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

**Sunday, January 21**

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***

1. List 5 famous people and what makes them famous.

***People become famous for many different reasons. Some are famous because they have power and influence and others because they do something that is unique or newsworthy.*** ***In this Sunday’s Gospel, we hear that Jesus’ fame spread throughout all of Galilee.***  ***Read this Sunday’s Gospel, Mark 1:21–28.***

1. Why were the people astonished by what Jesus said?
2. What amazing thing did Jesus do?
3. What do you imagine might possess the man with the unholy spirit?
4. What unholy actions might Jesus speak out against?
5. Why did Jesus’ fame spread?
6. Think of a time when you saw someone acting strangely or inappropriately. What were they doing and how did you react?
7. Who are the outsiders in today’s society and how can we connect with them?

***Jesus’ actions demonstrated the power and authority of his words. This is what impressed the people who saw Jesus heal the man with the unclean spirit. In his words and in his deeds, Jesus showed the power and authority of God.*** ***Those who follow Jesus are also called to demonstrate God’s power and authority by their words and actions.***

1. Whom can you name as examples of people who demonstrate their faith in God by their words and deeds? List at least 3 people and how they demonstrate or demonstrated their faith in God.

***These are people we want to know more about so that we can follow their example. We also want to be people who demonstrate our faith in God by what we say and do.***

***Beyond the Gospel***

***What’s the Spirit of Advertising? In the Gospel you read, Jesus frees a man from an unclean spirit so the man can be himself. Advertising tries to claim our spirits, to tell us who we are and what we deserve.***

1. What current ad is claiming your attention? What is its promise?
2. List the last five purchases you have made (or your parents bought for you). How did you learn about the item? Did someone recommend it to you? Why did you want this item.

***U.S. Catholic Bishops Speak Out Against Racism. Almost 40 years ago the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops published a letter about racism, Brothers and Sisters to Us, in which they wrote: “Racism is a sin: a sin that divides the human family.”***

***Last fall, the bishops announced the formation of a new Committee Against Racism that will work to find solutions to racism. In the announcement, the bishops wrote: “Prejudice can lurk unnoticed in the soul. Without prayerful reflection, it can feed on the fear of what is different. It can grow into overt racism…Let us not allow the forces of hate to deny the intrinsic dignity of every human person.”***

1. Why is racism a sin?
2. Think about a prejudice you might have about a person or group. Where do you think this prejudice came from? How do we change our negative views about others?