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John the Baptist Prepares the Way

1 The beginning of the good news about Jesus the Messiah, [a] the Son of God, [b]

2 as it is written in Isaiah the prophet: "I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way" [c]—

3 "a voice of one calling in the wilderness, 'Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.'" [d]

4 And so John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

5 The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem went out to him. Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River.

6 John wore clothing made of camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey.

7 And this was his message: "After me comes the one more powerful than I, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie.

8 I baptize you with [e] water, but he will baptize you with [f] the Holy Spirit."

The Baptism and Testing of Jesus

9 At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan.

10 Just as Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open

and the Spirit descending on him like a dove.

11 And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."

12 At once the Spirit sent him out into the wilderness,

13 and he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted [g] by Satan. He was with the wild animals, and angels attended him.

Jesus Announces the Good News

14 After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God.

15 "The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!"

Jesus Calls His First Disciples

16 As Jesus walked beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen.

17 "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people."

18 At once they left their nets and followed him.

19 When he had gone a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John in a boat, preparing their nets.

20 Without delay he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him.

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Jesus Heals Many

29 As soon as they left the synagogue, they went with James and John to the home of Simon and Andrew.

30 Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they immediately told Jesus about her.

31 So he went to her, took her hand and helped her up. The fever left her and she began to wait on them.

32 That evening after sunset the people brought to Jesus all the sick and demon-possessed.

33 The whole town gathered at the door,

34 and Jesus healed many who had various diseases. He also drove out many demons, but he would not let the demons speak because they knew who he was.

Jesus Prays in a Solitary Place

35 Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed.

36 Simon and his companions went to look for him,

37 and when they found him, they exclaimed: "Everyone is looking for you!"

38 Jesus replied, "Let us go somewhere else—to the nearby villages—so I can preach there also. That is why I have come."

39 So he traveled throughout Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and driving out demons.

Jesus Heals a Man With Leprosy

40 A man with leprosy [h] came to him and begged him on his knees, "If you are willing, you can make me clean."

41 Jesus was indignant. [i] He reached out his hand and touched the man. "I am willing," he said. "Be clean!"

42 Immediately the leprosy left him and he was cleansed.

43 Jesus sent him away at once with a strong warning:

44 "See that you don't tell this to anyone. But go, show yourself to the priest and offer the sacrifices that Moses commanded for your cleansing, as a testimony to them."

45 Instead he went out and began to talk freely, spreading the news. As a result, Jesus could no longer enter a town openly but stayed outside in lonely places. Yet the people still came to him from everywhere.

Footnotes

Mark 1:1 Or Jesus Christ, Messiah (Hebrew) and Christ (Greek) both mean Anointed One.

Mark 1:1 Some manuscripts do not have the Son of God.

Mark 1:2 Mal. 3:1

Mark 1:3 Isaiah 40:3

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Mark 1:13 The Greek for tempted can also mean tested.

Mark 1:40 The Greek word traditionally translated leprosy was used for various diseases affecting the skin.

Mark 1:41 Many manuscripts Jesus was filled with compassion

Pastor Stahl's Weekly Message of Faith



Hello, Everyone!

I hope the ladies had a Happy Mother's Day last Sunday! When I was a kid, I would wake up on Mother's Day morning and make my Mom breakfast. It was usually just Cheerio's or Rice Krispies, but I enjoyed doing it! Mom always did so much for me all through my life, the least I could do as a kid was get her a bowl of cereal!

One of my Mom's favorite authors was Erma Bombeck. She was a wonderful humorist who passed away over 30 years ago, but wrote many of my Mom's favorite books: "The Grass is Always Greener over the Septic Tank," "If Life is a Bowl of Cherries, What am I Doing in the Pits?," "Just Wait Until You have Children of your Own," among her many titles. She had some very funny things to say about life as a wife and a mother:

"How many kids does it take to turn off the light in the kitchen? Three. One to say, 'What light?' and two more to say, 'I didn't turn it on!'"

*****"Never have more children than you have car windows.

*****"Never order food in excess of your body weight. In 2 decades, I've lost a total of 789 lbs. I should be hanging from a charm bracelet.

*****"My kids always thought the bathroom was the place you hide while you wait for all the groceries to be unloaded from the car.

*****"Never go to a doctor whose plants have died.

*****"When your mother asks, 'Do you want a piece of advice?', you're going to get it, whether you want it or not.

*****"When my husband told me he was going to program the VCR all on his own, I told him, 'That's the bravest thing you've ever done!'"

*****"All of us have moments that test our courage. Taking children into a house

with white carpet is one of them.

*****"Seize the moment, ladies. Remember all those women on the Titanic who waved off the dessert tray.

She closed with these words: "When I stand before God at the end of my life, I would hope that I could say to Him, 'I used all the talent You gave me.'"

