



# ***St. Mark's Electronic Bulletin Board***

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*April 11, 2024*

## **PRESCHOOL FUNDRAISER**



**ST. MARK'S PRESCHOOL**  
Where young minds and hearts discover

*We of St. Mark's are justifiably proud of our inclusiveness, our service to the community, our love of God & others.*

*Nothing exemplifies this inclusiveness, this service & this love greater than St. Mark's Preschool.*

*There is no aspect of St. Mark's that is more admired in this community than the Preschool.*

*St. Mark's Preschool has successfully served children & their families by providing "cost-effective, inclusive preschool education for special needs children & typical children to learn side by side" for 36 years.*

*We of St. Mark's should be proud.*

*The Preschool deserves our prayers & support.*

**.Celebration & Fundraiser, April 27, 5 PM**

**Food, Drink, Entertainment, Children's Activities Silent Auction**



St. Mark's Preschool Spring Festival

# Funding the Future!

Saturday, April 27th, 5-7 pm

St. Mark's Preschool is celebrating another year of providing inclusive education for both typical and special needs children. Hundreds of children have been nurtured in a loving and compassionate environment by many wonderful teachers and directors. Here's your opportunity to recognize both students and staff. A donation of \$25 is requested per name honored / memorialized; however, any amount is appreciated. Please return this form along with a check made payable to St. Mark's Preschool by Monday, April 28th.

Name of Donor \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to donate in thanksgiving for \_\_\_\_\_

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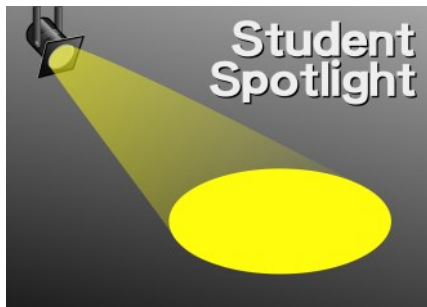
I would like to donate in memory of \_\_\_\_\_

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I have enclosed \$\_\_\_\_\_ to cover the cost of (#) names recognized

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF OUR WONDERFUL PRESCHOOL!**



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**This is Tala.**

She is in our 4 year old class and she loves reading and writing at school. Her favorite color is red:



# Outreach at St. Mark's

Matthew 25:40

*"Whatever you do for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you do for me."*

WHO?

YOU

WHEN?

WEDNESDAY April 17

5:00PM



WHERE?

ST.MARKS PARISH HALL

WHY?

FELLOWSHIP, FUN &

LEARNING

## It's that time again!

Time for another fun night with **MESSY CHURCH!**

Did you know that **MESSY CHURCH** is for **ALL AGES?!**

Well, **IT IS** and we want to have **YOU** join us!

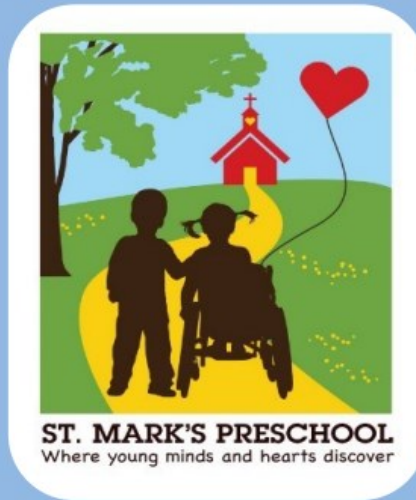
Come as you are or bring a friend or family member (or 2 or 3) and come create some fun memories with loads of laughs!

St Mark's Preschool Registration for the 2024--2025 school year is open to the community! The preschool offers classes for two, three and four year olds. For more information about the program, email Christi at [director@stmarksdalton.org](mailto:director@stmarksdalton.org)



**SAVE THE DATE!!!**

# St. Mark's Preschool Celebration



## Funding the Future

**Saturday April 27th**

**5:00 pm**

**Food, music, silent auction & family fun!**

# Adventure Seekers

HUNTER MUSEUM

April 15 10am

Come join the fun. Meet at church!



