

January 2025

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Notes & Ideas

- As you turn your heart toward Epiphany, consider this [reflection on light](#) from Sri Lanka.

Finalize Plans for Next Month

- Finalize plans for Theological Education Sunday, Superbowl of Caring Sunday, Valentine's Day, Transfiguration Sunday, President's Day, Black History Month

Planning Ahead

- Do detailed scheduling of communications for your Lent and Easter observances. It is helpful to have a complete schedule of every activity in one central place, like on your website. You can then use social media to share targeted invitations weekly (e.g., evening services for adults, family friendly events, etc.) with new information on them as the season progresses.

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| 29 | 30 | 31 | 1 New Year's Day | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 5 | 6 Epiphany | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 Human Trafficking Awareness Day |
| 12 Baptism of the Lord | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity |
| 19 | 20 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 International Day of Education | 25 |
| 26 | 27 Forma Conference | 28 | 29 Lunar New Year | 30 | 31 | 1 |



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February 2025

Monthly Observances: Black History Month

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Notes & Ideas

- The Lenten calendar can be overwhelming. Encourage parishioners to find just one new practice to engage this season; a devotion, class, speaker series, or any local or regional offerings.

Finalize Plans for Next Month

- Women's History Month, Shrove Tuesday, Ash Wednesday, World Day of Prayer, [Episcopal Relief & Development Sunday](#), St. Patrick's Day, World Water Day

Planning Ahead

- Share resources and invitations to parish and regional summer camping and mission projects for all ages.
- Finalize plans for [World Water Day](#).
- Make final arrangements for Holy Week and Easter, including meals, fellowship, egg hunts and parish-wide art responses.
- Make plans for observing Earth Day.
- Finalize plans for, and issue invitations to, teacher and ministry team recognitions during worship in March.
- Begin reserving booth and parade slots and building a team for [outreach and evangelism](#) opportunities at local Pride events.

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| 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 1 |
| 2 Groundhog Day | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| 9 Superbowl of Caring Sunday | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 Valentine's Day | 15 |
| 16 | 17 President's Day | 18 | 19 | 20 World Day of Social Justice | 21 | 22 |
| 23 | 24 | 25 EPN Conference | 26 | 27 | 28 | 1 |



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March 2025

Monthly Observances: Women's History Month

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Notes & Ideas

- Download free [Lenten Meditations](#) for your congregation.
- Plan for teacher/leader recognition and gratitude in worship the final Sunday of April. This avoids the May clog of graduations, proms, moms and end-of-program-year plans. Make these invitational as well, with information about how others can get involved. Consider giving your teachers [Gifts for Life](#) as a thank you, possibly letting the children choose their favorites.

Finalize Plans for Next Month

- Earth Day, Arbor Day, Faith Climate Action Week, [World Malaria Day](#), Holy Week/Easter, Teacher Recognition

Planning Ahead

- Make plans to attend the spring [Episcopal Communicators](#) Conference.
- Preview Materials for All Ages Summer Ministries, including VBS, using the [Abundant Life Garden Project® Resources](#).
- Make final arrangements for Holy Week and Easter, including meals, fellowship, egg hunts and parish-wide art responses.

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| 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 1 |
| 2 National Read Across America Day | 3 World Wildlife Day | 4 Shrove Tuesday National Sons Day | 5 Ash Wednesday | 6 | 7 World Day of Prayer | 8 International Women's Day |
| 9 Episcopal Relief & Development Sunday | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 |
| 16 | 17 St. Patrick's Day | 18 | 19 | 20 International Day of Happiness | 21 World Poetry Day | 22 World Water Day |
| 23 Int'l Day of Zero Waste | 24 31 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 |
| 30 | | | | | | |



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April 2025

Monthly Observances: Faith Climate Action Week (April 21–25)

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National Holidays

Notes & Ideas

- Look for registration information for Kanuga's Annual Formation Conference.
- Prepare next Fall's leader and teacher recruiting letters and follow-up.

