



# 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](http://www.facebook.com/groups/saintraymonds)

## DIVINE LITURGY

Sunday: 10:15am  
Mon, Wed, Fri: 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: [www.facebook.com/sehcrestwood/](http://www.facebook.com/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



## GENEALOGY OF JESUS

Liturgy p. 66+novena  
Is 11:1-19  
Rom 1:1-12  
Mt 1:1-17



## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Mi 5:1-4a  
Ps 80  
Heb 10:5-10  
Lk 1:39-45

*Sunday, December 22nd, 2024*

## DIVINE LITURGY & MASS INTENTIONS

### DOWNTOWN:

Sat, Dec. 21	<i>St Julianos the martyr &amp; St Juliana the martyr</i>
Sun, Dec. 22 10:15 am	<b>GENEALOGY OF JESUS</b> +Dominic Elking By Dennis & Roxanne Elking +Rhonda Denise Moore By Dennis Keller Jr.
Mon, Dec. 23 12:00 pm	<i>St. Ujania</i> Poor Souls in Purgatory
Tues, Dec. 24 5:15 pm 10:00 pm	<i>The day before the Birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ</i> Living and Deceased Parishioners Living and Deceased Parishioners
Wed, Dec. 25 10:15 am	<b>Glorious Birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ</b> Living and Deceased Parishioners
Thurs, Dec. 26	<i>Congratulations of Our Lady, the Holy Virgin Mary</i>
Fri, Dec. 27 11:00 am	<i>St. Stephen, the first Martyr</i> Mass for the retired sisters at Mason Pointe
Sat, Dec. 28	<i>St. Marina, known as Margaret the martyr</i>
Sun, Dec. 29 10:15 am	<b>FINDING OF THE LORD IN THE TEMPLE</b> +Catherine Leisure By Francis Leisure Jr. & Family +Christopher Ellison By Theresa & Charlie Miller and Family

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

Sat, Dec. 21 4:00 pm RC 5:15 pm M	<i>Sunday Vigil; O Oriens!</i> Pat Cooseman by Janet Finke Francis & Anna Slay By David & Kathy Mueckl
Sun, Dec. 22 8:00 am RC 10:30 am RC	<b>4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT; O REX GENTIUM!</b> Charles & Joan Powell By Linda Hill Marek Karcz
Mon, Dec. 23 8:00 am RC 6:30 pm M	<i>St. John of Kanty</i> Jack Finke <i>Christmas Novena</i>
Tue, Dec. 24 4:00 pm RC 10:00 pm RC	<b>The Nativity of the Lord</b> Pro Populo Pro Populo
Wed, Dec. 25 10:30 am RC	<b>Christmas</b> Pro Populo
Thurs, Dec. 26 8:00 am RC 6:00 pm M	<i>St. Stephen, the first martyr</i> Jack Finke Elias Hitti By Nazha Hitti and Family
Fri, Dec. 27 8:00 am RC	<i>St. John, apostle and evangelist</i> Wyatt Lauber by Jack Lauber
Sat, Dec. 28 4:00 pm RC 5:15 pm M	<i>Sunday Vigil; The Holy Innocents, martyrs</i> Pat Cooseman by Janet Finke Douglas & Juanita Gibbs By LaDonna Rask
Sun, Dec. 29 8:00 am RC 10:30 am RC	<b>THE HOLY FAMILY</b> Nell Boggiano Pat Cooseman by Janet Finke

## WEEKLY FINANCES 12/15/2024

### ST. RAYMOND-ST.ELIZABETH:

<b>4:00pm Saturday</b>	
Loose cash	256
Checks/Envelopes	1,030
<b>7:00pm Saturday</b>	
Loose cash	5
Checks/Envelopes	25
<b>8:00am Sunday</b>	
Loose cash	30
Checks/Envelopes	188
<b>10:30am Sunday</b>	
Loose cash	336
Checks/Envelopes	1,015
Candles	199
Pickleball	382
Revenue during the week	2,325
Second Collection	
Online Giving <a href="https://osvhub.com/stelizabethhungary/funds">https://osvhub.com/stelizabethhungary/funds</a>	410
Expenses	\$6,797.63

