

Schedule of Masses

Weekdays:

7:00 & 9:00 am

Saturday:

8:00 am,

5:00 pm English Vigil

7:00 pm Spanish Vigil

Sunday:

7:00 am, 8:45 am,

10:45 am,

12:30 pm (Spanish),

6:00 pm

**Sacrament of
Reconciliation:**

Saturdays: 8:30 - 9:30 am

Infant Baptism:

Three months notice
& pre-baptismal
instruction required

Marriages:

Minimum six months
preparation required

Respect Life

Representatives:

Odile Draa &

Jim Thompson

Look for other ministries

In our parish on our
website:

www.st-anthonys.org

Parish Pastoral Council

Celso Doria, Mel Picanco,
Felicia Anaro, Martin Espinoza,
Anna Mello, Debbie Rivas
Allan Rodriguez, Alice Correia
& Sylvia Ranjel

**St. Anthony of Padua
Catholic Church**



**Iglesia Católica San
Antonio de Padua**

July 10, 2016

Fifteenth Sunday

in Ordinary Time

Church

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[receptionist@st-anthonys.org](mailto:receptionist@st-anthonys.org)

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Mission Statement

We covenant to give ourselves to Christ
as He gives Himself to us in the
Eucharist, so every person might be a
full, active, & conscious participant in
His Church, empowered to share & live
the Gospel.

Parish Staff

Rev. Chad Wahl, Pastoral
Administrator

Rev. Dante Dammay,
Parochial Vicar

Rev. Jairo Ramirez,
Parochial Vicar

Rev. Mr. Jeff Vierra,
Deacon

Mrs. Susie Dickert,
School Principal

Sr. Ann Venita Britto,
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Dave Corder,
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Angelique Gutierrez,
Coordinator of
Religious Formation

Diane Lehman,
Coordinator of Youth
Activities

Emelie Diaz
Director of Liturgical
Music

Mary Ferreira,
Office Manager

Richard Sepulveda,
Facilities Manager

**Mass Moments of Mercy
Right Where You Belong**

A few weeks ago we talked about how the simple gesture of blessing ourselves with the waters of baptism reminds us that we are home. But, sometimes, a gesture can lose its meaning. We can forget the meaning and power of the gesture, if it's not done with intention. We need words too. At every mass, we are given those words. For the next few weeks I'd like to take us through the mass, to explore the power contained in those words and gestures.

The first words of the priest to us are, "In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit". As he's saying this, we make the sign of the cross. Rather than a simple cue that mass is beginning, they remind us of our baptism in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Take a moment to reflect on the power of these words and gestures. Not only were we forgiven and brought into the members of the Church of God, we were given the power to be disciples.

The idea of being a disciple might give us pause. Disciple? I'm not worthy, much less qualified to be a disciple. How can God use me with all my failings? The priest reassures us with the words, "The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all." (Option A). These words echo the words of Gabriel when Mary didn't feel worthy of being used by God. *He assured her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God."* (Luke 1:30). These are powerful words, but subtle...maybe too subtle.

To make sure that we understand that we serve a God of Mercy, we move to the **Penitential Act**. Father begins by saying, "Brothers and sisters, let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries." The priest or deacon continues (Option C), "You raise the dead to life in the Spirit: Lord, have mercy." We respond, "Lord, have mercy." For emphasis, we repeat this call and response two more times. The priest then completes the Penitential Act, "May almighty God have mercy on us..."

Just as the sick or injured should be at a hospital, we are right where we belong. Does your spirit need new life? Do you need pardon or peace? Does your world seem dark? Are you looking for mercy? You are right where you belong.

Dave Corder

**Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 10, 2016**

Christ Jesus... is the head of the body, the church.
— Colossians 1:15, 18

Save the Date

Join us for this years
Harvest Festival
on September 17th & 18th!
There will be lots of fun, food and
games at this family friendly event.



St. Anthony's School Job Openings

Anthony's School is now accepting applications for the substitute teacher pool for the 2016-2017 school year. Employment Applications can be found on the school website at www.sasmanteca.org under the information tab. Passing CBEST score is required for consideration. All candidates will be called the last week of July to complete fingerprinting, Shield the Vulnerable and other requirements. Completed applications may be dropped off at the school office, parish office or emailed to susie.dickert@sasmanteca.org.

