**TABLE READING 2024**

**Our Migrant Souls: A Meditation on Race and the Meanings and Myths of “Latino”** by Héctor Tobar (St. John)

**The Way of St. Benedict** by Rowan Williams (Marmion)

**The Wandering Mind: What Medieval Monks Tell Us About Distraction** by Jamie Kreiner (Marmion)

**Caste: The Origins of our Discontents** by Isabel Wilkerson (Marmion)

**The Jesus We Missed: The Surprising Truth About the Humanity of Christ** by Patrick Henry Reardon (Christ in the Desert)

**Awesome Glory: Resurrection in Scripture, Liturgy, and Theology** by Abbot Jeremy Driscoll, O.S.B. (Christ in the Desert, Covington [Holy Week and Easter Octave])

**Why We Live in Community** by Eberhard Arnold (Christ in the Desert)

**This Is My Body: A Call to Eucharistic Revival** by Bishop Robert Barron (Christ in the Desert)

**Coenobium: Reflections on Monastic Community** by Michael Casey, O.C.S.O. (Christ in the Desert)

**Last Testament: in his own words** by Pope Benedict XVI (Christ in the Desert)

**Monastery Mornings: My Unusual Boyhood Among the Saints and Monks** by Michael Patrick O’Brien (Christ in the Desert)

**In the School of Saint Benedict: Benedictine Spirituality for Every Christian: Benedictine Spirituality for all Christians** by Dom Xavier Perrin, O.S.B. (Christ in the Desert)

**The Monastic Hours of Prayer** by Benedicta Ward, S.L.G. (Christ in the Desert)

**The Shattering of Loneliness: On Christian Remembrance** by Erik Varden, O.C.S.O. (Christ in the Desert)

**Treasure of Qumran: my story of the Dead Sea Scrolls** by Mar Athanasius Yeshue Samuel (Christ in the Desert)

**Entering the Twofold Mystery: On Christian Conversion** by Eric Varden, O.C.S.O. (Christ in the Desert)

**Elizabeth Seton: American Saint** by Catherine O’Donnell (Still River)

**The Habsburg Way: 7 Rules for Turbulent Times** by Eduard Habsburg (Still River)

**Dom Gueranger – A Monk at the Heart of the Church** by Dom Guy Marie Oury, O.S.B. (Still River)

**Saint Teresa Of Avila** by William Thomas Walsh (Still River)

**The Star of Bethlehem: What did the Magi See?** by Fr. Douglas McGonagle (Still River)

**Queen of Our Times: The Life of Queen Elizabeth II** by Robert Hardman(Schuyler)

**Amusing Ourselves to Death** by Neil Postman (Belmont)

**Sisters: Catholic Nuns and the Making of America** by John J. Fialka (Belmont)

**The Sun Does Shine: How I Found Life, Freedom, and Justice** by Anthony Ray Hinton with Lara Love Hardin (Belmont)

**Franklin and Winston: An Intimate Portrait of an Epic Friendship** by Jon Meacham (Conception)

**Guest of Honor: Booker T. Washington, Theodore Roosevelt, and the White House Dinner that Shocked a Nation** by Deborah Davis (St. Bede)

**Oscar Romero: Love Must Win Out** by Kevin Clarke (St. Bede)

**Jacksonland: President Andrew Jackson, Cherokee Chief John Ross, and a Great American Land Grab** by Steve Inskeep (St. Bede)

**Crucial Conversations, 2nd edition** (audiobook) by K. Patterson, J. Grenny, et al. (Procopius)

**Kapaun's Battle** by Jeff Gress (Procopius [graphic descriptions of battle may need some editing])

**Outlaw Tales of the Old West** edited by E. Turner (Procopius [got mixed reviews from the community; it surely conveys that the good ol' days were not all good!])

**A Time to Die: Monks on the Threshold of the Eternal** by Nicholas Diat, Cardinal Robert Sarah (Covington)

**Desiderio Desideravi**, Apostolic Letter of the Holy Father Pope Francis (Covington)

**“The Monastic Dream: A Monastic Response to Fratelli Tutti”** Reflections of the International Team of AIM (short booklet) (Covington)

**To Dare the Our Father: A Transformative Spiritual Practice** by John Shea (Covington)

**Northern Light** by the Cistercian Nuns of Tautra Mariakloster (Covington)

**“The Ideals of an Interwar Benedictine Artist” (Part I)** by Edward M. C. Begnaud, article in Tjurunga, an Australian Benedictine Review (Covington)

