Patti Carnie <pmsc200@gmail.com> 3143244183, or call church offices.

Sponsorship cover letter, application form, and flyer will be mailed to parishioners and friends of the Festival, for more information see our website and Facebook page.



ST RAYMOND SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

St. Raymond Scholarship committee met on Tuesday, July 14, at 6:30pm at St. Raymond- St. Elizabeth church and awarded scholarships for 6 high school students (\$1,500 each), and 2 of the seniors going to college.

We congratulate our new scholarship committee officers, Bob Ubriaco, President; Dr. Elie Chahla, VP; Claudine Adem, Secretary; Andrea Gutierrez, Treasurer, in addition to Fr. Tony, and Msgr John.

REGISTRATION FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Registrations are open for Religious Education classes for year 2026-2027. For more information, please contact Pam Olimpio, Director, at <pamela.olimpio@johnpaulprep.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

BLESSED BAPTISM

Gentry Glover, daughter of Allison Elking & Michael Glover
Josephine Harris, daughter of Courtney Elking & Zachary Harris

"I baptize you with water for repentance. But after me comes one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire."

Matthew 3:11



The beatification of Venerable Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen will take place on Thursday, September 24, 2026 at The Dome at America's Center in St. Louis, Missouri. Cardinal Luis Antonio Tagle will preside over the Mass, which is expected to draw tens of thousands of pilgrims. Blessed (to be) Archbishop Fulton Sheen, Pray for Us!



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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 StRStEVendorFair@gmail.com



YOUR MISSOURI STATE TAXES CAN OPEN DOORS FOR STUDENTS THROUGH SCHOLARSHIPS...

...AND IT'S NOT TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE.



QUESTIONS? CONTACT OUR TEAM!

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The 59th Annual St. Louis Lebanese Festival

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 18, 2026, 6:00 PM — 9:00 PM
(Friday: drink specials including imported Almaza Lebanese beer/ limited Food menu/ Music)
SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 19, 2026, 12:00 Noon — 10:00 PM
SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 20, 2026, 11:00 AM — 5:00 PM
at St. Raymond Maronite Cathedral
931 Lebanon Dr., St. Louis, MO 63104

Games
Raffle and Prizes
Free Admission and Parking

On the Menu:
Tabouli, Hummus, Kibbee, Beef/Chicken Shawarma, Kafta, Falafel, Lebanese Sweets, and other Delicious Food

Authentic Lebanese Cuisine
Beer, Wine, and Refreshing Drinks
Traditional Dance/Dabkeh Performances
Live Music, Singer, Band, and Dancing

Singer Said Abi Abi and Band



Hosted by St. Raymond Maronite Cathedral
www.StRaymond-MC.org



Pre-Order of Festival Tickets and Raffle:
+ Online Sep 13- Sep 17
<https://st-raymond-cathedral.square.site>
+ Call-In, Sep 4- Sep 17, 9am-12pm,
Tel: 314 621 0056