**Bishop's Ministry Appeal
There is Still Time to Give!**

Though we are beginning to wind down this year's **Bishop's Ministry Appeal** (We will be accepting pledges and one-time gifts through June), this is an ideal time to make your gift. Through the generosity of **624 families**, we have exceeded our goal of **\$147,000**. Now, every dollar raised comes back to St. Anthony's for the renovation of the girl's bathroom at our School (which is used by several parish groups and Religious Education) and a program to help couples marry in the Catholic Church. Your gift of any size will help us make the **2016 BMA** the best ever! Thanks so much!

Thank you!

Collection Totals:

July 3, 2016: \$24,004

Parish Goal: \$21,413

Next Week's Goal: \$17,900

Are you new to the parish? To request a registration form, please complete and drop in the offertory basket. Have you moved? Had an information change? Let us know by completing and returning. *We respect your privacy! This information is for St. Anthony's Parish use only.*

Name: _____ Phone # _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Send Me A Registration Form Change of Address Moving out of Parish

Momentos en la Misa de Misericordia

Justo Donde Pertenece

Hace unas semanas hablamos de como el simple gesto de bendecirnos a nosotros mismos con las agua bendita bautismal que nos recuerda que estamos en nuestra casa. Pero, a veces, un gesto puede perder su significado. Podemos olvidar el significado y la intención del gesto, si no se hace con intención. También necesitamos de palabras. En cada Misa, se nos dan palabras. Para las próximas semanas mi intención es de adentrarlos a explorar el poder del contenido en esas palabras y gestos durante la misa dominical.

Las primeras palabras del sacerdote dirigidas a nosotros son, “En el nombre del Padre, del Hijo, y del Espíritu Santo.” Conforme decimos estas palabras, hacemos la señal de la cruz. En lugar de una simple señal de que la Misa está comenzando se nos recuerda que en nuestro bautismo se nos bendición persignándonos en el nombre del Padre, del Hijo, y del Espíritu Santo. Tome un momento en reflexionar sobre el poder de estas palabras y gestos. No solo fuimos perdonados y recibidos como miembros de la Iglesia de Dios, sino se nos dio el poder de ser discípulos del Señor.

La idea de ser un discípulo nos detiene a preguntarnos. ¿Un discípulo yo? Yo no soy digno, mucho menos califico para ser un discípulo. ¿Cómo puede Dios usarme con todos mis defectos? El sacerdote nos reafirma con las palabras, “que la gracia de nuestro Señor Jesucristo y el amor de Dios y la comunión del Espíritu Santo este con todos ustedes.” Estas palabras resuenan las palabras del ángel Gabriel cuando Maria no se sentía digna de servir a Dios. El asegura, “Maria, no temas, porque has hallado gracia ante Dios.” Lucas 1:30. Estas son palabras de gran significado, pero sutiles... tal vez demasiado sutil.

Para asegurarse de que entendemos que servimos a un Dios de misericordia, nos desplazamos hasta el **Acto Penitencial**. El sacerdote lo comienza diciendo, “hermanos y hermanas, reconozcamos nuestros pecados y nos preparamos para celebrar los sagrados misterios.” El sacerdote o diacono continua leyendo (opción C), “tú que resucitaste de entre los muertos: Señor, ten piedad.” La iglesia respondemos, “Señor, ten piedad.” Enfatizando esta misma frase y contestamos repitiendo dos veces más. El sacerdote entonces termina el acto penitencial, “Que Dios Todopoderoso tenga misericordia de nosotros...”

Igual que los enfermos o heridos deben estar en un hospital, nosotros estamos justo donde pertenecemos. ¿Necesita su espíritu una nueva vida? ¿Acaso necesitas perdonar o ser perdonado? ¿Tienes una situación en la cual no encuentras la solución? ¿Estás en busca misericordia? Entonces estas en el justo lugar, donde perteneces.

Dave Corder

¡Buenas Noticias!

¡Hay Todavía Tiempo Para Dar!

