**Grade 6, 7, 8 Make-Up**

**Sunday, October 22/Monday October 23**

Please submit thoughtful answers to the numbered items below ***in an email*** to

[rburbrink@saint-max.org](mailto:rburbrink@saint-max.org) within 2 weeks of the missed class.

***Time with the Gospel***

1. *What laws do you think are the most important laws in our country?*

***To the Jewish people of Jesus’ time, the Law was central to the expression of their faith. In this Gospel, the Pharisees try to trick Jesus with questions about religious laws.******Read Matthew 22:34-40.***

1. *How does Jesus answer the Pharisees’ question about the Law?*
2. *What are the rules or laws in your family? How do they reflect your family’s values?*
3. *Many laws tell us what NOT to do. What is different about laws that, instead, tell you to DO something. Are they easier to follow or harder?*

***We sometimes think that laws are restricting—that they prevent us from doing certain things. Jesus teaches us that the heart of God’s Law is love. The commandments, in fact, free us from those things that get in the way of loving God and loving our neighbor.***

1. *When have you experienced God’s love and wanted to love God in return with your whole self?*
2. *Why can’t we love God without loving our neighbors?*
3. *Why is how we love ourselves important to how we love our families, classmates and neighbors?*

***Beyond the Gospel***

***Prayer is the lifting of mind and heart to God. There are several traditional forms of prayer.***

1. *Write an example of each type of prayer:*
   1. *Blessing and Adoration…bless and praise God who is the source of all blessings.*
   2. *Petition…ask God to send whatever satisfies your true needs.*
   3. *Intercession…ask God to help someone else.*
   4. *Thanksgiving…telling God what you are grateful for.*
   5. *Praise…showsyour awareness and appreciation of God’s goodness and His love.*
   6. *Contrition…request for forgiveness.*
2. *How do our prayers show love for others and for God?*