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

**Sunday, November 26/Monday November 27**

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

 rburbrink@saint-max.org within 2 weeks of the missed class.

***Time with the Gospel***

***You know that during Advent we focus on actions that prepare us to welcome Christ in our celebration of Christmas. These same actions also help us to recognize Christ’s presence in the sacraments and in our daily lives and prepare us to welcome Christ when he returns in glory.***

* 1. Imagine that you have been asked to plan a birthday party. First prepare a list of things to do two weeks before the party
	2. Next, prepare a list of things to do 24 hours before the party.
	3. Compare the two lists. How are the immediate preparations for a party different from the advance preparations?
	4. Is one set of activities is more important than the other?

***In the hours before the party, we focus our attention and energy on getting things ready, but all that we previously did to prepare contributes to the party’s success too.*** ***This Sunday we begin the Church season of Advent, when people focus their attention on preparing for the celebration of Christmas, which is just a few weeks away. However, the Gospel for this first Sunday of Advent makes no mention of the birth of Jesus. Read Mark 13:33-37.***

* 1. Restate in your own words what Jesus tells his disciples.
	2. When will Jesus come again?
	3. How does Jesus come to us in our daily lives?
	4. How do you stay alert to Jesus’ coming in your life?
	5. How does Advent help you prepare to celebrate Jesus’ birth?
	6. What are some things that we can do to stay alert and ready to welcome Christ when he returns in glory?
	7. Conclude by reading Psalm 80.

***Beyond the Gospel***

***God Gives Us Time To Get Ready***

1. List three specific ways you can make better use of your time this week.
2. The Church teaches that time, like money or talents, is a gift that should be shared. How do you share your time?