Aunque estamos casi en terminar con la **Petición Ministerial del Sr. Obispo** (estaremos aceptando su regalo de donación monetaria con su compromiso mensual o su donación de una sola vez por todo el mes de junio), esta es una excelente oportunidad para comprometerse haciendo su regalo de donación monetaria. Gracias a la generosidad de **624 familias**, hemos sobrepasado nuestra meta de **\$147,000**. Ahora, cada dólar que sobrepase la meta forjada a la parroquia de San Antonio será utilizada para la renovación del cuarto de baño de las niñas en nuestra escuela (que es utilizado por varios ministerios de la parroquia y Educación Religiosa) y por un programa para ayudar a las parejas a casarse por la iglesia Católica.

Caridades Católicas Ofrece

Servicios de Consejería Familiar o Individual

Caridades Católicas ofrece profesionales de consejería con un enfoque holístico de integración psicosocial, emocional y espiritual que necesite cualquier persona independientemente de la fe, sexo, edad, nivel socioeconómico y antecedentes culturales. Estos servicios son proporcionados en ingles o español conformé. Para mas información comuníquese con José al (209) 593-6113.

Lecturas de La Semana

Lunes: Is 1:10-17; Sal 50 (49):8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 10:34 — 11:1
Martes: Is 7:1-9; Sal 48 (47):2-8; Mt 11:20-24
Miércoles: Is 10:5-7, 13b-16; Sal 94 (93):5-10, 14-15; Mt 11:25-27
Jueves: Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19; Sal 102 (101):13-14ab, 15-21; Mt 11:28-30
Viernes: Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8; Is 38:10-12abcd, 16; Mt 12:1-8
Sábado: Mi 2:1-5; Sal 10 (9):1-4, 7-8, 14; Mt 12:14-21
Domingo: Gen 18:1-10a; Sal 15 (14):2-5; Col 1:24-28; Lc 10:38-42

Retiro de la Viña de Raquel

Sanando el dolor del aborto, un fin de semana a la vez. “Sentí el amor de Dios, su misericordia y su perdón”, participante de Viña de Raquel. Descubra el poder del amor de Dios, su compasión y misericordia. Este retiro es un lugar seguro, y de apoyo para usted. Un equipo cariñoso, cuidadoso y que no juzga, le ayudara a dar los primeros pasos hacia sanar su espíritu. **Julio del 15 al 17, 2016 en Español**; septiembre del 9 al 11, 2016 en Ingles. Para inscribirse comuníquese con Gloria: (510) 384-6875 en español o con Kim al (209) 465-5433 en inglés.

Si usted es nuevo/a feligrés en la Iglesia de San Antonio o desea de registrarse por favor llame (209) 823-7197.

Respect Life

"Human life must be respected and protected absolutely from the moment of conception. From the first moment of his existence, a human being must be recognized as having the rights of a person - among which is the inviolable right of every innocent being to life."

~ Catechism of the Catholic Church 2270 ~



Legion of Mary

Legion of Mary would like to bring Blessed Mother to visit your home and say the Rosary. Blessed Mother will stay at your home for two weeks. You will get many blessings and graces. Contact Esmeralda at (209) 629-8995.

Santo Nino Novena Prayers Home Visitation

Santo Nino Ministry would like to invite you to welcome Santo Nino and the Blessed Mother into your homes for one week. Please contact Cora Doria (209) 679-3748 or Grace Bautista at (209) 740-6875 for more details.

Sister Ann's Corner

Grief Support Workshop

The death of a loved one is unlike any other loss. Whether or not the death was sudden and tragic, or one with warnings and preparation, the reality of death leaves most of us in a state of shock, confusion, and sadness. Grieving people need time and space to honor their grief. Join us for a six week workshop and let us help you to begin the healing process.

Dates and times:

Fridays from 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm
August 5th, August 12th, August 19th, August 26th,
September 2nd and September 9th

Location:

St. Anthony Parish Conference Room
505 E. North St.
Manteca, CA 95336

THIS WORKSHOP IS OPEN TO ALL REGARDLESS OF RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION.