Finalize Plans for Next Month

- Ascension Day, Mother's Day, Graduations, Memorial Day, Asian American & Pacific Islander Month
- Identify community and family members currently serving in the Armed Forces for prayers.

Planning Ahead

- Set a date for a ministry planning meeting for the next program year. Consider using the [Global Goals](#) structure for outreach ideas in your community.
- Do you observe the June Summer Solstice? Consider a bonfire celebrating St. John.
- Make a full sweep of all of your communications (signs, website, social media, voicemails, etc.) to ensure they are updated regarding any scheduling changes you make over the summer, including worship, formation, music, office hours and midweek events.

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| 30 | 31 | 1 April Fools Day | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 Passover |
| 13 Palm Sunday | 14 National Gardening Day | 15 Tax Day | 16 | 17 Maundy Thursday | 18 Good Friday | 19 |
| 20 Easter Sunday | 21 Faith Climate Action Week | 22 Earth Day | 23 | 24 | 25 World Malaria Day | 26 |
| 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 1 | 2 | 3 |



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May 2025

Monthly Observances: Mental Health Awareness Month; Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month

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Notes & Ideas

- Lock-in plans for a summer picnic(s) or other fellowship events.
- Make notes of your high school graduates attending colleges, and begin making connections for them to campus ministries.
- Schedule a day(s) at your local seasonal farm and art market to distribute parishioner-made/grown products and swag with invitational literature about your church.
- In honor of those who nurture young children—not just mothers—consider hosting a conversation about Episcopal Relief & Development's evidence-based approach to Early Childhood Development (ECD) through efforts like [Moments That Matter®](#).

Finalize Plans for Next Month

- Pentecost Sunday and fellowship, Baptisms, Father's Day, Juneteenth, Summer Solstice, Pride Month

Planning Ahead

- Communicate with the parish about summer staff vacations and expectations.
- Stay connected with youth over the summer: Ask parents for the mailing addresses for youth parishioners going away to camp this summer, and those who aren't, and send them mail.

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| 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 4 World Laughter Day | 5 Cinco de Mayo | 6 | 7 Teacher Appreciation Day | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| 11 Mother's Day | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 International Day of Families | 16 | 17 Armed Forces Day |
| 18 | 19 | 20 World Bee Day | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 National Scavenger Hunt Day |
| 25 National Family Fun Day | 26 Memorial Day | 27 | 28 | 29 Ascension Day | 30 | 31 |



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June 2025

Monthly Observances: LGBTQIA Pride Month

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National Holidays

Notes & Ideas

- Send teacher thank you cards.
- Pentecost is a long season of stories. Share reflections from around the globe on the call of Moses and the feeding of the multitudes.

Finalize Plans for Next Month

- Independence Day, vacation bible school

Planning Ahead

- Will your back-to-school event in August include an invitation to the community? Will you do a homecoming for “alumni” of the parish?
- Plan Invite Welcome Connect training (or re-training) for your parish.
- Consider inviting a panel to speak to older adults this fall. Create a series about aging, end of life, and planning funerals, bequests and wills. Use [this resource](#) for examples of legacy giving.

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| 1 | 2 | 3 World Bicycle Day | 4 | 5 World Environment Day | 6 | 7 |
| 8 Pentecost | 9 International Children's Day | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 Flag Day |
| 15 Father's Day | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 Juneteenth | 20 World Refugee Day | 21 Summer Solstice |
| 22 World Rainforest Day | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| 29 | 30 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |



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July 2025

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Notes & Ideas

- Host a luncheon for your teacher recruits for next fall. Hand out schedules and class rosters, talk about expectations, communications and available training opportunities.
- Consider personalizing small stones, friendship bracelets, bookmarks or small leather crosses with the names of the youth of your parish. Distribute them with prayer cards and ask parishioners to commit to praying for this child, and their family, throughout the school year.

Finalize Plans for Next Month

- Back to School - Backpack tags and prayers, Homecoming, Fall Program Year Kick Off
- Litanies for commissioning teachers can be found [here](#), and in the Forma Facebook group files.

