



# 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: St. Raymond's  
Maronite Cathedral group

## DIVINE LITURGY

Sunday: 10:15am  
Monday-Friday: 12 noon

## RECONCILIATION:

Sunday: 9:15am  
or by appointment

## Crestwood

1420 S. Sappington Road  
Crestwood, MO 63126

Tel: (314) 968-0760

Fax: (314) 968-8023

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

Facebook: St. Elizabeth of Hungary  
Catholic Church @sehcrestwood

## 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



## FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

Liturgy p. 425

Mic 7:7-9,18-20

1 Thes 1:1-10

Lk 7:36-50



## TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jer 20:7-9

Ps 63

Rom 12:1-2

Mt 16:21-27

*Sunday, Sep 3, 2023*

## DIVINE LITURGY & MASS INTENTIONS

### DOWNTOWN:

Sun, Sep 3 10:15am	FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST +Deacon Louis Peters - one year Ann. +George Alkhouri By Mary & Jamal Makhoul
Mon, Sep 4 12:00 pm	Monday of the 15th week of Pentecost For all laborers
Tues, Sep 5	St Sharbel of Raha and His Sister
Wed, Sep 6 12:00 pm	St Michael the Archangel Anna Elking By Denny & Roxanne Elking
Thurs, Sep 7	Thursday of the 15th week of Pentecost
Fri, Sep 8	Friday of the 15th week of Pentecost
Sun, Sep 10 10:15am	SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST +Jordan Taylor- 40 Day Divine Liturgy By his mother Janet Emerson +Bernice Baker requested by John & Denise Seifert Thanksgiving for blessings received By Dr. John & Nina Bouhasin

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

Sat, Sep 2	Sunday Vigil
4:00pm RC	Julie Hunkins by Pam Olimpio
5:15pm M	Patricia Elking By Ralph & Sandy Wahby
Sun, Sep 3	TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8:00am RC	Pro Populo
10:30am RC	David Wissler Patricia Cooseman for healing
Mon, Sep 4	St Rosalia
8:00am RC	Larry Johnson by Haifa Sabat
Tue, Sep 5	St Teresa of Calcutta
8:00am RC	Charles Long by Haifa Sabat
6:00pm M	Ruth and Jack Carnie By Linda Hill
Wed, Sep 6	Bl Bertrand
8:00am RC	Patricia Cooseman
Thurs, Sep 7	St Regina
8:00am RC	Patricia Cooseman
6:00pm M	Mike and Anne Brotherton By Linda Hill
Fri, Sep 8	St Adrian
8:00am RC	Edward Condon Thanksgiving for blessings received By Dr. John & Nina Bouhasin
Sat, Sep 9	Sunday Vigil
4:00pm RC	Patricia Cooseman
5:15pm M	Michel Maghamez by Elyas Safar and family
Sun, Sep 10	TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8:00am RC	Deacon Louis Peters
10:30am RC	Pro Populo

## WEEKLY FINANCES 08/27/23

### ST. RAYMOND-ST.ELIZABETH:

<u>4:00pm Saturday</u>	
Loose cash	317
Checks/Envelopes	1135
<u>7:00pm Saturday</u>	
Loose cash	1
Checks/Envelopes	140
<u>8:00am Sunday</u>	
Loose cash	72
Checks/Envelopes	267
<u>10:30am Sunday</u>	
Loose cash	327
Checks/Envelopes	760
Candles	132
Pickleball	352
Other income	11,012.88
Online Giving <a href="https://osvhub.com/stelizabethhungary/funds">https://osvhub.com/stelizabethhungary/funds</a>	995.30
Expenses	\$8,738.36

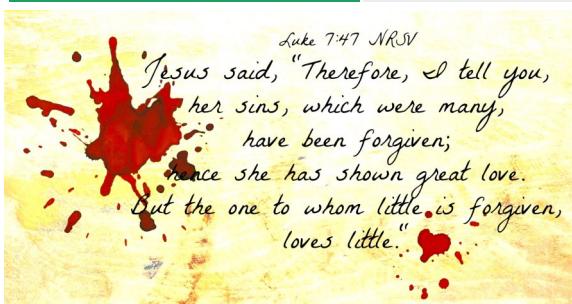
### ST. RAYMOND:

