

**St. Cecilia Morning Book Group—2019-2020**

9:45-12 noon, Saint Monica Room (Fireplace Room)

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9/18

**Backpacking with the Saints by Belden C. Lane.**

Carrying only basic camping equipment and a collection of the world's great spiritual writings, Lane embarks on solitary spiritual treks through the Ozarks and across the American Southwest. For companions, he has only such teachers as Rumi, John of the Cross, Hildegard of Bingen, Dag Hammarskjöld, Thich Nhat Hanh, Soren Kierkegaard, Thomas Merton and others. By engaging their writings with the natural wonders he encounters he demonstrates how being alone in the wild opens a rare view onto one's interior landscape, and how the saints' writings reveal the divine in nature.

Hardcover 288 pgs.

10/16

**The Universal Christ: How a Forgotten Reality Can Change Everything We See, Hope For, and Believe by Richard Rohr.**

In Rohr's newest book he draws on scripture, history, and spiritual practice, to articulate a transformative view of Jesus Christ as a portrait of God's constant, unfolding work in the world."

Hardcover 260 pgs.

11/13

**One Thousand Gifts by Ann Voskamp.**

Forget the bucket lists that have us escaping our everyday lives for exotic experiences. 'How,' Voskamp wondered, 'do we find joy in the midst of deadlines, debt, drama, and daily duties? What does the Christ-life really look like when your days are gritty, long--and sometimes even dark? How is God even here?' In her popular book, Voskamp invites you to embrace everyday blessings and embark on the transformative spiritual discipline of chronicling God's gifts.

Hardcover 240 pgs.

12/11

**No Turning Back, by Donald H. Calloway, MIC**

Donald Calloway's memoir, a journey from runaway teen to Marian priest, has touched the hearts and changed the lives of thousands of people. This is the tenth anniversary edition.

Paperback 262 pgs.

1/15/20

**The Divine Dance: The Trinity and Your Transformation by Richard Rohr and Mike Morrell** Rohr explores the nature of "God-circling" as an apt metaphor for the mystery of the Trinity. Early Christians who came to be known as the 'Desert Mothers and Fathers' applied the Greek verb "perichoresis" or "dancing" to the mystery of the Trinity.

Paperback 224 pgs.

2/12/20

**The Holy Trinity and the Law of Three by Cynthia Bourgeault**

Bourgeault claims that embedded within the Trinity lies a powerful metaphysical principle that could change our understanding of Christianity. Further, it can give us tools so sorely needed to reunite our shattered cosmology, rekindle our visionary imagination, and cooperate consciously with the manifestation of Jesus's "Kingdom of Heaven" here on earth."

Paperback 272 pgs.

3/11/20

**Creation and the Cross: The Mercy of God for a Planet in Peril by Elizabeth A. Johnson**

In this fresh creative approach to theology, Elizabeth Johnson asks how we can understand cosmic redemption in a time of advancing ecological devastation. In effect, how can we extend the core Christian belief in salvation to include all created beings?"

Paperback 240 pgs

4/8/20

**Resurrecting Easter: How the West Lost and the East Kept the Original Easter Vision by John Dominic Crossan and Sarah Crossan.**

Part travelogue and part theological investigation, bestselling author and acclaimed Bible scholar John Dominic Crossan and his wife Sarah painstakingly travel throughout the ancient Eastern church, documenting through text and image a completely different model for understanding Easter's resurrection story, one that provides promise and hope for today. Hardcover 224 pgs.

5/6/20

**Joan Chittister—we can choose either...**

**The Time is Now: A Call to Uncommon Courage, by Sr. Joan Chittister**

In this book, Sr. Joan – a rabble-rousing force of nature for social justice and fervent proponent of personal faith and spiritual fulfillment – draws on the wisdom of prophets, both ancient and modern, to help us confront the societal forces that oppress and silence the sacred voices among us. According to James Martin, S.J., "Joan Chittister is that rare combination of a gifted spiritual writer and a great prophetic voice in our church, speaking out for women, for minorities, and for all marginalized people."

Hardcover 136 pgs.

**Radical Spirit: 12 Ways To Live A Free and Authentic Life, by Sr Joan Chittister.**

"Freedom from anxiety, worry, and tensions at home and work, comes when give ourselves to something greater," she argues. "We need to seek wisdom rather than simply facts, to think before speaking, and in turn create respectful communities." With a series of twelve simple rules for healthy spiritual living.....

Hardcover 224 pgs.