Any questions, please email Sue Killcreas at [skillcreas@optilink.us](mailto:skillcreas@optilink.us).

## Our weekly Saint of the Week & Nature Note by Marilyn Lance

**SAINT OF THE WEEK:** Kateri Tekakwitha, Native American Contemplative

This week we honor the first Native American woman to be canonized in the Roman Catholic Church. Kateri was born in 1656 in a Mohawk village in New York State. Her father was a Mohawk chief and her mother was an Algonquin woman captured in a raid and later assimilated into the Mohawk tribe. Kateri's mother was a baptized Roman Catholic. When Kateri was 4 years old her parents died from smallpox and she was left an orphan with a scarred face and poor eyesight. She was adopted by an uncle. When Kateri was 11 she met 3 Jesuit missionaries who influenced her thinking. At 18 she declared that she would only be a bride of Christ and would not marry. After studying catechism for a year with a priest, Kateri was baptized on Easter Sunday 1676 and renamed Catherine after Catherine of Sienna. Her aunt and uncle and many villagers were not happy about her conversion to Christianity so she was forced to move to a more welcoming Christian Indian Mission. Kateri was regarded by the Jesuits as the first Iriquois virgin and known as the "Lily of the Mohawks". She was kind and industrious. She and another native woman explored the possibility of starting a religious order of native women, but the Jesuits were against it. Catherine Tekakwitha died on April 17, 1680 the Wednesday of Holy Week at the age of 24. After her death her scarred face became smooth and white, and other miracles were attributed to her. More than 300 books in more than 20 languages have been published on the life of Kateri Tekakwitha. She was canonized a saint by Pope Benedict XVI in 2012.

### **Nature Note** - This Is My Property!

This week I've seen male cardinals, mockingbirds, and thrashers fighting. A bird fight is pretty ridiculous. The 2 males face each other on the ground. Then they rush and bump each other. Somehow they know who wins. This is all part of establishing a territory. Territory is a way to ensure that an animal has enough of the essential resources – food, water, protection from enemies and a place to raise young, to reproduce and raise young. We humans identify our property (territory) with fences, hedges and even signs. Mammals usually use scent to mark territory. Anyone who has a dog knows this as their dog marks trees with urine. Most birds have no sense of smell so they use a different method. Besides fighting, many birds fly around the edge of their territory and sing. When I worked in the Tennessee State Parks we would take visitors out at night and play a tape recording of owl calls and wait for the resident owl to come close and challenge. Birds also use visual displays. Watch for mockingbirds dropping their wings to show their white wing patches. Territory is necessary for the survival of the species. It doesn't seem fair to us humans but not every animal gets to find a mate and produce offspring. The strongest individuals, usually the males, stake out a territory that will provide them with enough resources to raise offspring. The males with no territory just don't get to breed. Since different species of birds have different needs, your property is divided into a number of territories. You just can't have two pairs of the same species. If you put up several bluebird houses on your property you will probably have only one pair of bluebirds. But you may get chickadees, Carolina wrens, titmice, or nuthatches in the other houses. The amazing thing is that somehow the birds know how much territory they need to successfully raise young!




YOU ARE  
CORDIALLY  
INVITED

*April  
Potluck*

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**SUNDAY  
APRIL 14, 2024**

**AFTER THE 10:30 SERVICE**

*What to Bring:*  
**A - F Sides & Salads  
G - L Meats & Mains  
M - Z Desserts**



**ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
901 W. EMERY ST., DALTON, GA**





The Daughters of the King meeting will be  
May 5, 2024  
Church Library at noon.



## Hike with us at Fort Mountain Park April 14th

We are inviting the children, youth, and their families to hike at the beautiful Fort Mountain State Park on Sunday, April 14. We will gather after 10:30 church for POTLUCK and then drive up to the park. Come enjoy this time together at the lake and walk to explore the woods, creeks, wild flowers, mysterious rock walls, and amazing views. It will be a fun and relaxing time for the whole family.

**WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH?**

**CLASSES FOR ADULT OR YOUTH CONFIRMATION OR**

***IF YOU JUST INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE***

**BEGINNING AFTER EASTER**

**VARIOUS DAYS & TIMES TO ACCOMMODATE SCHEDULES**

**CONTACT DON HOFFMEYER TEXT OR CALL 706-218-5229**

**OR E MAIL [donhoffmeyer@optilink.us](mailto:donhoffmeyer@optilink.us)**

**OR CALL CHURCH OFFICE**



**CONFIRMATION/INFORMATION CLASSES**

**MONDAY 7 PM OR TUESDAY 11 A M  
EVERY OTHER WEEK  
IN THE PARISH HALL STARTING  
APRIL 15!**

**Contact**

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## Ministry Opportunities in April

### *Quilting for Others*

April 22nd

10am

Meet in Parish Hall

The Quilting For Others group that makes quilts to give away to those needing warmth or a loving huggie is looking for donations. We make our quilt tops and backs out of donated material, but we have to buy batting! We give quilts to Cherokee Estates, Dalton college students, cancer patients, GreenHouse, foster children, Crisis Center, graduating St. Mark's students, and anyone who needs a hug or a quilt. We have applied for grant money in the past, but that source has dried up. We will welcome any donations. Thank you!



### *Prayer Shawl Ministry*

Church Library

May 14 @ 7pm

### Pastoral Care

In the future a table will be present at gatherings with cards for our members that cannot join us or need to be remembered. Please spend some time signing them and sending your prayers. We hope you enjoy this new ministry as we strive to surround all of our members with the special love that we have at St. Mark's.

If you know of someone that needs a card, please contact Sally Little - your Pastoral Care Vestry member



# Adventure Seekers

## May 4th @ 5pm

Please register with office. All families are invited and you must pre-pay! Any questions email Sue Killcreas at [skillcreas@optilink.us](mailto:skillcreas@optilink.us).



Register now, fee is \$22

# Play Ball

# Intercessory Prayer List – April 2024

*People on this list have been moved here after being on the Service Bulletin list for four weeks.*

Parishioners indicated by \*

\*Andy Baker  
\*Jon Burchfield  
\*Cathie Cope  
\*Mary Claire Johnson  
\*Paul Johnson  
\*Phyllis Jordan  
\*Hugh Kemp  
\*John Kennemer  
\*Phil Mason  
\*John and Judy Schwenn  
\*Bernadette Smith  
\*Mary Squires  
\*Carol Taylor  
\*Bo Thompson  
\*Virginia Weaver  
\*Celia Williams  
Harriet Adams  
Faye Aldridge  
Steve Angell  
Lisa & Thad Arms  
Lynn Bailey

Runette Broome  
Henley Amari Brown  
Betty Brown  
Margie Bruner  
Susan Butler  
Marita Cantrell  
Joy Cheatham  
Pat Cook  
Ian DeRuiter  
Lori Beth Eicholtz  
Harrison Elrod  
Janelle Ferguson  
Doug Giles  
Colleen Halverson  
David Hayes  
Emma Helms  
Judy Hitchens  
Stanford Hutcheson  
Cliff Johnson

Jim Killcreas  
Vickie Kitchenings  
Reese Lukei  
Theo Maedgen  
Charlie Neal  
Wendell Pierce  
Beverly Pulliam  
Carolyn Ridley  
Jill Schwenn  
Cameron Silvers  
Anita Smith  
Nancy Spalding  
Jim Sportiello  
Amorea Trew  
Alan Weeks  
Charters Wilson  
Derek Young



# St. Mark's Calendar

## April 2024

**Sun                      Mon                      Tue                      Wed                      Thu                      Fri                      Sat**

