



## *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: [www.facebook.com/  
groups/saintraymonds](https://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/](https://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

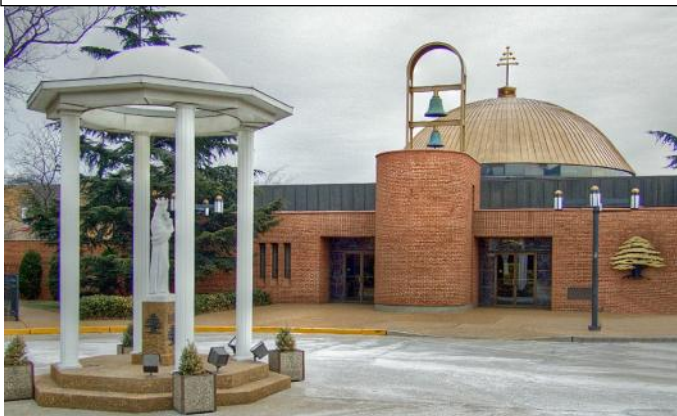
### MINISTERING THE SACRAMENTS/MYSTERIES

**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



### GENEALOGY SUNDAY

Liturgy p. 66  
Isaiah 11:1-4A, 6-9  
Romans 1:1-12  
Matthew 1:1-17



### FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Isaiah 7:10-14  
Psalm 24  
Roman 1:1-17  
Matthew 1:18-24

*Sunday, December 21st, 2025*

## DIVINE LITURGY & MASS INTENTIONS DOWNTOWN:

Sat. Dec. 20	<i>St. Ignatius the martyr, patriarch of Antioch</i>
Sun. Dec. 21 10:15 am	<b>GENEALOGY SUNDAY</b> +Terry Leong By David & Effie Westphal +Dennis Slay (10th anniv.) By Nancy Slay & Family +Dominic Elking By Dennis & Roxanne Elking
Mon. Dec. 22 12:00 pm	<i>St. Anastasia, martyr</i> Poor Souls in Purgatory
Tue. Dec. 23	<i>St. Ujana</i>
Wed. Dec. 24 5:15 pm 10:00 pm	The day before the Birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ Living and Deceased Parishioners of St. Raymond Living and Deceased Parishioners of St. Raymond
Thurs. Dec. 25 10:15 am	<i>The Birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ</i> Living and Deceased Parishioners of St. Raymond Catherine Leisure By Francis Leisure and Family
Fri. Dec. 26 12:00 pm	<i>Congratulations of Our Lady, the Most Holy Virgin Mary</i> Jack & Mary Pudlowski By Linda Hill
Sat. Dec. 27	<i>St. Stephen, the first martyr</i>
Sun. Dec. 28 10:15 am	<b>SUNDAY AFTER THE GLORIOUS BIRTH OF OUR LORD, THE ADORATION OF THE MAGI</b> +Subdeacon George & Marilue Simon By David & Kathy Mueckl +For the Kutis Family Jihad Ghoussein
12 pm noon	

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

Sat. Dec. 20 4:00 pm RC 5:15 pm MC	<i>Sunday Vigil, Sts. Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob</i> Jack Finke by Janet Finke Barbara Bufka by Janet Svejkosky
Sun. Dec. 21 8:00 am RC 10:30 am RC	<b>4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b> Valentino Robles for Healing Subdeacon George and Marilue Simon by Patricia Carnie
Mon. Dec. 22 8:00 am RC 6:30 pm MC	<i>St. Ischyron</i> Aaron Alster Christmas Novena
Tue. Dec. 23 8:00 am RC 5:45 pm MC 6:30 pm MC	<i>St. John of Kanty</i> Neal Alster for healing Joseph Ojile By Linda Hill Christmas Novena
Wed. Dec. 24 4:00pm RC 10:00 pm RC	<i>The Nativity of the Lord</i> Pro Populo Pro Populo
Thurs. Dec. 25 10:30am RC	<i>Christmas</i> Pro Populo
Fri. Dec. 26 8:00am RC	<i>St. Stephen, the first martyr</i> Patricia Drewett-Cooseman & Charles Drewett
Sat. Dec. 27 4:00 pm RC 5:15 pm MC	<i>Sunday Vigil, St. John</i> Patricia Augustyniak Douglas & Juanita Gibbs
Sun. Dec. 28 8:00 am RC 10:30 am RC	<b>THE HOLY FAMILY</b> Aaron Alster Mildred Colbert By Linda Hill