### ST. RAYMOND:

<b>5:15pm Saturday</b>	
Loose cash	25
Checks/Envelopes	125
<b>10:15am Sunday</b>	
Loose cash	58
Checks/Envelopes	1,196
The Cedars	703.20
Second collection	160
Revenue during the week	6,765
Candles	101
Coffee hour	151
Kitchen	6,000
Online Giving <a href="https://osvhub.com/straymond-mc/giving/funds">https://osvhub.com/straymond-mc/giving/funds</a>	3,927
Expenses	\$7,610.78





# A note from the pastor



We adore you, O Son of the Father from all eternity and Son of the Virgin born in time. When you became flesh, our eyes were able to see God, bringing us closer to the One who dwells in the heights!  
(From Our Maronite Liturgy)

You will be in our prayers, especially at the Christmas Divine Liturgies! May Jesus Christ the incarnate Word bless you,

*Bishop A. Elias Zaidan Msgr. John Nahal Fr. Tony Simon Fr. Jad Chlouk  
Deacon Bill Subdeacon David*

## CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE 2024

### Christmas Novena:

Mon. Dec. 23, last day of the Novena

### Christmas Masses/ Divine Liturgies:

Tue. Dec. 24:

4:00pm Roman (Crestwood) - Christmas Vigil

5:15pm Maronite (Downtown) - Nativity

10:00pm "Midnight" Mass Roman (Crestwood)

10:00pm "Midnight" Maronite (Downtown)

Wed. Dec. 25: 10:15am Maronite (Downtown) &

10:30am Roman (Crestwood)

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

Wed. Jan. 1: 10:15am Maronite (Downtown) &

10:30am Roman (Crestwood)

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

### Christmas Flower intentions:

Chester & Catherine Wisniewski

Vince & Josie Daus

Avery Codden Family

Paula Hagan

Madeleine Reilly

The Morrow Sons

Donald & Ginny Morrow

McGrath Family

Cameron Family & Friends

Frank Miles

Art & Madge Doerr

Paula, Ameilia & Pauline Miles

Albert H. Feldt



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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

### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT- CRESTWOOD

Mondays 8:30am-5:00pm

### MERCY MEAL

Kathleen Wahby 314 276 3062

### MEDICAL EQUIPMENT

Donate or Borrow piece of medical equipment, please call

Patty Renschen 314 517 7044

### PICKLEBALL

David Miller

davidcmiller60@gmail.com





**LECTORS: CRESTWOOD**

<b>Sat, Dec. 21</b> 4:00 pm	Ralph & Margie
<b>Sun, Dec. 22</b> 8:00 am 10:30 am	Nancy Wall Fabi Pineda
<b>Tues, Dec. 24</b> 4:00 pm 10:00 pm	Sr Rosalie Julie Hoijarvi
<b>Wed, Dec. 25</b> 10:30 am	Austin Krueger
<b>Sat, Dec. 28</b> 4:00 pm	Janet Finke
<b>Sun, Dec. 29</b> 8:00 am 10:30 am	Glenn Brookman Jean Minton

**UP COMING EVENTS**

- \*Tue Dec 31: New Year's Eve Celebration
- \*Sun. Feb. 2 : St. Maron's Feast Day
- \*Sun. March 9 : Ladies' Sodality Purse Bingo
- \*Sun. April 13: Palm Sun. Lunch.
- \*Sat. April 19: Easter Egg Hunt
- \*Sun. May 11 : Mother's Day Brunch
- \*Thurs. May 29: Confirmation at St. R– St. E
- \*Sat. June 7: Men's Society Golf Tournament
- \*June 23-26: Vacation Bible School
- \*June 23-28: MYO Youth National Conf.
- \*Sep. 19-21: St. Louis Lebanese Festival