Please contact Sr. Ann Venita at 823-7197 ext 227 to register by phone or to obtain additional information.

Registration is required!

Please pray for those who need the support of this community of faith:

Kevin Wise	Patricia Lorraine	Christopher	Martin Landeros
Ramona Baker	Navarro	Houser	Ruben Bright
Maria N. Dias	Shelley Cultrera	Beatrice Rios	Michael Kautzer
Delia Soria	Freitas	Alonzo Family	Pat Moretti
Eva Segura	Raquel Selinas	June Torres	Brian Donnelly
Jacob Sanchez	Omar Gonzalez	Barbara Donnelly	Esther Yoo
Michelle Vicente	Galvan	Lolita Rilcopiro	Tim Barth
Steve Gannon	Jeannie Andres	Ricardo	Joseph Kusy
Steve Hernandez	Marcelino J. Loza	Dominguez	
Debbie Kapina	Edna Romero	Jaedyn Hendryx	
Elizabeth Cantu	Dennis Duncan-	Gerri Arriaga	

Prayer Shawl Ministry

If someone would like to request a shawl (for ladies) or lap robe (for men), please contact Kathleen Gomes at prayer.shawls@comcast.net. Shawls and lap robes are not just for those who are ill; they are also given out to celebrate a special occasion such as an anniversary. A message of love and caring comes with each shawl or lap robe and the giving of the shawl or lap robe enriches the giver as well as the recipient.

Catholic Charities Counseling Services

Catholic Charities offers professional counseling using a holistic approach integrating the psychosocial, emotional and spiritual needs to all regardless of faith, sex, age, socioeconomic status, and cultural backgrounds. These services are provided in both English and Spanish. These services are offered according to your schedule at St. Anthony's in the Ministry Building. For more information, contact Jose at (209) 593-6113.

St. Mary's High School Employment Openings

St. Mary's High School in Stockton is currently seeking high quality teachers in: Physics (including Advanced Placement Physics), Geometry (part-time), American Sign Language (part-time). A degree and credential in the subject area and teaching experience are preferred. Also seeking detail-oriented Attendance Secretary. Computer skills are a must. Please send your resume and letter of intent to (209) 957-0861 or email ksmith@stmaryshighschool.org

Treasures From Our Tradition

The first "presbyters" were advisers to the bishops rather than what we would call "priests," yet by the year 1000 our present-day understanding of the ordained priesthood is clearly in place. The Germanic influence was strong in those days, reflected in a series of questions posed to the candidate about his intentions.

The priest's role in the celebration of Mass had by then come to the fore, as the ritual notes that Mass vestments must be worn, the hands of the priest must be anointed with chrism, and a chalice with wine and water and a paten with a host must be given. Up to then, the ordination rite had stressed the presbyter as a collaborator with the bishop and a member of the order of presbyters. Then, in a not-so-subtle shift, the presbyter came to be seen as a "priest" designated to celebrate the Mass and, as the prayer suggests, to touch the chalice. By these days, remember, the cup had long vanished from Communion for the laity. A thousand years ago, today's patterns were already in place. The priest no longer saw himself as a member of a council of elders, a presbytery, and in some dioceses he had little influence over the bishop. Instead, he was either a pastor, with relationship to the eucharistic community in the parish, or he was a priest monk, offering Mass for the salvation of the departed or the intentions of the living.

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If you are ill or in the hospital, please call 823-7197 to let us know, we can arrange a visit from a Priest, Deacon, or Sr. Ann.

St. Anthony's Weekly Events

Monday, July 11

9:30 am Legion of Mary, Mary's Room
6:00 pm Knights of Columbus, Cafeteria
7:00 pm Spanish Choir, Church
7:00 pm Grupo Guadalupano, Conf. Room
7:00 pm Santo Nino Ministry, Cry Room

Tuesday, July 12

6:00 pm Knights of Columbus, Cafeteria
6:00 pm Misa & Hora Santa, Church
8:00 pm Music Ministry, Church

Thursday, July 14

9:30 am Legion of Mary, Mary's Room
10:00 am Bible Study, Conf. Room
5:30 pm Legion of Mary, Mary's Room
6:30 pm Alabare, Cafeteria
7:00 pm Bible Study, Conf. Room
7:00 pm Music Ministry, Church
7:00 pm Voces para Cristo, Mary's Room

Friday, July 15

6:00 pm Coro Angeles de Dios, Room 4
7:00 pm Cursillos de Cristiandad, Cafeteria

Please Join Us!