Planning Ahead

- International Day of [Disaster Reduction](#).
- Season of Creation: Care of Creation, including for use in liturgies, can be found [here](#).
- National Recovery Month: Consider planning extra hospitality for the addiction groups you host in your space for the month, including baked goods, fancy coffee set-ups, a supportive sign, prayer cards or childcare.

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| 29 | 30 | 1 Feast of the Rev. Pauli Murray | 2 | 3 | 4 Independence Day | 5 |
| 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 World Population Day | 12 |
| 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 Nelson Mandela International Day | 19 |
| 20 National Ice Cream Day | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| 27 | 28 National Parents Day | 29 | 30 International Day of Friendship | 31 | 1 | 2 |



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August 2025

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Notes & Ideas

- August is a heavy-on-planning but light-on-events month. Take a slow walking tour of your buildings and grounds. How can you clear-out and freshen up your paths, entryways and classrooms to make them more welcoming? Move passively accumulated boxes, tubs, literature, coat racks and furnishings to storage or donate them to local re-use collections.
- Update targeted mailing lists to send information and invitation to the upcoming program year. Focus your message to appeal directly to senior adults, families with kids, empty nesters and young adults, including opportunities for worship, formation, fellowship and outreach.

Finalize Plans for Next Month

- The Season of Creation, Hispanic Heritage, Recovery Ministries, Labor Day, Autumnal Equinox
- September is light on liturgical observances. Consider using those Sundays to highlight various local ministries, including music, fellowship volunteers, the altar guild and others.

Planning Ahead

- Invite people to consider confirmations and reaffirmation/renewals. Announce plans for preparation for both adults and youth.

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| 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 1 | 2 <u>National Coloring Book Day</u> |
| 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 Feast of the Transfiguration | 7 | 8 | 9 National Women's Day |
| 10 | 11 | 12 International Youth Day | 13 | 14 National Financial Awareness Day | 15 | 16 |
| 17 <u>National Nonprofit Day</u> | 18 | 19 World Humanitarian Day | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| 24 31 | 25 | 26 National Women's Equality Day | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |



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September 2025

Monthly Observances: Hispanic Heritage Month (Sept 15–Oct 15), Season of Creation (Sept 1–Oct 4)

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National Holidays

Notes & Ideas

- Plan an “Open House” for your Christian Formation rooms. Use children, ushers and a relocated coffee hour to corral folks to visit.
- Check-in with teachers and other ministry leaders to mitigate start-of-year blips and say thank you.
- If you do not have parishioners with Hispanic heritage, consider organizations in your community to partner with to plan a Dios de los Muertos observation in November.

Finalize Plans for Next Month

- The Season of Creation (Sept 1–Oct 4), Hispanic Heritage Month (Sept 15–Oct 15), Feast of St. Francis, Pet Blessings, Indigenous People’s Day, Halloween, International Day of [Disaster Reduction](#), Children’s Sabbath using [Prayer for Children & Caregivers](#), the [Children’s Litany](#), and the Connecting with Children [Coloring Book](#)

Planning Ahead

- Download free [Advent resources](#), including calendars, activities and devotions.

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| 31 | 1 Labor Day | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 International Day of Charity | 6 |
| 7 | 8 International Literacy Day | 9 Emergency Services Day | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| 14 | 15 International Day of Democracy | 16 World Food Day | 17 | 18 HIV/AIDS Awareness Day | 19 | 20 |
| 21 World Gratitude Day International Day of Peace | 22 Autumnal Equinox | 23 | 24 | 25 National Daughter’s Day | 26 | 27 |
| 28 National Good Neighbor Day | 29 | 30 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |



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October 2025

Monthly Observances: Hispanic Heritage Month (Sept 15–Oct 15), Season of Creation (Sept 1–Oct 4)

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Notes & Ideas

- Rather than hosting your own Trunk-Or-Treat, consider sponsoring cool entries in community events or handing out Saints cards with your treats. Consider the use of the expression “a house for sinners and saints” in accompanying invitations for participants to come to your church.