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

Mark Beck	Richard Baker Sr
Tom Hearst	Patrick Carr
Victor Sciarrino	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	Mary L Simon
Ted Arunski	Jim Benoist
Dave Holdinghausen	Eddie Bremehr
Michelle Bausworth	Judy Roderick
Tom Saucier	Rob Turner
Rhoda Simpher	Dr. John Bouhasin
Patricia Beck	Emil Salman
Terry Leong	Jennifer Van Luven
Mary Ojile	David Taylor
Gloria (Skip) Leisure	Milad Abounader
Don Ganim	
John Anton	
Jim Hoffman	

**COFFEE HOUR**

We welcome all our parishioners and visitors for coffee hour Sun. Dec. 22, at the Cedars, the Ladies' Sodality will be prepping and serving it. Thanks.  
The Cedars will be open for Coffee hour after midnight Divine Liturgy, Tue. Dec. 24, and Christmas Day, Wed. Dec. 25, after 10:15am Divine Liturgy. Merry Christmas!

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

No Eucharistic Adoration this Mon. Dec. 23rd, canceled.

**REL. ED. CLASSES**

No Rel Ed Classes this coming Monday, Dec. 23  
Religious Education Calendar:  
Monday, Dec. 23 & 30, 2024 No class—Merry Christmas!

**CHRISTMAS NOVENA**

The Christmas Novena is from Dec. 15 till Dec. 23. We will pray the Novena at St. Raymond– St. Elizabeth church, at 6:30pm, starting (Sat/Sun Novena prayers are with Mass)  
Last day of the Novena is Mon. Dec. 23, at 6:30pm.

**CHRISTMAS MASSES- TUE/WED. 24/25**

Please, see the schedule of Christmas Masses/Divine Liturgies at our church in both locations Downtown and Crestwood.

**KITCHEN SCOOP**

The Kitchen will be closed Wed. Dec. 25, and Jan 1, 2025.  
We will resume and open on Wed. Jan. 8, 2025.  
Thank You, Merry Christmas, Blessed New Year!  
Denise and Gina

**THURSDAY VIDEO SERIES**

We will resume the Christian documentary films on Thursdays morning, on Jan. 9, 2025. Have a Merry Christmas!

**SENIOR PARISHIONER/ FRIEND DAY**

Our second meeting, will be Friday December 27 2024, at 11am,  
RSVP: Saad Alkaade: 3146815837, saad.k@sbcglobal.net

**YOUTH LOCK-IN**

We will have a Lock-In retreat for our Youth, on Fri. Dec. 27 till Sat. Dec. 28. For registration and more information, please contact one of our youth council members  
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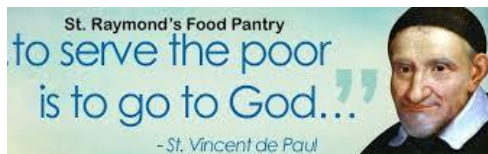
**NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY**

We will celebrate the New Year'2025, by a gathering/party on New Year's Eve at St. Raymond– St. Elizabeth church, Crestwood, on Tuesday, December 31, at 7:30pm.  
We will have a live music band, and a DJ for American songs. Some of the proceeds will benefits St. Raymond's scholarship fund, and Caritas Lebanon USA. See Flyer in the back.



**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, pasta sauce, and cereal. No glass jars please! Thanks 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

**ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM, O LORD**

- ✠ Chris Beck 12-3-2024
- ✠ Mary Ann Reiter 11-14-2024
- ✠ Patricia Cooseman 11-4-2024
- ✠ Carol Alkobri 9-30-2024
- ✠ Gary Wayne Bieller 9-9-2024
- ✠ Amal Kweiter 8-8-2024
- ✠ Larry Tuberty 7-23-2024
- ✠ Robert Deutschmann 7-18-2024
- ✠ Robert Reask 7-10-2024
- ✠ Albertha Marchi 6-27-2024
- ✠ Robert Kelly 6-23-2024
- ✠ Roberto Mendoza 6-3-2024
- ✠ James Hamm 4-27-2024
- ✠ Gerald Peters 4-25-2024
- ✠ Teresa Syron 4-20-2024
- ✠ Sandra Wahby 4-16-2024
- ✠ William Appelbaum 4-3-2024
- ✠ Charles Nesser 3-23-2024
- ✠ Hisham Altwal 3-18-2024
- ✠ Phyllis Sullivan 2-23-2024
- ✠ Robert Schwarz 2-16-2024
- ✠ Marilyn Flores 2-14-2024
- ✠ Virginia Morrow 2-10-2024
- ✠ Charles LaMartina 1-26-2024
- ✠ Arline Deutschmann 1-21-2024
- ✠ Adel Altwal 1-11-2024
- ✠ Catherine Leisure 12-29-2023
- ✠ Raymond Gazall 12-9-2023
- ✠ Ruth Werkmeister 10-25-2023
- ✠ John Steuber 10-18-2023
- ✠ John Putzel 10-4-2023
- ✠ William Busekrus 9-12-2023
- ✠ Michel Maghamez 8-14-2023
- ✠ Kathleen Ann Bruce 8-11-2023

**GIVING TREES**

In the season of Thanksgiving, we have Giving Trees at our church in both locations.

St. Raymond’s Giving Tree, the gifts will be donated to St. Peter Claver Church, North St. Louis (Thanks to our Youth) We already collected for the Giving Tree at St Raymond Cathedral, the total of 51 Toys, 14 Pajamas, 2 Coats, 1 Sweatshirt, 39 Gloves, 33 Socks. We are still collecting if you would like to donate. St. Raymond– St. Elizabeth’s Giving Tree will be donated to Our Lady’s Inn (Thanks ProLife Committee) We already collected \$2,100 worth of gift cards, and donated to Our Lady’s Inn. We still accepting donations till the end of the year. Thanks for all your support and help.

**CARITAS LEBANON USA**

Lebanon and the Lebanese families are going through difficult time. We are praying for peace in Lebanon, the Middle East, and the world.



Caritas Lebanon always is helping the families in need with food, medicine, and shelter. You may donate to help the families affected by the war in southern Lebanon.

- 1/ You can go to [www.CaritasLebanon.org](http://www.CaritasLebanon.org) and donate, (there is a Donate button on the right).
- 2/ or make a check to the order of Caritas Lebanon and mail to: St Raymond Cathedral, 931 Lebanon Dr, St Louis, MO 63104
- 3/ or you can wire transfer to Bank of America (call 3146210056)

**LECTORS NEEDED**

We are in need of a lector for the 8am Sunday Masses at St. Raymond—St. Elizabeth parish. To volunteer please email the office at [steeliz@straymond-mc.org](mailto:steeliz@straymond-mc.org) or call 314-968-0760.

**CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER GROUP**

Join us as we explore and discuss the contemplative tradition of the Church. We will share and support each other’s successes and struggles to grow in a life of prayer. Mondays at 12:30pm in Fr. Edward’s hall. Contact Jacob with any questions: [Jacob.hart.g@gmail.com](mailto:Jacob.hart.g@gmail.com)

**WHAT IS AN INDULGENCE?**

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church: "An indulgence is a remission before God of the temporal punishment due to sins whose guilt has already been forgiven, which the faithful Christian who is duly disposed gains under certain prescribed conditions through the action of the Church which, as the minister of redemption, dispenses and applies with authority the treasury of the satisfactions of Christ and the saints. An indulgence is partial or plenary according as it removes either part or all of the temporal punishment due to sin. The faithful can gain indulgences for themselves or apply them to the dead." (CCC #1471)

The Jubilee Indulgence is a plenary indulgence. The Church’s usual conditions for gaining an indulgence apply in connection with the Jubilee Indulgence.