Rachel's Vineyard Retreats

Healing the pain of abortion, one weekend at a time.

"I felt God's love, mercy and forgiveness. It's given me a sense of peace, resolution, hope, renewal."

— Retreat participant

Discover the power of God's love, compassion and mercy. This retreat is a safe, supportive place for you to focus on a painful time without the distractions of everyday life. A loving, caring and nonjudgmental team will help you take the first steps toward healing.

Two opportunities remain during the Year of Mercy:

July 15-17, 2016 (Spanish)

September 9-11, 2016 (English)

For more information or to register contact Gloria: (510) 384-6875 Spanish or Kim: (209) 465-5433 English.

Marriage Encounter

Scripture says about married people that "Two shall live as one". How often do you find yourselves living as two? A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend can help you get back to basics in this complicated day and age. **BIG NEWS!! We want ALL married couples to experience a beautiful weekend for you to re-connect and re-ignite the fire in your relationship. If childcare is a problem for you then we are holding a very special non-residential weekend at St. Anthony's in Manteca on July 16-17. You will have the opportunity to attend a Marriage Encounter weekend but be able to return home at night.** Our regular weekend in Turlock will be Sept. 30-Oct. 2. For more information visit our website at: **For more information visit our website at: <https://www.stocktonwwme.org> or contact John & Angelica at (209)691-0603.**



Perpetual Adoration

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Spend an hour with Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament.

Vacant Hours:

Monday 4 am to 5 am
Tuesday 12 am (midnight) to Wednesday 1 am
Friday 1 pm to 2 pm – Partner need for every other week.
Saturday 12 pm (noon) to 1 pm
Saturday 12 am (midnight) to Sunday 1 am

Adoration partner hours needed:

There are a number of available hours. Please contact Mark Lilly for information on available hours.

If you would like to sign up for a Holy Hour, please email **Mark Lilly** at stanthonyadoration@comcast.net or call 239-5732.

The Blessed Sacrament is located in the Chapel

Retrouvaille

You Can Help Your Marriage – 25% of surveyed couples say they are 'Happily Married'. For everyone else, there is Retrouvaille. Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille helps couples rebuild their marriages at any level of difficulty. For information, or to register for the Modesto Retrouvaille Program beginning with a Weekend on **July 22-24, 2016**, visit the web site at www.HelpOurMarriage.com, email Modesto@RetroCA.com, or call (209) 232-5315.

F.E.S.M. Manteca Holy Ghost Celebration the week of July 3rd through July 10th

Saturday, July 9th -

Pray the Rosary in the dance hall at F.E.S.M. Manteca at 6:30 pm, Concert courtesy of Azores Band of Escalon at 7:30 pm, Dance to music from "So Mas Um," and the Presentation of the Queens and Officers at 9:30 pm.

Sunday, July 10th

Parade at 9:30 am, Mass at 10:30 am at St. Anthony's Church, Lunch of Sopa and Meat at 1:00 pm, Auction of gifts at 2:00 pm, Dinner of Sopa Meat at 7:00 pm, Dance to the music of Alcides Machado at 8:00 pm, and the Presentation of Queens at 9:00 pm.

For more information please call Andrew Melo at (209) 380-0693.

It's That Time Again! Vacation Bible School at Our Lady of Fatima

505 W. Granger, Modesto, CA

Dates: July 25th — 29th

Time: 9 am — 12:00 noon

\$10.00 per child. Registration forms are available in the Parish Office. Space is limited to 120 children so register now! For more information call Vicki Lamanna at (209) 491-3468 or Melinda Miramontes at (209) 491-3462.