Finalize Plans for Next Month

- Native American Heritage Month, World Children’s Day, All Saints Day, All Souls Day and Baptisms, Dios de los Muertos, Election Day, Veteran’s Day, Thanksgiving, Advent, [16 Days of Activism \(Nov 25–Dec 10\)](#)

Planning Ahead

- Look for registration information for next year’s [Forma Conference](#).
- Download the popular [DIY Nativity Set](#) for parishioners to create leading up to Christmas Eve.
- Decide on format and rehearsal needs for Nativity Epiphany Pageant.
- Distribute [Alternative Gift Market](#) materials for early holiday shoppers.
- Download and select resource for [Advent activities](#) and reflections for all ages.
- Secure materials for Advent wreath-building with parishioners, including prayer cards.

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| 28 | 29 | 30 | 1 | 2 International Day of Non-Violence | 3 | 4 |
| 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 World Mental Health Day | 11 International Day of the Girl Child |
| 12 | 13 Indigenous People’s Day International Day of Disaster Reduction | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 International Day for the Eradication of Poverty | 18 |
| 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 Feast of St. Francis | 25 |
| 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 Halloween | 1 |



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Monthly Observances: Native American Heritage Month, [16 Days of Activism \(Nov 25–Dec 10\)](#)

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Notes & Ideas

- When reflecting on gratitude, consider sharing this [joyful reflection](#) from Myanmar.
- Consider planning to observe the Feast of St. Nicholas and partner with a local preschool or children's hospital to leave gifts and story cards in children's shoes.
- Consider [practices](#) to help you ready your spirit for a less hurried Advent.

Finalize Plans for Next Month

- Advent plans continue, World Aids Day, Feast of St. Nicolas, [16 Days of Activism \(Nov 25–Dec 10\)](#), Winter Solstice/Longest Night/Blue Christmas service and fellowship, Our Lady of Guadalupe, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day

Planning Ahead

- Create packets of "[Conversations Cards](#)" to gift to families—maybe tie with a pretty bow—for use in the extended time they have together over the upcoming holidays.
- Make final arrangements for giving trees and other holiday outreach plans.
- Register for the upcoming [Forma Conference](#).

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| 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 1 All Saints Day Daylight Savings Time |
| 2 | 3 | 4 Election Day | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| 9 | 10 | 11 Veteran's Day | 12 | 13 Day of Love | 14 | 15 |
| 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 World Children's Day | 21 | 22 |
| 23 30 First Sunday of Advent | 24 | 25 International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women | 26 | 27 Thanksgiving | 28 | 29 |



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Monthly Observances: [16 Days of Activism \(Nov 25–Dec 10\)](#)

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Notes & Ideas

- Don't say yes to anything else this month. You're already enough. Make time for the silence and darkness of this season and watch for God coming anew in our world.

Finalize Plans for Next Month

- Feast of the Epiphany, Human Trafficking Awareness Day, Baptism of our Lord - Baptisms, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Ecumenical Sunday, Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, Annual Meeting
- [Forma](#) Conference.

Planning Ahead

- Order materials and make plans for [Episcopal Relief & Development Sunday](#).
- Make final arrangements for your Annual Meeting and Epiphany observances, including information about chalking doors, Epiphany Pageants, House Blessings and bonfires.

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| 30 | 1 World AIDS Day | 2 Giving Tuesday | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 Episcopal Relief & Development Anniversary St. Nicholas Day |
| 7 Second Sunday of Advent | 8 | 9 | 10 Human Rights Day | 11 | 12 Our Lady of Guadalupe | 13 |
| 14 Third Sunday of Advent | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 Winter Solstice | 19 | 20 |
| 21 Fourth Sunday of Advent | 22 | 23 | 24 Christmas Eve | 25 Christmas Day | 26 Boxing Day | 27 |
| 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 New Year's Eve | 1 | 2 | 3 |



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