

# Fr. Simon Sez



**West Whitlock Bay Resort River Mass Saturdays May 27 - July 1, 2023 at 8:15 p.m. except Saturday, June 3, 2023:**

We will start the River Mass Memorial Weekend, Saturday evening, May 27<sup>th</sup> at 8:15 p.m. and end the thirty-five plus years summer tradition Saturday evening, July 1, 2023 with the exception that there will not be a June 3<sup>rd</sup> Mass. Spread the word! How should we celebrate on July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend?

**Catholic News Agency (CNA) May 5, 2023**  
<https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/>

**Possible Miracle of Multiplication of Eucharistic Hosts:** The Archdiocese of Hartford asked the Vatican to investigate a possible Eucharistic miracle that happened March 5, 2023. At the conclusion of Mass, Father Joseph Crowley announced that an Extraordinary Eucharistic Minister witnessed something unexplainable as he was distributing Communion. “One of our Eucharistic ministers was running out of hosts, and suddenly, there were more hosts in the ciborium. God just duplicated himself in the ciborium,” an emotional Crowley told the faithful.



On March 28, the Archdiocese of Hartford put out a statement saying: “As people of faith we know that miracles can and do happen, as they did during Christ’s earthly ministry. Miracles are divine signs calling us to faith or to deepen our faith...What has been reported to have occurred at our parish church in Thomaston, of which Blessed Michael McGivney [priest who founded of the Knights of Columbus] was once pastor, if verified, would constitute a sign or wonder that can only be attributed to divine power to strengthen our faith in the daily miracle of the Most Holy Eucharist. It would also be a source of blessing from heaven for the effort that the U.S. bishops are making to renew and deepen the faith and practice of our Catholic people with regard to this great Sacrament,” the statement said.

See Fr. Crowley’s short announcement at the end of Mass:  
<https://youtu.be/Vc8fwczavWs>

See Fr. Crowley’s homily one week later with facts:  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c\\_CKy65YYFk](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c_CKy65YYFk)



**Bishop’s Charity Fishing Tournaments:** These are scheduled for Monday, June 5<sup>th</sup> at Big Stone City - Douthitt Park and Monday, June 12<sup>th</sup>, at Pierre - Oahe Downstream Recreation Area (located 5 miles north of Pierre) to benefit seminarian education and formation. We are excited to gather again in support of the future priests of

our diocese! Join us as a sponsor, participant, or donor! To register your team contact the Catholic Community Foundation at 605-988-3765, or on-line at [www.ccfesd.org](http://www.ccfesd.org).

## Alive in the Spirit: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Sixth Sunday of Easter



Acts 8:5–8, 14–17  
Psalm 66:1–7, 16, 20  
1 Peter 3:15–18  
John 14:15–21

Jesus will not leave us alone. He won’t make us children of God in Baptism only to leave us “orphans,” He assures us

in today’s Gospel (see Romans 8:14–17).

He asks the Father to give us His Spirit, to dwell with us and keep us united in the life He shares with the Father.

We see the promised gift of His Spirit being conferred in today’s First Reading.

The scene from Acts apparently depicts a primitive Confirmation rite. Philip, one of the first deacons (see Acts 6:5), proclaims the Gospel in the non-Jewish city of Samaria. The Samaritans accept the Word of God (see Acts 17:11; 1 Thessalonians 2:13) and are baptized.

It remains for the Apostles to send their representatives, Peter and John, to pray and lay hands on the newly baptized—that they might receive the Holy Spirit. This is the origin of our Sacrament of Confirmation (see Acts 19:5–6), by which the grace of Baptism is completed and believers are sealed with the Spirit promised by the Lord.

We remain in this grace so long as we love Christ and keep His commandments. And, strengthened in the Spirit whom Jesus said would be our Advocate, we are called to bear witness to our salvation—to the tremendous deeds that God has done for us in the name of His Son.

In today’s Psalm, we celebrate our liberation. As He changed the sea into dry land to free the captive Israelites, Christ suffered that He might lead us to God, as we hear in today’s Epistle.

This is the reason for our hope—the hope that sustains us in the face of a world that cannot accept His truth, the hope that sustains us when we are maligned and defamed for His name’s sake.

Put to death in the flesh, He was brought to life in the Spirit, Paul tells us today. And as He himself promises: “Because I live, . . . you will live.”

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