

The rich diversity in our communities is reflected in the observances celebrated by various cultures and populations. The Office of Multicultural Education has created this interactive Awareness Calendar to highlight and celebrate the diversity within our Holy Cross community. Included is a list of widely recognized awareness months and day(s) for specific groups, cultures and causes. If you see there is a day or month missing that you believe should be included please email ome@holycross.edu.



## SEPTEMBER Latinx Heritage Month (9/15-10/15) 3 Paryushana Parva | Jain | Eight-day festival of forgiveness and self-discipline. ■ 7-8 Rosh Hashanah | Judaism | Beginning of the Jewish Year and High Holy Days. Ganesh Chaturthi | Hinduism | Birthday of Lord Ganesha, god of wisdom, prosperity and good fortune and the remover of obstacles. ■ 10 14 Elevation of the Life Giving Cross (Holy Cross) | Christian | One of the Great Feasts of the Orthodox Church ■ 16 Yom Kippur | Judaism | Day of Atonement. ■ 16-23 Bisexuality Awareness Week | This week aims to increase acceptance of the bi+ (bisexual, pansexual, omnisexual, polysexual, fluid, no label, etc.) community. 23 Celebrate Bisexual Day | Also known as Bisexual Visibility Day, which is celebrated each year on the 23rd of September and aims to combat bisexual and biromantic erasure by raising awareness of bi+ identities. **OCTOBER** LGBTQIA+ History Month • Filipino-American Heritage Month 🛦 11 National Coming Out Day | National Coming Out Day is held on the anniversary of the March on Washington for Gay and Lesbian rights and it emphasizes the courage that it takes for LGBTQIA+ folks to shares their identity with others. 11 Indigenous Peoples' Day | The day celebrates and honors Native American peoples and commemorates their histories and cultures. Dussehra | Hinduism | Celebrates Lord Rama's triumph over evil King Ravana, also celebrates the conquest by the Goddess Chamundeshwari over demon 15 King Mahishasura. Mawlid an Nabi | Islam | Commemorates birthday of prophet Muhammad. ■ 18 20 International Pronouns Day | This day seeks to make respecting, sharing, and educating about personal pronouns commonplace. 21 Spirit Day | Spirit Day is an oppurtunity for people across the world to show their support of the LGBTQIA+ community and take a stand agaisnt bullying by wearing the color purple. 24-31 Asexual Week | Formerly Known as Asexual Awareness Week, Ace Week aims to move beyond just raising awareness of asexual identities and on to a

	more active approach that will improve the lives of asexual people through legislation and financial support.
26	Intersex Awareness Day   This day aims to bring awareness to and fight against the human rights violations that intersex people experience.
<b>27</b>	Buddhas Descent   Buddhism   Lhabab Duchen is a festival observing the descent of Buddha from heaven to earth. ■
31	<b>Reformation Day</b>   Protestant   Celebration in remembrance of the onset of the Reformation. ■
NOVEMBER	Native American Heritage Month 🔺
1	All Saint's Day   Christian   Honors all the saints known and unknown. ■
1–2	Day of the Dead   Celebrated mainly in mexico and in association with Catholic holidays all saints day and all souls day. Meant ot commemorate the memory of family and friends that died. ▲
2	All Soul's Day   Christian   A holy day set aside for honoring the dead. ■
7	Trans Parent Day   This day celebrates the nurturing relationships between transgender and gender non-conforming parents and their children.
8	Intersex Day Of Solidarity/Remembrance   Also known as Intersex Solidarity Day, is an international awareness day that aims to draw attention to the issues faced by members of the intersex community. It is observed on November 8, marking the birth anniversary of Herculine Barbin.
13	Jain New Year   Jain   Jains celebrate new year on the first day of the following month of Kartika. ■
13–20	<b>Transgender Awareness Week</b>   Trans Awareness week serves to increase visibility of transgender individuals as well as address the issues that transgender people currently face. ●
19	Birth of Guru Nanak   Sikh   Celebrates the birth of the founder of Sikhism and the first of the Sikh Gurus. ■
19	<b>International Men's Day</b> This day focuses on men's health, improving gender relations, highlighting male role models (including those who don't fall into traditional manifestations of masculinity or those within the LGBTQIA+ community), and promoting positive expressions of masculinity.
20	<b>Transgender Day of Remembrance</b>   TDOR is an annual observance that honors the memory of the transgender people whose lives were lost in acts of anti-transgender violence. ●
28	First Sunday of Advent   Christian   Season of expectant waiting and preparation of the celebration of the Nativity of Jesus at Christmas.
11/28-12/6	Hanukkah   Judaism   Jewish festival commemorating the recovery of Jerusalem and subsequent rededication of the Second Temple at the beginning of

## the Maccabean revolt.

## **DECEMBER**

- World AIDS Day | World AIDS Day serves to support those who are currently living with HIV and honor those who have passed away from AIDS-1 related illness.
- Bodhi Day | Buddhism | Commemorates the day that the historical Buddha, Siddhartha Gautauma (Shakyamuni), attained enlightenment. 8
- Pansexual and Panromantic Pride Day | On December 8th, we celebrate National Pansexual Pride Day and the strides taken by the pansexual and panromantic community to be accepted and understood.
- 10 **Human Rights Day** This day is observed every year on December 10th — the day the United Nations General Assembly adopted, in 1948, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR). The UDHR is a milestone document that proclaims the inalienable rights which everyone is entitled to as a human being - regardless of race, color, religion, sex, language, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth or other status.
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- 12/26-1/1 Kwanzaa | Annual celebration of African American culture that culminates in a feast at the end of the holiday week.

