

## **Vision, Mission, and Objectives**

We are a Catholic community welcoming all, consciously celebrating the Eucharist with joy, together personifying the compassion of God to the world.

The mission of Common Good is two-fold: to educate and engage the St. Bridget community in working for social justice and systemic change. This includes how to keep our environment healthy, aiding and supporting those people who seek to live without oppression, assisting those in need of basic life necessities, and supporting other humanitarian acts as needed.

In support of that mission, Common Good has several areas of focus:

### **Humanitarian Assistance**

Common Good members continue to have a presence and an impact in serving our migrant brothers and sisters from our southern border. For the past 3 years, we have not only held donation drives but we have also served dinners, sorted clothing, prayed with and for the migrants, played with the children, and comforted the adults as they continue on their journey to relatives and sponsors across the country. We also have supported the Kino Border Initiative and the Agua Prieta Migrant Resource Center in Douglas, AZ.

### **Care for Our Common Home**

The Common Good Ministry continues to recycle aluminum cans and plastic water bottles our parishioners bring from home, which not only reduces our environmental footprint, but proceeds from the sale allow us to help brothers and sisters in need, far and near. With your continued support, we can make a difference!

In addition, we encourage our parishioners to conserve water as it is a precious resource that is becoming more scarce over time.

### **Common Good Activities and Events**

This is where we invite you to join us for fun, educational and heart-warming activities and events. The benefits of volunteering can last a lifetime—not only for those who you are helping but for you as well. Here are some of the benefits you can gain:

- Learning about cultures and ways of life that are different from your upbringing will increase your social flexibility and expand your world-view.
- Researchers have shown that volunteering gives a sense of accomplishment and increases feelings of happiness which are good for your mind and body by increasing self-confidence and combating depression, anxiety, stress, and anger.
- Meaningful and interesting volunteer work can be a relaxing, energizing escape from your day-to-day routine of work, school or family commitments which gives you renewed creativity, motivation, and vision that can carry over into your personal and professional life.

Please see the church calendar for scheduled activities.