<u>5:15pm Saturday</u>	
Loose cash	30
Checks/Envelopes	120
<u>10:15am Sunday</u>	
Loose cash	135
Checks/Envelopes	1,140
12 noon Sunday	738
Revenue during the week	530
Candles	95
Coffee hour	100
Festival	4,600
Second Collection	50
Online Giving <a href="http://straymond-mc.org/online-giving">straymond-mc.org/online-giving</a>	2,672
Expenses	\$3,950.1

### WED. LUNCHEON

08/30/23

Total Revenue	5,775.97
Expenses	\$1,784.61





# *A note from the pastor*

*Happy Labor Day*

Human labor precedes Original Sin and hence is not an imposition due to sin but rather part of our original dignity.

God places [Man] in the garden. There he lives "to till it and keep it." Work is not yet a burden, but rather the collaboration of man and woman with God in perfecting the visible creation (CCC #378).

### **Human work is a duty and prolongs the work of creation.**

Human work proceeds directly from persons created in the image of God and called to prolong the work of creation by subduing the earth, both with and for one another. Hence work is a duty: "If anyone will not work, let him not eat" [2 Thess 3:10]. Work honors the Creator's gifts and the talents received from him (CCC #2427).

### **Work can be sanctifying and redemptive.**

[Work] can also be redemptive. By enduring the hardship of work in union with Jesus, the carpenter of Nazareth and the one crucified on Calvary, man collaborates in a certain fashion with the Son of God in his redemptive work. He shows himself to be a disciple of Christ by carrying the cross, daily, in the work he is called to accomplish. Work can be a means of sanctification and a way of animating earthly realities with the Spirit of Christ (CCC #2427).

In his mercy God has not forsaken sinful man. The punishments consequent upon sin, "pain in childbearing" and toil "in the sweat of your brow," also embody remedies that limit the damaging effects of sin (CCC # 1609).

### **Work is an acceptable sacrifice to God.**

[The] laity, dedicated as they are to Christ and anointed by the Holy Spirit, are marvelously called and prepared so that even richer fruits of the Spirit maybe produced in them. For all their works, prayers, and apostolic undertakings, family and married life, daily work, relaxation of mind and body, if they are accomplished in the Spirit—indeed even the hardships of life if patiently borne—all these become spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. In the celebration of the Eucharist these may most fittingly be offered to the Father along with the body of the Lord (CCC # 901).

### **To work is to participate in the common good.**

Participation [in the common good] is achieved first of all by taking charge of the areas for which one assumes personal responsibility: by the care taken for the education of his family, by conscientious work, and so forth, man participates in the good of others and of society (CCC # 1914).



*Col. 3:23*

**Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men.**

### **CONTACT US:**

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#### **BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS**

Deadline: 8am Tuesdays  
To submit: Email Fr. Patrick  
patrickkassab@outlook.com

#### **ONLINE GIVING**

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

#### **ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT- CRESTWOOD**

Mondays 8:30am-5:00pm

#### **OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTIONS- CRESTWOOD**

Tuesdays 8:30am  
(After morning Mass)

#### **MEDICAL EQUIPMENT**

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



## LECTORS: CRESTWOOD

Sat, Sep 2 4:00 pm	Janet Finke
Sun, Sep 3 8:00 am 10:30 am	Nancy Wall Laura Lebeau
Sat, Sep 9 4:00 pm	Sister Rosalie
Sun, Sep 10 8:00 am 10:30 am	Julie Hoijarvi Fabi Pineda

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND OF OUR PARISH

Mark Beck  
Tom Hearst  
Victor Sciarrino  
Rosalie Hubert  
Mike McSorley Sr.  
James Brumfield  
Christopher & Cathy Seemayer  
Mary Lou Works  
Chris Nelms  
Ted Arunski  
Dave Holdinghausen  
Pat Cooseman  
Mary Ann Reiter  
Michelle Bausworth  
Tom Saucier  
Rhoda Simpher  
Patricia Beck  
Terry Leong  
Mary Ojile  
Gloria (Skip) Leisure  
Don Ganim  
John Anton  
Jim Hoffman  
Gary Bieller  
Richard Baker Sr  
Patrick Carr  
Steve Baker  
Jana Smith  
Janet Zhakaria  
Bert Marchi  
John Cleary  
Tom Morrow



## COFFEE HOUR

Coffee hour this coming Sunday September 3d after Divine Liturgy at the Cedar's Hall. Thank you Mary, Pam, and Elie.