God Always has a Plan for His people. The Lord Has been involved in our lives since the Foundation of the world. He Created us in our mother's wombs to bring forth life, and He only Wants good things for His children. Remember Jesus' Mother Mary. She was in the middle of the preparing for her marriage to Joseph when she was visited by the Angel Gabriel. "Fear not, Mary! You have found favor with God!" She was going to give Birth to the Messiah, the Lord Jesus Christ. He would Save His people from their sins. Mary had no idea how all of this would happen. "I'm a virgin. I don't understand." The angel told her that she would become pregnant through the Power of the Holy Spirit. God would Fill her womb with His Son. The angel told her, "With God all things are possible." Mary went along with this wonderful plan from God, even though she had no idea what the next few months would bring. Mary was with her Son for the next 33 years and was a witness to all of the miracles, like Him changing water into wine. She was present at the Foot of the Cross when her Son Died. Mary was also a witness to the Resurrection of her Son on Easter morning.

God had wonderful Plans for Mary. He has Wonderful Plans for all of us!

May God Richly Bless you!

Pastor Jeff Stahl
Countryside and Ogden
United Methodist Churches

Check out the moon this weekend

If you got up in the morning to see the Moon above Saturn and you were successful spying your target, a better challenge awaits you tomorrow morning. A thinner Moon is above and right of the planet Mars.

Mars and Saturn are about 16 degrees apart this coming week-

In the night sky

By David Leake



end (not quite two fists held at arm's length) but that separation will be increasing quite a bit this month. Both planets are moving toward the east against the background stars, but Mars (being closer to the Sun) is moving at a quicker pace.

We'll have a New Moon this coming weekend, which means we will witness a lovely waxing crescent Moon in our evening sky next week. Be sure to look westward Monday evening right after sunset for a beautiful waxing crescent Moon only two degrees from the planet Venus.

After the Sun, these two

objects are the second and third brightest objects in the sky and this will be the closest they will be to each other for all of 2026. Tuesday evening the Moon is between Venus and Jupiter. Throw in the bright stars of winter that will be leaving us soon and you have quite the assortment of things to see in the western sky.

David Leake is the retired Planetarium Director of Staerkel Planetarium at Parkland College and co-founder of the Champaign-Urbana Astronomical Society, Inc.

Pastor O'Neal reassigned

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear brothers & sisters,

I am allowed to announce my assignment this weekend. Bishop Tylka has appointed me as the founding pastor of a new parish. Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Monticello & Ivesdale. In turn, Bishop Tylka has appointed Fr. Keith Walder as your new pastor, while remaining pastor of St. Thomas in Philo and St. Mary in Pesotum. He has also appointed a parochial vicar to assist Fr. Walder in his pastoral care of all three churches. Fr. Fortunatus Rwehikiza. Fr. Fortunatus will reside at the rectory in Tolono.

These assignments become

effective on Saturday, August 22.

I have enjoyed my four years as your pastor here, and I thank you for your many kindness and welcome which I received here. I have assured Fr. Walder that he is inheriting a fine community of faith. I would ask that you give him and Fr. Fortunatus a warm welcome. Please pray for them, and me as we prepare to transition into our new assignments.

With gratitude for the four years of being here at St. Patrick, I ask the blessings of God upon you and this parish.

Sincerely in Christ,
Fr. Patrick O'Neal

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OSF Peace Meal Menu

Thursday, 5/14/26 – Turkey pita sandwich with lettuce and tomato, fruit cocktail, vanilla pudding, pita bread, and a half pint of milk.

Friday, 5/15/26 – Meatballs in marinara, Parisian carrots, cherry crumble, sub roll, and a half pint of milk.

Saturday, 5/16/26 – Tuna salad, yogurt, apple slices, crackers, and a half pint of milk.

Sunday, 5/17/26 – OSF Peace Meal is closed.

Monday, 5/18/26 – Shepherd's pie, corn, fruit cup, wheat bread served with butter or margarine, brownie bites, and a half pint of milk.

Tuesday, 5/19/26 – Chicken and cabbage egg roll, rice, broccoli, fruit cup, wheat roll served with butter or margarine, and a half pint of milk.

Wednesday, 5/20/26 – OSF Peace Meal is closed.

OSF PEACE MEAL provides seniors, age 60 and older, with a nutritious lunch Monday through Saturday and are closed on Sunday and Wednesday. There is a suggested donation of \$4.00 for each meal, however, no senior will be denied a meal because of an inability to financially contribute. The Illinois Link Card is an accepted form of payment. For more information, please go to <https://www.osfhealthcare.org/osf-peace-meal/> or call 1-309-665-5900.

THE HOMER PEACE MEAL congregates site is at the Homer Village Hall located at 500 East Second Street. It is currently carry-out only. For reservations, please call 1-309-665-5900. Home delivery in southern Champaign County is currently available in Sidney, Homer, Philo, Tolono, Sadorus, and Pesotum.

MENU SUBSTITUTIONS may occur due to global supply chain shortages, but a nutritious meal is still guaranteed.

THE OSF PEACE MEAL menu is submitted for the OSF Peace Meal Senior Nutrition Program by Ann Rhoton.

PUBLIC NOTICE

ASSUMED NAME PUBLICATIONS NOTICE

Public notice is hereby given that on April 14th A.D. 2026 a certificate was filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Champaign County, Illinois setting forth the names and post-office addresses of all the persons owning, conducting, and transacting the business known as RAINBOW ROA IN HOME EUTHANASIA, located at 205 S. LINCOLN ST., BROADLAND IL 61816. Dated this 14th day of April A.D. 2026.

Aaron Amador
County Clerk & Recorder
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