

# THE WORD

“Become who you are.” - St. JP2

## Confirmation

November 20 & 27 - No Class

Classes will be held on Nov. 6th & 13th.

Sponsors chosen by Dec. 4th!

## Religious Education

November 23rd - No Class

Classes will be held on Nov. 2nd, 9th, 16th, and 30th.

## Youth Group

Upcoming Events:

Middle and High school pizza and games night!

Nov. 9th 8-9:30 pm at St. John's in Little Canada.

SUMMER MISSION TRIP!!

June 27 - July 2nd

St. Louis, MO



## Finish The Race

Many of us have seen videos or images, like the one above, of olympic track athletes seemingly failing to finish the race due to exhaustion or injury. The racer above, Derek Redmond, was a 400 meter dash olympian who tore his hamstring during a semifinal race at the 1992 Summer Olympics. With pain shooting through his leg as he hopped to the finish line, his father raced past security and onto the track where he wrapped his arms around his son and led him across the finish line. It was an emotional moment that showed the pure love of a father for his son. As I was sitting in line for confession yesterday... this image popped into my head.





## Youth Group Pizza and Game Night!

Open to all youth grades 6 and above!

Join us Wednesday Nov. 9th from 8-930pm for FREE PIZZA, games, and fellowship at St. John's in Little Canada. The event will be held in their youth room on the lower level of the school.

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Little Canada, MN 55117

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There's been many sins in my life where it seems like I just cant quite cross the finish line. I can see how far I've come over the past few years but it seems like just when the finish line is in sight I, like Derek Redmond, tear my hamstring and the task of finishing seems impossible. The pain unbearable. Guilt creeps in. Doubt too. But yesterday morning while waiting for confession I felt my Father's arms wrap around me and begin leading me to the finish line. Instead of feeling stuck in the pain and guilt I felt the loving embrace of the Father. A Father who picked me up, wrapped His arms around me, leaned His head against mine and said "finish the race."

No matter how long the race may be, whether a marathon or a sprint, you will get there. Regardless of how much we've trained or how hard we try sometimes we fall. But when we do, look up and find your Father... because He will be racing past the security to pick you up and lead you across the finish line.



## Summer Mission Trip Announcement!

This upcoming summer we will be attending the Alive In You! Summer Camp in St. Louis, MO from June 27 to July 2nd. Discounted pricing occurs before Nov. 30th so please let me know of your interest before then. An \$80 deposit is required to reserve your spot. The price before Nov. 30th is \$320 a person, increases to \$340 until Jan. 15th, and levels out at \$350 a person after Jan. 15th. Price includes lodging, meals, a shirt, water bottle, and backpack.

The camp consists of 3 days of service within the community and finishes with a 2 day retreat style conference complete with nationally recognized speakers and musicians. This is an opportunity to truly experience the Holy Spirit and God's love and mercy in a real way along with hundreds of other high school aged young people.



Email [dre@stjerome-church.org](mailto:dre@stjerome-church.org) to reserve a spot today!

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