## WEEKLY FINANCES 12/14/2025 ST. RAYMOND-ST.ELIZABETH:

<b>4:00pm Saturday</b>	
Loose cash	445
Checks/Envelopes	1,836
<b>7:00pm Saturday</b>	
Loose cash	1
Checks/Envelopes	-
<b>8:00am Sunday</b>	
Loose cash	26
Checks/Envelopes	215
<b>10:30am Sunday</b>	
Loose cash	104
Checks/Envelopes	460
Candles	78
Pickleball	257
Revenue during the week	1,110
Christmas Flowers	145
Online Giving <a href="https://osvhub.com/stelizabethhungary/funds">https://osvhub.com/stelizabethhungary/funds</a>	605
Expenses (remodeling rectory)	\$26,761.35

## ST. RAYMOND:

<b>5:15pm Saturday</b>	
Loose cash	20
Checks/Envelopes	65
<b>10:15am Sunday</b>	
Loose cash	35
Checks/Envelopes	1,315
Revenue during the week	875
Candles	46
Coffee hour	183
2nd Collection	40
Online Giving <a href="https://osvhub.com/straymond-mc/giving/funds">https://osvhub.com/straymond-mc/giving/funds</a>	1,627
Expenses	\$9,710.99





# A note from the pastor

## Christmas Schedule – 2025

**St. Raymond Maronite Cathedral, St. Louis &  
St. Raymond- St. Elizabeth Church, Crestwood**

### **Mission Sunday & Breakfast with Santa:**

Sun. Dec 7th at 10:15am Divine Liturgy  
and Reception (Downtown)

### **Christmas Novena:**

Dec 15th till Dec 23rd at 6:30pm at St.  
Raymond- St. Elizabeth Church  
(Crestwood)  
(Saturdays and Sundays, Novena are  
prayed during the Divine Liturgy)



### **Christmas Masses/Divine Liturgies:**

Wed. Dec. 24: 4:00pm Roman (Crestwood) - Christmas Vigil  
5:15pm Maronite (Downtown) - Nativity  
10:00pm “Midnight” Mass Roman (Crestwood)  
10:00pm “Midnight” Maronite (Downtown)  
Thurs. Dec. 25: 10:15am Maronite (Downtown) &  
10:30am Roman (Crestwood)

### **Solemnity of Mary (Roman)/ Circumcision (Maronite)**

Thurs. Jan. 1: 10:15am Maronite (Downtown) &  
10:30am Roman (Crestwood)

\*Confession/Reconciliation before Mass/Divine Liturgy & at  
Christmas Novena

#### **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

##### **MERCY MEAL**

Kathleen Wahby 314 276 3062

##### **MEDICAL EQUIPMENT**

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

##### **PICKLEBALL**

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##### **EVENT PLANNER- THE CEDARS**

Nancy Stevens 314 239 0648

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##### **YOUTH MINISTER**

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## LECTORS: CRESTWOOD

<b>Sat, Dec. 20</b> 4:00 pm	Janet Finke
<b>Sun, Dec. 21</b> 8:00 am 10:30 am	Glenn Brookman Jean Minton
<b>Christmas Eve</b> <b>Wed, Dec. 24</b> 4:00 pm 10:00pm	Ralph & Margie Kathleen & Dan
<b>Christmas Day</b> <b>Thurs, Dec. 25</b> 10:30 am	Fabi Pineda
<b>Sat, Dec. 27</b> 4:00 pm	Sr. Rosalie
<b>Sun, Dec. 28</b> 8:00 am 10:30 am	Dan & Kathleen Austin Krueger

## UP COMING EVENTS

- \*Sun Dec. 7: Breakfast with Santa
- \*Wed Dec 31: New Year's Eve Celebration
- \*Sun Feb. 1: St. Maron's Feast Day
- \*Youth National Retreat: Dayton Univ, OH
- \*June 29-July 5: NAM Conv., San Diego, CA
- \*Sep. 18,19,20: Lebanese Festival
- \*Oct. 17: Autumn Harvest Festival
- \*Nov. 14: Vendor Fair
- \*Sun Dec. 6, 2026: Breakfast with Santa

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

Tom Hearst	Steve Baker
Victor Sciarrino	Janet Zhakaria
Rosalie Hubert	John Cleary
Mike McSorley Sr.	Tom Morrow
James Brumfield	Marie Kallial
Cathy Seemayer	Rob Turner
Mary Lou Works	Emil Salman
Chris Nelms	Jennifer Van Luyen
Ted Arunski	Janet Emerson
Dave Holdinghausen	Burton Droste
Michelle Bausworth	Dot Smith
Tom Saucier	Gabe Vollet
Rhoda Simpher	Barb Rohr
Patricia Beck	Ameal Nassif
Mary Ojile	Gerry Nassif
Gloria (Skip) Leisure	Tim Gamma
Don Ganim	Munir Matar
John Anton	Susan Dugan
Jim Hoffman	Rima Cabbabe
Richard Baker Sr	Ralph Wahby
Patrick Carr	

## SAT DEC 20 BLESSING OF THE DONOR WALL

Bishop Zaidan will bless the Donor/ Memorial Wall at St. Raymond– St. Elizabeth church, on Sat. Dec. 20, at 3:55 pm, right before 4 pm Mass. Thanks for all your support and help to our church!