## EUCARISTIC ADORATION

No Eucharistic Adoration this coming Mon. Sep 4 (Labor Day).

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

No Religious Education this coming Mon. Sep 4 (Labor Day).

## KITCHEN SCOOP

The kitchen is not open for lunch Wed. Sep 6, 13, 20  
We will be preparing food for the Lebanese Festival.  
For more information you can log on to the Festival page on Square  
<http://st-raymond-cathedral.square.site/>

Thank you! Denise and Gina

## THURS. MORNING CHRISTIAN DOC FILMS

We are resuming with the showing of Christian Doc Films every Thursday after morning Mass.

## LEBANESE FESTIVAL MEETING TUE SEP 5 AT 6:30PM

We will be meeting last time before the Festival, on Tue. Sep. 5, at 6:30pm, at The Cedars hall of St. Raymond Cathedral. Let us have a successful Festival 2023!

## ST LOUIS LEBANESE FESTIVAL

The St. Louis Lebanese Festival is on Sep 15-17, 2023, at St. Raymond Maronite Cathedral, we are opening on Fri, Sep 15 in the evening with limited Food menu from 5pm till 9pm.

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 launched below the website for volunteers soon, and mailed letters to all our church distribution list.

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

New food items will be introduced for this year!

For volunteering please, log on to the Festival Volunteer sign up page: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0C4CA4AD2FA6F58-2023>



## FESTIVAL PRE SALE TICKETS

If you would to buy in advance tickets for St. Louis Lebanese Festival, our volunteers will be after Divine Liturgies/Masses in the foyer of both our churches, and ready to give you 55 tickets for the price of \$50, 10% discount!

## ARCH CO-OP MASS AND MUFFINS

Arch Co-op invites you for muffins after morning Mass on Wednesday September 6, 2023, in the downstairs cafeteria, to launch this new school year 23/24.

Be many!



## FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS ITEMS MOST NEEDED:

The St. Raymond Food Pantry currently needs: canned meat/fish, cereal, fruit, vegetables, soups/stews, pasta sauce and peanut butter. No glass jars, please. Monetary donations to the Food Pantry to assist with rent and utility needs can be made by cash or check payable to St. Raymond Maronite Cathedral and placed in the weekly collection or sent to the rectory. Please write "Food Pantry" on the outside of the envelope. Monetary donations to the Food Pantry can also be made through On-Line Giving.

## 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

† Michel Maghamez	8-14-2023
† Kathleen Ann Bruce	8-11-2023
† Patricia Elking	8-6-2023
† Wafica Issa	8-5-2023
† Jordan Taylor	8-1-2023
† Elias Hawatmeh	7-26-2023
† John William Cary	7-8-2023
† Rigo Berto Oseguera	6-18-2023
† Angel Mamarbashi	6-16-2023
† David Wissler	6-9-2023
† Martha Ibrahim	6-1-2023
† George Anton	5-29-2023
† Bernard Elking Sr.	5-26-2023
† Patricia Webbe	5-15-2023
† Betty Tracy	5-13-2023
† Elias Hitti	5-6-2023
† George Alkhouri	4-22-2023
† Lynn Warfel	3-13-2023
† Sabiha Abdallah	3-2-2023
† Rafael Gomez	2-26-2023
† Robert Drexler	2-19-2023
† Lydia Elking	2-18-2023
† Robert Bosch	2-13-2023
† Salim Sayegh	2-1-2023
† Antoine Gazal	1-28-2023
† Ralph Salamie	1-26-2023
† Robert Risha	1-21-2023

## PRAYING WITH THE SACRAMENTS

Mondays (starting with PSR date) Learn about the Sacraments 6-7pm at St Raymond– St. Elizabeth Church, Crestwood. We will be reading and discussing *Be Transformed: The Healing Power of the Sacraments* by Bob Schuchts. The book is available for purchase Pauline Books & Media 9804 Watson Rd, St. Louis, MO 63126  
We recommend that you get the book!

