



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



12TH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

Liturgy p. 492
Ruth 1:15-19a
Eph 3:1-13
Mt 15:21-28



21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Isaiah 66:18-21
Psalm 117
Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13
Luke 13:22-30

Sunday, August 24th, 2025

DIVINE LITURGY & MASS INTENTIONS DOWNTOWN:

Sat. Aug. 23	<i>Mar Isaac the Syrian</i>
Sun. Aug. 24 10:15 am	12TH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST +Dr. John Bouhasin- 40 Day Divine Liturgy +Patricia Elking By Eddy Elking and Family +Georgette Kevorkian By Henry Ohanian +Marilue Simon By Dom & Shelly Vitale +Fr. Naji Kiwan
Mon. Aug. 25 12:00 pm	<i>St. Titus, disciple of St. Paul and bishop of Crete</i> Poor Souls in Purgatory
Tue. Aug. 26	St. Xavier, Pope & Adrian, martyr.
Wed. Aug. 27 12:00 pm	<i>Anba Benjamin the hermit</i> Dr. John Bouhasin By Ralph Wahby
Thurs. Aug. 28	<i>St. Moses the Ethiopian (Habashi) & St. Augustine</i>
Fri. Aug. 29 12:00 pm	<i>The beheading of St. John the Baptist</i> Mass for retired sisters at Mason Pointe
Sat. Aug. 30	<i>St. Philikos, martyr</i>
Sun. Aug. 31 10:15 am	13TH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST +Patricia Elking By Eddy Elking and Family +Nick Ulett By David & Effie Westphal +Dr. John Bouhasin By Kimberly Boackle +George Elkhoury By the Makhoul Family
12:00 pm noon	For Peace in Gaza, the Holy Land, Lebanon, Syria, and Ukraine.

CRESTWOOD: (RC Roman Catholic, MC Maronite)

Sat. Aug. 23 4:00 pm RC 5:15pm MC	<i>Sunday Vigil, St. Rose of Lima</i> Jack & Mary Pudlowski By Linda Hill George Nasif By Dennis Durham, Jr
Sun. Aug. 24 8:00 am RC 10:30 am RC	21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Mary Jo Mordhorst By Jodi & Cathi Slinkard Mildred Colbert By Linda Hill
Mon. Aug. 25 8:00 am RC	<i>St. Louis, King of France</i> Matt McDonald
Tue. Aug. 26 8:00 am RC 6:00 pm MC	<i>St. Zephyrinus</i> Cathy Talley Mike & Anne Brotherton By Linda Hill
Wed. Aug. 27 8:00 am RC	<i>St. Monica</i> Aaron Alster
Thurs. Aug. 28 8:00am RC 6:00 pm MC	<i>St. Augustine</i> Poor Souls in Purgatory Elias Hitti By Nazha Hitti and Family
Fri. Aug. 29 8:00am RC	<i>St. Medericus</i> Bishop Peter Elliott by Steven Gilroy
Sat. Aug. 30 4:00 pm RC 5:15pm MC	<i>Sunday Vigil, St. Jeanne Jugan</i> Thomas Karsten Bishop Robert Shaheen By David & Kathy Mueckl
Sun. Aug. 31 8:00 am RC 10:30 am RC	22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Subdeacon George & Marilue Simon by Patti Carnie Fr. James Dunphy

WEEKLY FINANCES 8/17/2025 ST. RAYMOND-ST.ELIZABETH:

4:00pm Saturday	
Loose cash	336
Checks/Envelopes	760
7:00pm Saturday	
Loose cash	31
Checks/Envelopes	140
8:00am Sunday	
Loose cash	104
Checks/Envelopes	100
10:30am Sunday	
Loose cash	90
Checks/Envelopes	180
Rentals	9,161.10
Candles	51
Pickleball	520
Revenue during the week	740
Second Collection	90
Online Giving https://osvhub.com/stelizabethhungary/funds	635
Expenses	\$10,968.37

ST. RAYMOND:

5:15pm Saturday	
Loose cash	66
Checks/Envelopes	15
10:15am Sunday	
Loose cash	235
Checks/Envelopes	1,259
Revenue during the week	811
Candles	363
Hall rental	5,000
Coffee hour	161
Online Giving https://osvhub.com/straymond-mc/giving/funds	6,682
Expenses	\$11,207.61

WED. LUNCH 8/20/25

Total Revenue Lunch	6,575.48
Expenses	\$1,076.95





St. Louis IX, King of France (Feast Day Aug. 25)

Louis IX ruled France from 1226 to 1270 and was known for his religious devotion, love of justice, and humanitarian efforts. He led several crusades to the Holy Land, with his final journey ending in his death in 1270. After his death, he was canonized as Saint Louis by the Roman Catholic Church. He is also known as Saint Louis, the only French king to be canonized as a saint by the Catholic Church.



King Louis IX was highly revered in the 18th century as a model ruler known for his piety, humility, and commitment to justice. He introduced significant legal reforms, including establishing a royal justice system where citizens could appeal directly to the monarch, and he abolished trials by ordeal. His reign also saw France reach a political and economic zenith in Europe.

