



Diocese of Austin



RECOMMENDATIONS FOR MONTHLY PARISH COMMUNICATIONS

Throughout the next year, we will celebrate the Year of the Domestic Church within our diocese, as well as the Year of Saint Joseph as a worldwide Church. Each month will focus on a different topic to lead into a deeper understanding of these themes.

It is recommended that at least one time per month, pastors reach out to their parish communities to encourage and support a deeper awareness of the Domestic Church and Saint Joseph.

Resources to help with these communications as well as information regarding these themes are found on the diocesan Year of the Domestic Church webpage [linked here](#).

The webpage contains a listing of the monthly themes as well as bulletin reflections, graphics, Church document resources and the official Year of the Domestic Church prayer. Social media content for parish use is under development and coming soon. You may also find it helpful to connect the month's theme to one of the Scripture readings from any given weekend.

Additionally, connecting the liturgical season, feast days, Saints' feast days, parish initiatives or parish community celebrations to the month's theme may also help parishioners connect with the content.

Implementation and communications regarding the Year of the Domestic Church will look different in each parish community. The intention is to help your individual parish community grow in faith.

Priests will receive an email on the first Friday of each month, with specific resources listed for the next month's theme. Please check the diocesan webpage regularly for updated materials to help you communicate with your parishioners and celebrate this special year.