**Seeking God: The Way of St. Benedict** by Ester de Waal (Covington)

**What Do You Seek?: The Questions of Jesus as Challenge and Promise** by Michael J. Buckley, S.J. (Covington)

**The Spirituality of Fasting: Rediscovering a Christian Practice** by Rev. Charles M. Murphy (Covington)

**Stability: How an Ancient Monastic Practice Can Restore Our Relationships, Churches, and Communities** by Nathan Oates (Covington)

**“The Heart of the Rule: Chapter 35 The Weekly Kitchen Servers”** by Denise West, O.S.B., article in Tjurunga, an Australian Benedictine Review, No. 96, 2021 (Covington)

**Carlo Acutis: The First Millennial Saint** by Nicola Gori (Covington)

**Wisdom: The Good Life: Wisdom Literature and the Rule of** **Benedict** by Sr. Irene Nowell, O.S.B. (Covington)

**“St. Benedict’s Teaching on Leadership”** by Romualdo Ho, OSB, article in Tjurunga, an Australian Benedictine Review, No. 95, 2021 (Covington [Preparation for abbatial election])

**The White Stone: the Art of Letting Go** by Esther de Waal (Covington)

**Jesus Christ, the Holy One of God** by Raniero Cantalamessa (Covington)

**Soil and Sacrament: A Spiritual Memoir of Food and Faith** by Fred Bahnson (Covington [Advent section])

**Benedictine Men and Women of Courage: Roots and History** by Ann Kessler, O.S.B. (Covington)

**“Homily on Feast of the Presentation of the Lord; Celebration with members of Institutes of Consecrated Life”,** February 2, 2024 by Pope Francis (Covington)

**A Brief Reader on the Virtues of the Human Heart** by Josef Pieper (Covington)

**At Home With Saint Benedict; Monastery Talks** by Mark A. Scott, O.C.S.O. (Covington)

**Carville’s Cure: Leprosy, Stigma, and the Fight for Justice** by Pam Fessler (Covington)

**The Gulf: The Making of An American Sea** by Jack E. Davis (Covington)

**Gethsemane: The Transfiguring Love** by Martin Israel (Covington)

**The Risen Christ in Eastertime: Essays on the Gospel Narratives of the Resurrection** by Raymond E. Brown (Covington)

**A Beekeeper’s Lament: How One Man and Half a Billion Honey Bees Help Feed America** by Hannah Nordhaus (Covington)

**Blood and Thunder: An Epic of the American West** by Hampton Sides (Covington)

**The Hermits of Big Sur** by Paula Huston (Covington)

**Cod: A Biography of the Fish that Changed the World** by Mark Kurlansky (Covington)

**“Archaeology Gives Clues on Monastic Life in the AEU” (United Arab Emirates)** by Lydia Wilson in New/Lines Magazine, April 7, 2023 (Covington)

**When Breath Becomes Air** by Paul Kalanithi (Covington)

**The Revenge of Analog: Real Things and Why They Matter** by David Sax (Covington)

**A Century of Grace: a pictorial history of Saint Joseph Abbey and Seminary** by Fr. Jonathan Defrange, O.S.B. (Covington [Preparation for abbatial election])

**The Pope Who Quit: A True Medieval Tale of Mystery, Death, and Salvation** by Jon M. Sweeney (Covington)

**The Mind in Another Place: My Life as a Scholar** by Luke Timothy Johnson (Covington)

**Bethlehem: Biography of a Town** by Nicholas Blincoe (Covington)

**Pharaoh’s Treasure: The Origin of Paper and the Rise of Western Civilization** by John Gaudet (Covington)

**Religious Pioneers: Building the Faith in the Archdiocese of New Orleans** by Dorothy Dawes and Charles Nolan, editors (Covington)

***Read by communities in 2023 and 2022, but recommended this year:***

***2023***

**Once Upon a Town** by Bob Greene (St. John)

**The Story of More: How We Got to Climate Change and Where We Go from Here** by Hope Jahren (St. John)

**Testimony of Hope: Spiritual Exercises Given to Pope John Paul II** by Cardinal Francis Xavier Nguyen van Thuan (St. John)

**Grace Revisited: Epiphanies from a Trappist Monk** by James Stephen Behrens (St. John)

**Nicholas Black Elk: Medicine Man, Catechist, Saint (People of God)** by Jon M. Sweeney (St. John)

**Like a Mustard Seed: A History of the First Benedictine Women’s Monastery in North America** by Ephrem Hollerman (St. John)

