

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ.

On this First Sunday of Lent, we reflect on how Jesus fasted and prayed for forty days in the desert, where he was tempted by Satan (Matthew 4:1-11). Satan tested Jesus with three temptations. First, seeing that Jesus was hungry after fasting, Satan tempted him to turn stones into bread, urging him to use his divine power for his own needs instead of trusting God's care. Second, Satan urged Jesus to jump from the temple, hoping to make God prove his protection rather than trusting God completely. Finally, Satan tempted Jesus with worldly power and glory, asking him to put these things before worshiping God and turn away from true worship.

As we begin these forty days of prayer and fasting for Lent, let us remain mindful of the temptations arising from our desires, pride, and longings. We pray that by following Jesus' example of prayer and fasting, we may grow in God's word and teachings. May we place our trust in God's care and protection, and continue to praise and worship our Heavenly Father with renewed confidence and faith throughout this holy season. Amen.



ST. THOMAS CATHOLIC CHURCH

Gassaway, West Virginia

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT — A

FEBRUARY 22, 2026

Gospel

Matthew 4:1-11

At that time Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert

to be tempted by the devil.

He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was hungry.

The tempter approached and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command that these stones become loaves of bread."

He said in reply,

"It is written:

One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God."

Then the devil took him to the holy city, and made him stand on the parapet of the temple,

and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down.

For it is written:

He will command his angels concerning you and with their hands they will support you, lest you dash your foot against a stone."

Jesus answered him,

"Again it is written, *You shall not put the Lord, your God, to the test.*"



"Then the devil took him up to a very high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in their magnificence, and he said to him, "All these I shall give to you, if you will prostrate yourself and worship me."

At this, Jesus said to him, "Get away, Satan!

It is written:

The Lord, your God, shall you worship and him alone shall you serve."

Then the devil left him and, behold, angels came and ministered to him.

Readings of the week:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18	Isaiah 55:10-11	Jonah 3:1-10	Esther C:12, 14-16, 23-25	Ezekiel 18:21-28	Deuteronomy 26:16-19	Genesis 12:1-4a
Psalms 19:8-10, 15	Psalms 34:4-7, 16-19	Psalms 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19	Psalms 138:1-3, 7c-8	Psalms 130:1-5, 7-8	Psalms 119:1-5, 7-8	Psalms 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22. 2 Timothy 1:8b-10
Matthew 25:31-46	Matthew 6:7-15	Luke 11:29-32	Matthew 7:7-12	Matthew 5:20-26	Matthew 5:43-48	Matthew 17:1-9

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Sharing God's Blessings

Date	Feb 14 + 15, 2026
Collection	575 & 1708
Missions in the U.S.	75
Mass Attendance	17+ 10 & 59

Thank you for your contribution

Liturgy Schedule
RISEN LORD CHURCH

SUNDAY MASS: **8:30am**
Liturgy Schedule

ST. THOMAS PARISH

ROSARY: Sunday 10:30a.m.

WEEKEND MASSES:

Sat: 4:00 p.m. (Sunday Vigil)

Sun: 11:00 a.m.

WEEKDAY: **Tue & Wed: 4:00p.m.**
Thu & Fri: 8:00a.m.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:

Every Tuesday at 4:00p.m.
 prior to Mass

RECONCILIATION:

- Any time 30 minutes before or after daily Mass, After Sunday Mass
- *Other days by appointment*

HAPPY BIRTH DAY

Jon Chick Shimko — Feb. 23

Stations of the Cross

Risen Lord

Every Sunday 8:00 am

Stations of the Cross

St. Thomas Church

Every Friday at 6:00 pm
 beginning February 20

Lenten Penance Service

Sunday, March 15, 2026

Soup & Bread lunch after 11:00 Mass,

followed by Penance Service
 with Fr. John Finnell and Fr. Dominic

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

February 22, 2026

Vocation Views:

Through the obedience of Christ comes acquittal from sin. Through our obedience to Christ, we can be a conduit of Grace to this world.

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LITURGY SCHEDULE

Date	Readers	Bring up the Offertory Gifts	Extraordinary Ministers
February 22	Dot Shimko	Candy & Tom Teubert	Pat McPherson/ Fred Friend
March 1	Connie Moore	Harmans	Mac Bailes/ Westley Carpenter
March 8	Theresa Sutton	Carpenters	Tom Teubert and Candy Teubert
March 15	Westley Carpenter	McLaughlins	Pat McPherson/ Mac Bailes

RISEN LORD

FAMILY NIGHT

February 12, 2026



Next FAMILY NIGHT

Thursday, March 12, 2026
 5:30pm — 7:30pm

CCD

Today, Sunday, February 22, 2026

ALTAR SOCIETY MEETING

After Mass
 Sunday, February 22, 2026

Rite of Election for Confirmation Candidates

Sunday, February 22 @ 3:00 pm
 at the Basilica of the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in Charleston, WV

Easter Flower donation —
 ongoing until Palm Sunday

Community Lenten Luncheons / Ecumenical Services 3/30 - 3/31
 - 4/1 Locations and time TBA

Holy Thursday — April 2 — 6:00 pm
Washing of the Feet:
 Need 12 volunteers

Good Friday — April 3 — 6:00 pm

Holy Saturday/ Easter Vigil —
 April 4 — 8:00 pm

Easter Sunday — April 5 — 11:00 am
Easter Egg Hunt following Mass
 for the children



St. Thomas Food Pantry

Special Thanks!!!

to Benefactors & Volunteers

for St. Thomas Food Pantry

February 12, 2026:

Marian Agostino, Kathy Bronkhurst, Pat McPherson, Louise & Dale Elwood, Connie & John Moore, Candace & Tom Teubert, Kari Friend, Erica Mauldin, Scott Lazur, Michael Marcum, Dot Shimko, Rick Allen.

Your sacrifice and service made it possible for our brothers and sisters from **101** families and **20** Moms to experience the warmth of God's love and community love during this freezing weather.

May God's abundant grace and blessings continue to pour upon you, your families and friends