The city of St. Louis, Missouri, is named in honor of Louis IX, King of France. In 1764, French fur traders Pierre Laclède and Auguste Chouteau established a fur trading post on the western bank of the Mississippi River and named the settlement "Saint Louis" in tribute to Louis IX. This naming was also in honor of Louis XV, who was the ruling King of France at the time.



Louis IX's strong Catholic faith led him to build the Sainte-Chapelle in Paris to house holy relics, and his patronage fostered innovation in Gothic art and architecture. His example influenced the development of St. Louis, MO, which became a center of Catholic faith in the region. The city's Basilica of Saint Louis, King of France (the Old Cathedral) and the Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis are both named in his honor. A prominent equestrian statue of King Louis IX, called "The Apotheosis of St. Louis," stands in front of the Saint Louis Art Museum in Forest Park and was the primary symbol of the city for many years.

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Deadline: 8am Tuesdays
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ONLINE GIVING

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

MERCY MEAL

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Donate or Borrow piece of medical
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LECTORS: CRESTWOOD

Sat, Aug. 23 4:00 pm	Ralph & Margie
Sun, Aug. 24 8:00 am 10:30 am	Nancy Wall Fabi Pineda
Sat, Aug. 30 4:00 pm	Sr. Rosalie
Sun, Aug. 31 8:00 am 10:30 am	Dan & Kathleen Austin Krueger

UP COMING EVENTS

- *Sep. 12-14: St. Louis Lebanese Festival
- *Mon. Sep. 29: Skeet Shooting Tournament
- *Oct. 25: Autumn Harvest Festival, Crestwood
- *Nov. 8: Vendor Fair, Crestwood
- *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 Sciarino	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	Eddie Bremehr
Ted Arunski	Rob Turner
Dave Holdinghausen	Emil Salman
Michelle Bausworth	Jennifer Van Luven
Tom Saucier	Milad Abounader
Rhoda Simpher	Janet Emerson
Patricia Beck	Susan Bickel
Terry Leong	Burton Droste
Mary Ojile	Dot Smith
Gloria (Skip) Leisure	Gabe Vollet
Don Ganim	Barb Rohr
John Anton	Ameal Nassif
Jim Hoffman	Gerry Nassif
Richard Baker Sr	Tim Gamma
	Munir Matar

SUPPORT WITH SPECIAL COLLECTION

In light of the ongoing humanitarian crisis in Gaza and the surrounding regions, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has reached out to request our support in providing much-needed aid. This appeal covers the affected areas of Gaza, the Holy Land, Lebanon, and Syria. We will have a special collection in our parish on Sunday, August 24, to assist in these relief efforts.

COFFEE HOUR

Parishioners and visitors are welcomed to socialize after 10:15am Divine Liturgy at the Cedars hall. Thanks for the Ladies' Sodality for serving the coffee hour.

DABKEH DANCE AT LEBANESE FESTIVAL

Sun. Aug. 24, and every Sunday ahead of the Lebanese Festival, we will have Dabkeh dance practice in the small hall after the 10:15am Divine Liturgy, for more information contact Alex K., Elissa H.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Eucharistic Adoration this coming Mon. Aug. 25, at St. Raymond—St. Elizabeth Church, from 8:30am till 5pm.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION- ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Ice Cream Social Mon. Aug. 25, 5:45pm—7:00pm, Sacramental Preparation, Youth Group, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, Family Night, OCIA, Adult Formation. Please, contact Pam Olimpio, DRE at pcatherine@att.net or call church offices 314 968 0760

LEBANESE FESTIVAL MEETING

Meeting for Committee Chairpersons/ Coordinators of St. Louis Lebanese Festival Mon. Aug. 25, at 6:30pm at Lebanon room of St. Raymond Cathedral. The St. Louis Lebanese Festival is on Sep 12-14, 2025, 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 0056 secretary@straymond-mc.org or Steeliz@straymond-mc.org 314 968 0760.

For Sponsorship, contact Patti Carnie <pmsc200@gmail.com>, or Nancy Stevens <nrcstevens@gmail.com>

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

For Volunteering, [St. Louis Lebanese Festival Booth Chairs: 2025 St. Louis Lebanese Festival - 58th Annual](#)

UPCOMING FESTIVAL PREPARATION

Kibbe prepping, Wednesday, September 3 at 9:00 am Tuesday's throughout August starting at 8:30 prepping kibbe and grape leaves.

Sunday August 24th following Mass, Kaffta prepping.

Rolling cabbage, Tuesday evenings at 5:00 throughout August. All helping hands appreciated, Thank you!





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, fruits, vegetables, beans, and cereal. No glass jars please! Thank 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

PARISH DEVOTIONS

Monday

Adoration 8:30-5pm

Tuesday

Our Lady of Perpetual Help after 8am Mass

Prolife Rosary at 5:15pm

1st Friday

Sacred Heart Litany

4th Saturday of the Month

Rosary at noon for country, family, Church and world peace.

