

Upcoming Events

August 31 [7 pm] – GRAD End of Summer Barbeque (St. Mary's Courtyard)

September

Sept. 6 [6 pm] - GRAD Ice Cream Social—Start the year off by making your own sundae and meeting other group members

Sept. 7 [5 pm] - St. Mary's Welcome BBQ—Join us for free food and friendly faces as we kickoff the new school year!

Sept. 14 [7 pm]- Praying with Scripture

Sept. 15 [7:30 pm] - The Social Justice Lecture Series: "Promoting the Dignity of Human Life from Womb to Tomb" a lecture by Fr. Brian Daley, SJ, Huisiking Chair of Theology at the University of Notre Dame

Sept. 19 [10 am] Graduate Student Brunch—Fuel up with free food before the football game and meet other Catholic graduate students

Sept. 21 [7 pm] - Monday Night Discussion/Presentation (TBD)

Sept. 23 [7:30 pm] - The Fr. Gabriel Richard Lecture Series: "What Really Happened at Vatican II?" a lecture by author John O'Malley, SJ, University Professor at Georgetown University

Sept. 28 [7 pm] - Praying with Scripture

October

Oct. 5 [7 pm] - Monday Night Discussion/Presentation (TBD)

Oct. 8 [4:30 pm] The Fr. Gabriel Richard Lecture Series: "Can Ethics Really Be Taught?" by Dr. Carolyn Woo, Dean of Mendoza College, The University of Notre Dame (*R1230, Ross Business School*)

Oct. 12 [7pm] - Praying with Scripture

Oct. 14 [7 pm] - The Social Justice Lecture Series: "Various Ways to be Pro-Life"

Oct. 19 [7 pm] - Monday Night Discussion/Presentation (TBD)

Oct. 26 [7pm] - Praying with Scripture

November

Nov. 2 [7 pm] - Monday Night Discussion/Presentation (TBD)

Nov. 9 [7 pm] - Praying with Scripture

Nov. 12 [4 pm] - The Fr. Gabriel Richard Lecture Series: "Addressing Poverty in Troubled Times" by Dr. Mary Jo Bane, Dean of the Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University (*Educational Conference Center, School of Social Work*)

Nov. 14 [7 pm] - The Social Justice Lecture Series: "Health Care Reform and the Poor" by Dr. Tim Florence, MD

For more information...

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St. Mary Student Parish

The Catholic Community at the University of Michigan

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GRAD members making a meal together, Fall 2008

Who we are...

If you're enrolled as a graduate or professional student at the University of Michigan, or if you're a recent college grad working in the area, this is the group for you!

What we stand for...

The acronym G.R.A.D. stands for Growth, Relationships, Activity, and Dialogue. Through a variety of spiritual programs, service opportunities, and social events, the group strives to build a community marked by meaningful conversation, spiritual growth, and ongoing fellowship.

When we meet...

Mondays, 7 to 9 pm @ St. Mary Student Parish

1st and 3rd Monday—presentations and discussions on topics of interest to young adult Catholics

2nd and 4th Monday—Praying with Scripture

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Fall Retreat

“I’m too busy to pray...”

Incorporating prayer in your everyday life

When: Friday, Nov. 6th, 7:30 pm to
Sunday, Nov. 8th, 3:30 pm

Where: Colombiere Retreat Center [Clarkston, MI]

Cost: \$60 for current graduate students
\$80 for young professionals

**** Cost includes all meals**

Why: Research. Papers. Meetings. Deadlines. You’re busy; probably “too busy to pray.” Come find out how you can work prayer into your daily routine.

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A scene from last fall’s retreat (November 2008)

Ongoing activities



A group of GRAD members poses at the 80’s Social

Discussions: Twice a month, we invite a St. Mary’s staff member, University professor, or local professional to lead us in a conversation about a topic of interest to young adult Christians. Some recent examples include “Free Will in Bruce Almighty,” “Preparation for Christian Marriage,” and “The Moral Implications of a Market Economy.”

Praying with Scripture and Small Church Communities: Using the readings for the coming Sunday, we discuss how the Word of God applies uniquely to our lives, in light of school, work, family, friends, and relationships.

Socials: As a group, about once a month, we go out to a movie, host a holiday-themed potluck, compete in a local Trivia Night, or rock out to 80’s music! Group members often organize unofficial events as well.