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### **Dr. John Bergsma**

*is a Professor of Theology at the Franciscan University of Steubenville.*



**Date** | Thursday, January 22, 2026

**Time** | 7 pm

**Location** | McClintch Family Center  
190 Shelton Road, Trumbull

**Lecturer** | Dr. John Bergsma

**Topic** | Jesus and the Mystery of the Dead Sea Scrolls:  
A Catholic Perspective on Christian Origins

*Dr. John Bergsma is Professor of Theology at the Franciscan University of Steubenville. A former Protestant pastor,*

*Dr. Bergsma entered the Catholic Church in 2001 while getting his Ph.D. in Bible from the University of Notre Dame. A close collaborator of Dr. Scott Hahn, Bergsma speaks regularly on Catholic radio and at conferences and parishes nationally and internationally.*

*He has authored over a dozen books on Scripture and the Catholic faith, including Bible Basics for Catholics (Ave Maria Press), Stunned by Scripture: How the Bible Made Me Catholic (Our Sunday Visitor), and A Catholic Introduction to the Bible: Old Testament (with Brant Pitre; Ignatius Press).*

*Dr. Bergsma's talks and studies are available on CD and mp3 from catholicproductions.com. He and his wife Dawn reside with their eight children in Steubenville, Ohio.*

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