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Enrollment is now open for all classes, from Kindergarten to High school, including Sacramental preparation. Classes will follow the new Faith of the Mountains curriculum. Every Monday, from 6:00pm to 7:15pm at St Raymond-St Elizabeth Church in Crestwood. For more info, <https://straymond-mc.org/parish-life/education> Registration forms are available in the lobby of both locations. If you have any questions, contact Pam Olimpio: [pcatherine@att.net](mailto:pcatherine@att.net)

## RCIA CLASSES (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Our Rel Ed Formation Program is beginning RCIA classes, if someone is not Catholic and would like to join the Catholic Church. The classes will be offered this coming school year on Mondays, partnered with our Rel Ed Formation program.

## DISCERNMENT 101 WITH THE DAUGHTERS OF ST PAUL

Are you a young woman ages 16-33 seeking God's will in your life? Join the Daughters of St. Paul for Discernment 101, a series of Saturday morning talks, prayer, and community to help you grow in your relationship with God and learn tips and principles for discerning your vocation. Our next session is Saturday, September 16. Our topic is: "Growth, Not Perfectionism: A Holistic Approach to Discernment." We begin with 8:30 Mass, followed by light refreshments, a talk and discussion, Eucharistic Adoration, and lunch (optional) at Pauline Books & Media, 9804 Watson Road, St. Louis. A Zoom option is also available for those who cannot attend in person. For more details or to register, email Sr. Amanda Marie at [stlouisvocations@paulinemedia.com](mailto:stlouisvocations@paulinemedia.com).

## FESTIVAL RAFFLE TICKETS (pre-order)

If you would like to support the Festival Raffle, you can purchase them from the Festival page on Square <http://st-raymond-cathedral.square.site/>



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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56th Annual Lebanese Festival—Raffle 2023  
Saint Louis, MO

Drawing on Sunday, September 17th, at 5:00pm,  
at St. Raymond Cathedral, 931 Lebanon Dr.

1st Prize Southwest Airline Gift Card \$1,000+ donated by St. Raymond Ladies & Men's Societies  
2nd Prize Jetson Haze Electric Bike- donated Parish/Finance Council  
3rd Prize Gold Maronite Cross & Chain - donated by John Legens - Diamonds and Gold LLC  
4th Prize hp Laptop Computer - donated by Mary Cohen-Ehlen  
5th Prize Cosmetic Botox Treatment - donated by Dr. Rob Maamari, MD, Ophthalmic Plastic & Reconstructive Surgeon  
6th Prize Cardinals Baseball Basket Gifts - donated by The Hitti Family  
7th Prize Diba Shoes Gift Card \$400+ donated by Joe & Diana Butrus  
8th Prize Paul Manno's Restaurant \$100+ donated by Joe & Diana Butrus  
9th Prize IL Bel Lago Restaurant \$100+ donated by Joe & Diana Butrus  
10th Prize Tupperware set - donated by Dolores Nordman  
11th-15th Car Oil Change & Service - donated by Nicolas Chahoud- MIDAS  
\$5 Donation per ticket  
\$20 for a book of 5 tickets

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# The 56th Annual St. Louis Lebanese Festival

**FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 15, 2023, 6:00 PM — 9:00 PM**  
(Friday: drink specials including imported Almaza Lebanese beer/ limited Food menu/ Music)  
**SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 16, 2023, 12:00 Noon — 10:00 PM**  
**SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 17, 2023, 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



Hosted by St. Raymond  
Maronite Cathedral  
[www.StRaymond-MC.org](http://www.StRaymond-MC.org)



Pre-Order of Festival Tickets and Raffle:  
+ Online Sep 1- Sep 14  
<https://st-raymond-cathedral.square.site>  
+ Call-In, Sep 11-Sep 14, 9am-12pm,  
Tel: 314 621 0056



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