

January

- 1 New Year's Day
- 1 Sudan Independence Day
- 7 Christmas ✠
- 13 Makar Sankranti, Hindu
- 16 Religious Freedom Day
- 17 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- 20 Day of Hajj ☪
- 21 Eid al-Adha ☪
- 27 Holocaust Memorial Day
- 27 Martin Luther King Jr. Community Celebration, MWCC

February

African-American History Month

- 1 African American History Month Opening Ceremony, MSU
- 5 Cultural Mania, MSU
- 6 Race Relations Day
- 8 Nirvana Day, Buddhist
- 9 Lunar New Year (China, Korea, Vietnam, Tibet)
- 9 Ash Wednesday (Lent begins) ☩
- 11 Black History Month Speaker, Gustavus
- 11 Dance of Nations, Mankato West High School
- 13 Vasant Panchami, Hindu
- 14-20 International Random Acts of Kindness Week
- 18 Vagina Monologues, Gustavus
- 19 TET Vietnamese New Year Event, MSU
- 21 President's Day
- 23 Cuauhtemoc Birthday (Mexican)
- 23-26 Pan African Student Leadership Conference, MSU
- 24 Prejudice Reduction Workshops Facilitator Training
- 26 Mr. & Ms. Pan African Talent Ceremony, Holiday Inn

March

Women's History Month

Irish-American Heritage Month

- 4 Mardi Gras, MWCC
- 8 International Women's Day
- 8 Maha Shivaratri Vrat, Hindu
- 11 Mexican New Year
- 12 Building Bridges Conference, Gustavus
- 14 Lent begins ✠
- 21 Benito Juarez Birthday (Mexican)
- 21 International Day for Elimination of Racial Discrimination
- 25 Good Friday ☩
- 25 Purim ✠
- 25 Magha Puja Day, Buddhist
- 25 Holi, Hindu
- 27 Easter ☩

April

Month of the Young Child

- 2 African Night, MSU
- 4-8 Eliminate Hate Week, MSU
- 6 Women from Jerusalem Tour, Gustavus
- 7-8 Chicano-Mexicano-Latino Conference, MSU
- 8 Latino Art and Culture Day, MSU

8 Latino Night Celebration, MSU

- 9 Lao New Year, MSU
- 9 Hindi New Year, Hindu
- 10 International Festival, East High School
- 14 Pan American Day
- 14-15 Pow Wow and Native American Film Festival, Gustavus
- 14 Women of Distinction, Country Inn & Suites
- 16 American Indian Student Association Pow Wow, MSU
- 16 Our Story Conference, Gustavus
- 24 Wesak, Buddhist
- 24-30 Passover ✠
- 29 Holy Friday ✠

May

Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month

American Indian Month

- 1 Pascha, (Easter) ✠
- 3 World Press Freedom Day
- 5 Cinco de Mayo (Mexican)
- 5 Cinco de Mayo Celebration, MSU
- 5 National Day of Prayer
- 7 Cinco de Mayo Celebration, Gustavus
- 8 Mother's Day
- 16 Sudan People Liberation Movement Day
- 21 Armed Forces Day
- 24 Visakha Puja, Buddhist
- 22 International Day for Biological Diversity
- 31 Memorial Day



June

- 13 Shavuot ✠
- 14 Flag Day
- 19 Father's Day
- 19 Juneteenth Day (African-American)
- 20-24 Prejudice Reduction Workshops Facilitator Training
- 28 Stonewall Rebellion Day (GLBT)

July

Age Appreciation Month

- 2 Asala Puja, Buddhist
- 4 Independence Day
- 4 Filipino-American Friendship Day
- 10 Noche Triste (Mexican)
- 13 Ulambana, Buddhist
- 16 Pridefest (GLBT)
- 21 Guru Purnima, Hindu

AUGUST

- 19 Raksha Bandhan, Hindu
- 23 International Day for Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition
- 26 Sri Krishna Jayanti, Hindu
- 26 Women's Equality Day
- 27 Janmashtami, Hindu

SEPTEMBER

- 5 Labor Day
- 11 Anniversary of Terrorist Attacks
- 11 Grandparents Day
- 15 Cultural Diversity Picnic, Highland Park, MSU
- 9/15-10/15 Hispanic Heritage Month
- 16 Mexican Independence Day
- 16-18 Annual Wacipi Pow Wow, Land of Memories Park
- 17 Citizenship Day
- 18 Saradhas begins, Hindu
- 18-24 National Deaf Awareness Week
- 21 International Day of Peace
- 23 American Indian Day
- 26 Diversity Council Annual Meeting
- 26-30 American Indian Awareness Week, MSU

October

National Disability Awareness Month

Polish American Heritage Month

Italian-American Heritage Month

- 4 Rosh Hashanah (New Year) ✠
- 4 Navaratri begins, Hindu
- 5 Ramadan begins ☪
- 6 German-American Day
- 9 Community Enrichment Week
- 10 Columbus Day/Native American Day
- 10 World Mental Health Day
- 10 Durga Puja, Hindu
- 11 National Coming Out Day (GLBT)
- 11 Indigenous People Day
- 12 Dashera, Hindu
- 13 Yom Kippur ✠
- 17 International Day for Eradication of Poverty
- 17 Black Poetry Day
- 18-26 Sukkhot ✠
- 20 Karwa Chauth, Hindu
- 20-22 Annual Asian Pacific American Conference, MSU
- 25 Simchat Torah ✠
- 31 Halloween

November

Native American Awareness Month

- 1 Diwali, Hindu
- 1 Day of the Dead (Mexican/Latin American)
- 2 Day of the Day (Mexican)
- 4 Eid al-Fitr ☾
- 8 Election Day
- 11 Veterans Day
- 11 Hispanic Career Fair, MSU
- 13 World Kindness Day
- 14-18 International Diversity Week, MSU
- 16 International Day of Tolerance
- 16 Dutch-American Heritage Day
- 18 Institutional Diversity Annual Dinner, MSU
- 19 Hmong New Year/Hmong Culture Day, MSU
- 20 Universal Children's Day
- 24 Thanksgiving Day
- 27 First Sunday of Advent ☩

December

Universal Human Rights Month

- 1 Rosa Parks Day (African American)
- 1 World AIDS Day
- 3-4 Festival of Trees, Snell Motors
- 7 Pearl Harbor Day
- 8 Bodhi Day, Buddhist
- 10 Human Rights Day
- 12 Virgin of Guadalupe (Mexican)
- 15 Bill of Rights Day
- 25 Christmas Day ☩
- 25 Chanukah ✨
- 26 Kwanzaa (African American)

Key:

- Red: Diversity Council events
- Blue: Other local events

- ☩ Christian holidays
- ✨ Jewish holidays
- ☾ Muslim holidays
- ✙ Orthodox Christian holidays

Note: Jewish holidays begin at sundown of the preceding day. The Islamic calendar is based on lunar observation; thus, the dates may vary by one or two days.

For More Information:

Monthly updates with more details on local events are available at www.mankatodiversity.com
Please contact the Diversity Council with corrections or additions.



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- Local cultural events
- International observances
- Major religious holidays



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