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM, O LORD

✠ John D. Bouhasin	7-9-2025
✠ Eileen Bayer	6-18-2025
✠ Mary Ann Friehs	5-20-2025
✠ Elaine Snyder	3-30-2025
✠ John Michaels	3-29-2025
✠ Agnes Guhman	3-25-2025
✠ Marilue Simon	3-24-2025
✠ Thomas Bremehr	3-16-2025
✠ Brenda Wenner	3-12-2025
✠ Rose Franz	3-2-2025
✠ Judith A. Roderick	2-9-2025
✠ Henry Llewellyn	2-2-2025
✠ Jane Bell Wilcox	2-2-2025
✠ Georgette Kevorkian	1-5-2025
✠ Mary Rudolph	1-1-2025
✠ Chris Beck	12-3-2024
✠ Richard V. Wagner	11-28-2024
✠ 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

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AUTUMN HARVEST FESTIVAL & MEETING

St. Raymond— St. Elizabeth Autumn Harvest Festival is on Saturday, October 25, 2025, from 12 noon till 9pm.

All chair and committee members are invited to a meeting, Tue. Aug. 26, at 6:30pm, at the cafeteria of St. Ray— St. E church.
For volunteering or any information contact Tim Kallial at 314 761 6017 <timkallial@gmail.com>

KITCHEN SCOOP

The Kitchen is open on Wed. Aug. 27, 2025. On Tuesday, Aug. 19, 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/> Thank you! Denise and Gina

THURSDAY VIDEOS

Thursday morning videos will resume Thursday August 28, after 8am mass. Join us for coffee and inspiration!

VENDOR FAIR

The Ladies Sodality is having a VENDOR FAIR on Saturday, November 8th 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 <crenshawkfc@outlook.com>
Also, we will need volunteers to set up on November 7th and take down afterwards on November 8th for the Vendor Fair. This involves tables so we are looking for some man power. Any help would be appreciated.

SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

Ladies' Sodality School Supply Drive for St Frances Cabrini
Please place supplies in bins in vestibules of church by August 10th, 2025. St. Frances is especially in need of: plastic folders with pockets highlighters - specifically green & pink composition notebooks ziploc bags (any size) dry erase markers, blue, black and red pens

ROSARY DRIVE

Knights of Columbus Council 2117 is collecting new or gently used rosaries to help St. Louis Lambert Airport Chaplains evangelize among the employees and travelers they serve each day. Their supply is completely gone after giving away hundreds of rosaries. Please drop off rosaries in the vestibule of the Church in a basket marked Rosaries for Airport Chaplains by September 30th. Thank you!

PROTECTION OF GOD'S CHILDREN

Please, all volunteers and employees 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

RIP Fr. NAJI KIWAN

Our prayers are offered for the repose of the soul of Fr. Naji Kiwan, pastor of the Maronite church in Danbury, CT.
'Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master's joy.' Matthew 25:23

The 58th Annual St. Louis Lebanese Festival

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 12, 2025, 6:00 PM — 9:00 PM
(Friday: drink specials including imported Almaza Lebanese beer/ limited Food menu/ Music)
SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 13, 2025, 12:00 Noon — 10:00 PM
SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 14, 2025, 11:00 AM — 5:00 PM
at **St. Raymond Maronite Cathedral**
931 Lebanon Dr., St. Louis, MO 63104

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

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

*Singer Said Abi Akl
and Band*



Hosted by **St. Raymond
Maronite Cathedral**

www.StRaymond-MC.org



Pre-Order of Festival Tickets and Raffle:
+ Online Sep 1- Sep 11
<https://st-raymond-cathedral.square.site>
+ Call-In, Sep 8- Sep 11, 9am-12pm,
Tel: 314 621 0056



**RELIGIOUS
EDUCATION**
REGISTER NOW!

Contact: Pam Olimpio
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OUR LADY OF LEBANON
MYA
2025 EPARCHIAL
CONFERENCE

HOUSTON, TX



WHEN:

OCTOBER 24-26, 2025

COSTS:

CONFERENCE: \$175

HOTEL: \$99/NIGHT

HOTEL INFORMATION:

HYATT PLACE
HOUSTON SUGARLAND
16730 CREEKBEND DRIVE
SUGARLAND, TX 77478

HOST PARISH:

OUR LADY OF THE CEDARS
HOUSTON, TEXAS

@OLOLMYA

Saint Raymond-Saint Elizabeth
1420 Sappington Rd.
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*Annual
Vendor Fair*

Get a head start on your holiday shopping!

Saturday
November 8, 2025
9:00am-1:00pm

AUTUMN HARVEST FESTIVAL

SATURDAY

**OCT
25** 2025

12NOON to 9PM

FOOD - DRINK - CRAFTS - VENDORS - GAMES

St. Raymond - St. Elizabeth
1420 Sappington Road - Crestwood, MO. 63126