	<b>1</b> Preschool Spring Break	<b>2</b> Preschool Spring Break	<b>3</b> Preschool Spring Break	<b>4</b> Preschool Spring Break	<b>5</b> Preschool Spring Break	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b>  6:15pm Evening Prayer	<b>8</b> 10am: Quilting for Others (P. Hall)  6:15pm Evening Prayer	<b>9</b> 7pm: Prayer Shawl Guild Meeting (Library)  6:15pm Evening Prayer	<b>10</b> 5:00pm Messy Church planning  6:15pm Evening Prayer	<b>11</b> 6:00 Bible Study  6:15pm Evening Prayer	<b>12</b> 6:15pm Evening Prayer	<b>13</b> 6:15pm Evening Prayer
<b>14</b> Second Sunday of Easter Potluck After 10:30 service then Hike Fort Mtn Park  6:15pm Evening	<b>15</b> 10am-3pm Adventure Seekers-Hunter Museum & Tony's Pasta 6pm Vestry 6:15pm Evening Prayer 7pm Confirmation class	<b>16</b> 11am Confirmation class  6:15pm Evening Prayer	<b>17</b> 5pm Messy Church  6:15pm Evening Prayer	<b>18</b> 11am Preschool Adv. Council meeting 6:00 Bible Study  6:15pm Evening Prayer	<b>19</b>  6:15pm Evening Prayer	<b>20</b> 6:15pm Evening Prayer
<b>21</b> Third Sunday of Easter  6:15pm Evening Prayer	<b>22</b> 10am Quilting for Others  6:15pm Evening Prayer	<b>23</b>  6:15pm Evening Prayer	<b>24</b>  6:15pm Evening Prayer	<b>25</b> 6:00 Bible Study 6:15pm Evening Prayer	<b>26</b> 6:15pm Evening Prayer	<b>27</b> Pre-school Funding the Future (Spring Fling)  6:15pm Evening Prayer
<b>28</b> Fourth Sunday of Easter 12pm Strength in Stillness 6:15pm Evening Prayer	<b>29</b> 6:15pm Evening Prayer 7pm Confirmation class	<b>30</b> 11am Confirmation class  6:15pm Evening Prayer	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 5pm Adventure Seekers Baseball Game in Rome

**CHURCH STAFF**

**Priest**

The Rev. Rick Tiff  
**Organist/Choir Director**  
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**Parish Administrator**  
 Eunice Cooper  
**Preschool Director**  
 Christi Martin

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**AL-ANON MEETINGS**

**AL-Anon meets weekly at St. Mark's  
 on Thursdays at 7:00 pm.**

**Weekly Services:**  
**8:00 am - Holy Eucharist: Rite I**  
**9:00 and 9:45 - Adult Education**  
**10:30 am - Holy Eucharist Rite II**

**Every Thursday**  
**Bible Study - 6pm Library**

**Confirmation Classes**

Begins April 15 or April 16th, every other Monday (7pm) and  
 Tuesday (11am)

Office Hours

Monday Thursday

8:00 am - 1:00 pm

**We celebrate the lives that make up the community of St. Mark's Church**

**Is a birthday or anniversary missing? Please contact the church office at [admin@stmarksdalton.org](mailto:admin@stmarksdalton.org)**

**Birthdays:** Arden Brown, Dean Vaquera-Linke, Mary Squires, Thierry Urbain

**Anniversary:** None

**Serving in the Armed Forces:** Blane, Will, Aaron, Ashlyn, Wyatt, Jordan, Matthew H., Matthew K., Daytona, Michael, Rebekah, Todd, Chris, Bradey, Lindsay, Mark

**St. Mark's Prayer Chain - If you have a prayer request, you may contact the ladies in the prayer chain, Cathy Houser 706.624.8913 or [housermc@aol.com](mailto:housermc@aol.com) or Julia Lansing**

**Stewardship Report**

**For April 7, 2024**

Thank you for your generosity and support!  
 for the work of God at St. Mark's!

Weekly Giving	\$12,088.00
Total Giving for Month	\$14,084.00
MTD Budgeted for Month	\$14,807.70
Difference for Month	\$(723.70)
YTD Budgeted	\$103,653.90
YTD Giving	\$96,313.78
YTD Difference	\$(7,340.12)

Donating stock is a tax friendly way to make your contribution to the church. Please always ask your Financial Advisor to contact the St. Mark's Financial Advisor so that the church will know who made the donation to ensure proper credit is given to the donor.