Mass Schedule

Readings & Special Observances

MONDAY, JULY 11

7:00 am – Fr. Jairo

†Jo Sheryl N. Kierulf (Bing Navarra)
Special Intention Sonny Acoba (Acoba Family)

9:00 am – Fr. Chad

†Gil M. Fagundes (John & Natalie Andre)

TUESDAY, JULY 12

7:00 am – Fr. Jairo

†Agostinho Ribeiro (Guilherme & Helena Lima)

9:00 am – Fr. Dante

†William Sheppard (Cecilia Sheppard)
†Jim Lopes (Art Cabral & Family)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 13

7:00 am – Fr. Dante

†Quirina F. Oca (Lucy Curtis)

9:00 am – Fr. Chad

Special Intention Jacob Kunnassery
(Lissy Kunnassery)

THURSDAY, JULY 14

7:00 am – Fr. Dante

†Albert Cardoza (Fr. John Bosch Assembly)

9:00 am – Fr. Chad

†Luis Da Rocha (Jose & Ida Silveira)

FRIDAY, JULY 15

7:00 am – Fr. Dante

†Margie Wu (Connie Young)

9:00 am – Fr. Jairo

†Dolores Gaudicos (Evangeline Gandicos)

SATURDAY, JULY 16

8:00 am – Fr. Dante

†Bert Van Ryn (Ada Van Ryn & Family)

5:00 pm – Fr. Chad

†Ellen Pinto (Pinto Family)

7:00 pm – Fr. Jairo

†Camilo Dominguez
(Hermana Rogelia Dominguez)

SUNDAY, JULY 17

7:00 am – Fr. Dante

†Gniot & Stricker Family
(Rowen & Stricker Family)
†Myral Lucas (Joe & Rose Rosa)

8:45 am – Fr. Dante

†Gil Fagundes (Regina Fagundes)

10:45 am – Fr. Chad

For the People of the Parish

12:30 pm – Fr. Jesus

†Benny Villanueva (Villanueva Family)

6:00 pm – Fr. Chad

†Cyril Tadena (Florentina Tadena)

Morning Glory

A morning-glory at my window satisfies me more than
the metaphysics of books.

—Walt Whitman

Today's Readings

First Reading — Heed the voice of the LORD. It is something very near to you, already in your hearts; you only need to carry it out (Deuteronomy 30:10-14).

Psalms — Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live (Psalm 69) or *Psalm 19*.

Second Reading — All things were created through and for Christ Jesus (Colossians 1:15-20).

Gospel — To be a neighbor, show love by treating others with mercy, as did the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37).

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Saints & Special Observances

Sunday: Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Benedict
Wednesday: St. Henry
Thursday: St. Kateri Tekakwitha
Friday: St. Bonaventure
Saturday: Our Lady of Mount Carmel;
Blessed Virgin Mary

Readings for the Week

Monday: Is 1:10-17; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23;
Mt 10:34 — 11:1
Tuesday: Is 7:1-9; Ps 48:2-8; Mt 11:20-24
Wednesday: Is 10:5-7, 13b-16; Ps 94:5-10, 14-15;
Mt 11:25-27
Thursday: Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19; Ps 102:13-14ab, 15-21;
Mt 11:28-30
Friday: Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8; Is 38:10-12abcd, 16;
Mt 12:1-8
Saturday: Mi 2:1-5; Ps 10:1-4, 7-8, 14; Mt 12:14-21
Sunday: Gen 18:1-10a; Ps 15:2-5; Col 1:24-28;
Lk 10:38-42

Go And Do Likewise

Miss Collins, the dean of students at Olympic High School, was past the point of scolding Matt, though she liked him very much. "Four detentions in two weeks are too many."

Still Matt wouldn't tell. It was only after Miss Collins went on a morning neighborhood patrol that she found out the real reason for Matt's tardiness. Thump, thump, thump, came the wheelchair down the stairs. It was Matt, steadying Shawnetta as he helped lower her down the stairs and then push her to the corner bus stop.

"She's a girl in my parish youth group," Matt explained to Miss Collins.

There are many ways to describe Matt's actions—a random act of kindness, making a difference one person at a time. Jesus would understand. When the lawyer correctly identified the good Samaritan as the one who had treated the injured man with compassion, Jesus said simply, "Go and do likewise" (Luke 10:37).

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