

# MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT

Discover ways to serve St. B's, the community, and the world

## SERVE NEIGHBORS IN NEED

Next meal: Monday, September 10



Our **Neighbors in Need** ministry was started almost nine years ago when a handful of parishioners felt called and compelled to respond to the growing needs of low-income people in our community. Twice a month, Neighbors in Need provides a warm, home-cooked meal and lots of hospitality to over 120 men, women, and children.

Our guests arrive on foot, by bike, and by car. They are treated to a meal just like mom would make: meatloaf, mashed potatoes, string beans, salad, bread and butter, and drinks. In addition to the meal, they receive a snack bag to go. Each guest is encouraged to select a clothing item such as pants, shirts, jackets, shoes, or new socks. They are treated to toiletries such as sunscreen, shampoo, and deodorant as well.

**“What touches me is their gratitude. They are so very grateful, even for the small things.”**

It takes many hands to keep this ministry running smoothly! The first crew arrives at 3 pm to prep the food and set up the hall. As the next shift arrives at 5:30 pm, everyone gathers to pray for the ministry and those they are serving. Then they serve the meal and distribute clothing, toiletries, and snack bags. Those who have served in this ministry find fellowship with fellow parishioners and guests alike.

### So...what can I do?

- Meal prep and set up (3–5:30 pm)
- Meal service, hospitality, and clean-up (5:30-7:30 pm)
- Donate gently-used clean clothing, new socks, toiletries, etc.
- Make a monetary donation: [saintbrigidparish.org/serve-the-community](http://saintbrigidparish.org/serve-the-community) or write a check to Saint Brigid Parish with “Neighbors in Need” in the memo line

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