**WHAT ARE THE "USUAL CONDITIONS" FOR RECEIVING AN INDULGENCE?**

In addition to the acts of charity, penance, and pilgrimage that are particular to the Jubilee Indulgence, the Church prescribes "usual" conditions:

- Be in a state of grace and have the interior disposition of complete detachment from sin
- Sacramental Confession
- Reception of Holy Communion
- Prayer for the Pope’s intentions





# THE JUBILEE PRAYER

Father in heaven,  
 may the faith you have gifted us in  
 your son Jesus Christ, our brother,  
 and the flame of charity  
 kindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,  
 reawaken in us, the blessed hope  
 for the coming of your Kingdom.  
 May your grace transform us  
 into diligent cultivators of the evangelical seeds  
 that make humanity and the cosmos rise  
 unto the confident expectation  
 of the new heavens and the new earth,  
 when with the powers of Evil overcome,  
 your glory shall be manifested eternally.  
 May the grace of the Jubilee  
 reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,  
 the yearning for heavenly treasures  
 and pour over all the earth  
 the joy and peace  
 of our Redeemer.  
 To you God blessed in eternity,  
 be praise and glory for ever and ever.  
 Amen.



Franciscans



We announce the start of St. Louis senior community group, a group that supports and encourages seniors to participate in multiple activities to promote healthier and more interactive life to our beloved seniors.



Location: at St. Raymond– St. Elizabeth Church (1420 S Sappington Rd, Crestwood, MO 63126), and we will be out for many social and community serving projects

We hope to encourage our seniors to participate in activities like:

- 1- social events
- 2- serving community projects
- 3- volunteer opportunities
- 4- productive projects
- 5- entertainment activities

We will provide transportation for seniors

Our second meeting, will be Friday December 27 2024, at 11am, RSVP: Saad Alkaade: 3146815837, [saad.k@sbcglobal.net](mailto:saad.k@sbcglobal.net)

Cost including transportation, lunch, and entertainment: 50\$, joining without transportation: 25\$

## Light Weigh Catholic Weight-loss

### Light Weigh Catholic Weight-loss Group

starting at St. Raymond - St. Elizabeth Catholic Parish, 1420 S. Sappington Rd. Crestwood, MO in January. Please come to an informational meeting on December 11 at 4pm in Hospitality room #2.



*Weight-loss, Saints, Bible Study, Friendship, Spiritual Healing & Prayers! Transformations happen. Connect to the power of God and the group today. Go to [www.lightweigh.com](http://www.lightweigh.com)*

For more information about the program we will be using, join us on December 11th for an introductory video and Q and A session.

For more information contact group leader Kathy Harkins, [kathyharkins@charter.net](mailto:kathyharkins@charter.net) or Pam Olimpio [pcatherine@att.net](mailto:pcatherine@att.net), Director of Formation.

## St. Raymond– St. Elizabeth Church

### New Year's Eve Celebration

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HAPPY  
 2025  
 NEW YEAR

Tuesday, December 31, 2024  
 Starting 7:30pm- Dinner from 8 PM -9 PM  
 at St. Raymond– St. Elizabeth Gymnasium  
 1420 S. Sappington Rd. St. Louis, MO 63126

- ✦ DJ for American Music and Songs
- ✦ Champagne Bottle for each table
- ✦ Middle Eastern Food Buffet
- ✦ Baby Sitting
- ✦ B.Y.O.B.



Singer Said Abi Akl and Band

\$100 per adult  
 \$50 (12 -17 years old)  
 Free for children (11 years old and under)  
 (deadline for sale of tickets/tables is December 26)

For tickets, please contact (no tickets to be sold at door):  
**Nick Chahood 314 749 9697**     **Claudine Adem 314 497 5524**  
 or Church Offices 314 621 0056 Downtown, 314 968 0760 Crestwood  
 email: [secretary@straymond-mc.org](mailto:secretary@straymond-mc.org), or [steeliz@straymond-mc.org](mailto:steeliz@straymond-mc.org)  
 We accept Visa, Master Card, American Express, Checks, and Cash Payments  
 Online payment at [www.straymond-mc.org](http://www.straymond-mc.org)  
 (50% of the proceeds will benefit St. Raymond's Scholarship Fund)