## COFFEE HOUR & BREAKFAST BY OUR YOUTH DEC 21

We welcome all our parishioners and friend visitors to socialize and for coffee hour and breakfast after 10:15am Divine Liturgy at St. Raymond Cathedral. We thank the Youth and their parents of our church for serving the Coffee hour and breakfast, see flyer in the back. Please, let us enjoy each other, and celebrate the Day of Lord!

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Eucharistic Adoration this coming Mon. Dec. 22, at St. Raymond– St. Elizabeth Church, from 8:30am till 5pm.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

No Rel Ed classes Mon. Dec. 22. Merry Christmas and Blessed New Year!

## KITCHEN SCOOP

The Kitchen is closed for the rest of the year, we will resume our luncheons, God willing, on Wed. Jan. 7, 2026. For more information, log on to Square <http://st-raymond-cathedral.square.site/> Thanks! Denise and Gina

## THURSDAY CHRISTIAN DOCUMENTARY FILMS

We will resume on Jan 8th. God willing, Blessed Advent!

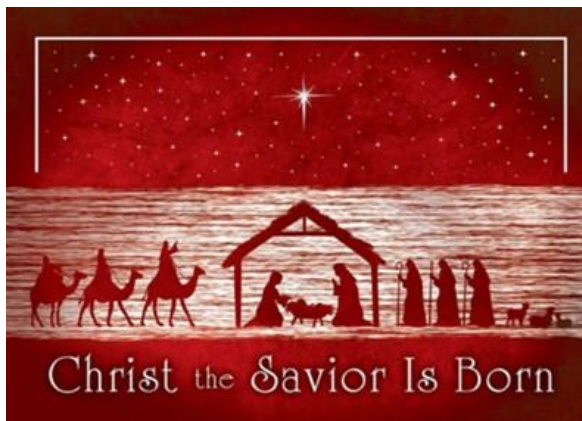
## OCIA CLASS

Classes will resume Thurs. Jan. 8, 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>

## 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.





## 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

† 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
† 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

## ADORERS NEEDED FOR MONDAY ADORATION

We have adoration Mondays 8:30-5pm and are in need of a second adorer especially for the 9:30-10:30am. The other hours in need of an adorer are 11:30-12:30pm...3:30-4:30pm, 4-5pm. If you are able to commit to one of the hours, please call the office at 314.968.0760 or email at steeliz@straymond-mc.org.

## LEGACY SUNDAY

We thank our parish ambassadors Rob & Teddy Garagiola who presented and explained about Legacy Sunday, Nov. 1-2, at St. Raymond – St. Elizabeth church after Masses. For more information log on to website <https://rcf-legacy-sunday.squarespace.com/home>

## 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

Blessed Baptism to Ethan Wahby the son of our parishioners Anthony & Marissa Wahby, and grandchild of subdeacon David & Kathi Wahby.

"for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. " Galatians 3:27

## NEW BORN CHILD OF GOD

Congratulations to new born baby boy Jaxon, child of Olivia & James Muchow, and grandchild of Fr. Tony and Mary Simon.

"Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." Matthew 19:14

## RIP BETH DREWETT

Beth Drewett, Janet Finke and Jean Minton's sister, passed on to eternal life on November 23rd, 2025. May she rest in the Lord!

## RIP MARILYN MEISTER

We offer our prayers and condolences to deacon Bill in our church on the passing of his sister Marilyn to Eternal Life.

1 Corinthians 3:11-15

"11 For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ. 12 If anyone builds on this foundation using gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay or straw, 13 their work will be shown for what it is, because the Day will bring it to light. It will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test the quality of each person's work. 14 If what has been built survives, the builder will receive a reward. 15 If it is burned up, the builder will suffer loss but yet will be saved—even though only as one escaping through the flames. "





## Donor/ Memorial Wall at St. Raymond– St. Elizabeth Church

Suggested Donation toward the In Honor / in Memory plaques



For a standard two liner with “In Memory of Mr — & Mrs ———” or “In Honor of Mr — & Mrs ———”

of for each size plaque :

the \$1,000 has 33pt font size

the \$500 has 31pt font size

the \$100 has 24pt font size

with Arial Bold as the font.

(forms are in the foyer of St. Raymond– St. Elizabeth church)



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2/6/2026 - 2/8/2026, St. Peters, MO

4/17/2026 - 4/19/2026, St. Peters, MO

6/12/2026 - 6/14/2026, St. Peters, MO