**Make Peace before the Sun Goes Down: The Long Encounter of Thomas Merton and His Abbot, James Fox** by Roger Lipsey (St. John)

**The Day the World Came to Town: 9/11 in Gander, Newfoundland** by Jim DeFede (St. John)

**Dietrich Bonhoeffer’s Christmas Sermons** by Edwin Robertson (St. John)

**The Life of Fr. DeSmet, S.J.: Apostle of the Rocky Mountains** by Fr. E. Laveille, S.J. (Conception)

**Our One Great Act of Fidelity: Waiting for Christ in the Eucharist** by Ronald Rolheiser, O.M.I. (Conception)

**What Happens at Mass** by Jeremy Driscoll, O.S.B. (Conception)

**Peter Faber: A Saint for Turbulent Times** by Jon Sweeney (Conception)

**Milestones: Memoirs, 1927-1977, Pope Benedict XVI** by Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger (Conception)

**Through Faith & Fire: The Monks of Spencer 1825-1958** by Gabriel Bertoniere (Conception)

**Lincoln on the Verge: Thirteen Days to Washington** by Ted Widmer (Conception)

**By the Rivers of Babylon: A Novel** by Michael D. O’Brien (Conception)

**The Wandering Mind: What Medieval Monks Tell Us About Distraction** by Jamie Kreiner (Conception)

**American Jesuits and the World: How an Embattled Religious Order Made Modern Catholicism Global** by John T. McGreevy (Conception)

**Dorothy Day: The World Will Be Saved by Beauty: An Intimate Portrait of My Grandmother** by Kate Hennessy (Covington)

**Joshua and the Children** by Joseph Girzone (St. Leo)

**The End of Suffering** by Joseph Girzone (St. Leo)

**The Sayings of the Desert Fathers**; Translated by Benedicta Ward, SLG (St. Leo)

***2022***

**Paul: A Biography** by N.T. Wright (St. John)

**On Juneteenth** by Annette Gordon-Reed (St. John)

**The Vanishing: Faith, Loss, and the Twilight of Christianity in the Land of the Prophets** by Janine di Giovanni (St. John)

**How to Live Like a Monk: Medieval Wisdom for Modern Life** by Danièle Cybulskie (St. John)

**Destiny of the Republic: A Tale of Madness, Medicine and the Murder of a President** by Candice Millard (St. John)

**Being Mortal** by Atul Gawande (St. John)

**Isaac's Storm: A Man, a Time, and the Deadliest Hurricane in History** by Erik Larson (Belmont)

**Churchill's Ministry of Ungentlemanly Warfare: The Mavericks Who Plotted Hitler's Defeat** by Giles Milton (Belmont)

**The Shepherd Who Didn’t Run (Stanley Rother)** by Maria Ruiz Scaperlanda (Covington)

**Life in Christ (commentary on Romans)** by Raniero Cantalamessa (Covington)

**Christian de Cherge: A Theology of Hope** by Christian Salenson (Covington)

**Truly Seeking God** by Bernard Bonowitz (Covington)

**“Monasticism and Priesthood in the Egyptian Desert” (ABR article)** by Cyprian Davis and Christian Raab (Covington)

**When the Church Was Young: Voices of the Early Fathers** by Marcellino D’Ambrosio (Covington)

**“Up from the Ashes” (ABR article)** by Joel Rippinger (Covington)

**Jesus the Bridegroom** by Brant Pitre (Covington)

**“How these Benedictine monks’ vow of stability affects their students” (America article)** by Stephen G. Adubato (Covington)

**Silence, Solitude, Simplicity** by Jeremy Hall (Covington)

**“With Jesus in the Basement” (Osservatore Romano article Ukrainian nuns** **Immaculate Conception Abbey in Zhytomyr)** by Roberto Cetero (Covington)

**Coenobium: Reflections on Monastic Community** by Michael Casey, OCSO (Covington)

**Colonel Roosevelt** by Edmund Morris (Covington)

**Atlantic** by Simon Winchester (Covington)

**Deep South** by Paul Theroux (Covington)

**The Genius of Birds** by Jennifer Ackerman (Covington)

**Fleeing Herod** by James Cowan (Covington)

**Toward the Light (Christmas Octave)** by Carlo Martini (Covington)

**“Why Is France So Afraid of God?” (Atlantic article)** by Rachel Donadio (Covington)

**Bunker Hill** by Nathaniel Philbrick (Covington)