(Second Set of Questions)

1. What are the changes & losses that <u>have</u> already happened in your family, your community, or your parish that are hard to accept?

Family - our children don't live their faith or practice their religion like we all did at their age. **Community** - our medical center was on a decline and not has gotten together within another health care. **Parish** - they are rural and share 1 priest between 2 churches we have nothing but 1 Mass a week at a bad time

Losses of parishioners (lukewarm families leaving). Many pastoral changes. No real shepherd for a long time.

Priests being moved often.

My children (son and daughter) left the catholic church when they got married.

Health - sister in law, mother in law's mental issues. Poor city finances. Silent churches. No community. No adoration, no altar rails, no full processions

Participation in parish community is not how it was when I was younger, fewer people helping out-the same people are responsible for too much

Many people attend church for years and then you don't see them anymore. Why? After confirmation you don't see these young people attending Mass.

Many parishioners grow older, have less contact with family or spouses who have passed, and become lonely.

Covid did a lot of damage. Prayer for healing in the extended family

School decline in population. Change of pastors and with each a new direction. Change in people's socializing - now isolated. The aging process reduced abilities disordering priorities leading to "me" first living

several people died who were along time members of the church and community

loss of my child and best friend

parents and siblings leaving the church. No solidified Christmas plans. Our priest leaving

Loss of family members and friends that seems to happen faster now. I'm 78. My kids are in their 40s and some grandkids almost 30

Non-welcoming church to other religions/. We accept people from other denominations and we will take their money, but we will not give them communion - whereas their parishes welcome people and let them receive communion.

Families no longer think they need their faith. Parents have not left the impression that God comes first

Loss of a love one, loss of family attending Mass

Political bias rooted in the parish/church not in keeping with Pope Leo's message or Christ. Use of alcohol to bring people into church (i.e. Catholicism on tap) what that says/promotes and education/events who it turns away

the changing of our priest

Family- Loss of steve and cancer. **Parish** - pastors deacons priests all change. some volunteers can't do what they used and no mentoring

Loss our Newman parish lost job through retirement lost parents lost track of my sister

My age

loss of priest father Sam; oldest child leaving for college

Parish school is no longer the vibrant community-supported school we once had. There are so few families enrolled and fewer families with children who are dedicated beyond showing up for sacraments and CCD people have left our parish because their community organizations are not as active as once were

My husband was fired from his job at Mayo after working three for 20 years because he was denied religious exemption from the Covid shot, which he felt very strongly was a great harm to his soul and his body. But in the end it was a great blessing because what used to be Franciscan healthcare with God at the center is now Mayo with money as their god

Death of my husband. Death of parents.

Lack of support for things that are important to society: we can send billions for a sport facility but little for important things.

Change in family as parents age and my husband siblings and I take on a caretaker role

young people leaving church

Family/friends leave church. Changes in culture in parish.

burnout of clergy; growing violence in public sector

Family: Lost father and father-in-law. We're the only ones in town to support our moms. **Parish**: lots of turnover in recent years with priests, have good stability now who plans to stay until retired. Closed SH-St. Joseph Hospitals in community

Loss of loved ones (family friends and nephews)

Child going to college. School losing students. Older parents.

The grandchildren are grown and moving on with their lives and I miss the time when they were little and all spent together. We left our former parish after 40 years there because our new pastor treats it as his parish not ours.

family-less members attending Mass. **Community** - increasing crime, less compassion **church**-less members due to conflicts involving Fr. Altman

*Christianity becoming untolerated or a minority voice

Our parish linked with 2 others. Always getting the short end. The passing of Brother Michael. Having kneelers appear one Sunday for communion. Why go backwards? Our priest singing the Mass - I hate it

That the church will try to conform itself to the world, that it will take a poll to see where God is directing it rather than listening to the Holy Spirit

The loss of our parents and the fact that our family doesn't go to mass regularly.

Loss of family members-illness-loss of a bereavement group in parish-we so desperately one-People need to turn to the church and know they are needed and wanted-Grief is a big issue for many. They will go somewhere else, leave and not have faith.

That my one daughter (I have a family of 4 children) along with her husband do not go to mass weekly. They watch on TV from Covid era. They do go with us when they come home, but they are missing out on communion.

Moving from our home back to our hometown after 25 years, within 3 months of our youngest child graduating high school. Several life changes within just a few months. As far as parish—involvement (past and present).

Deaths of people close to us; several were members of our parish

Children moved out/had their own families went from moving to assist my elderly mother to taking care of spouse with Alzheimer's/dementia to living now by myself after moving here 2/5 years ago

Our kids are not as devoted to their religion as could be they believe in the religion but sometimes life gets busy and church isn't always 1st in line for them

Lack of interest especially from the 20 to 50 year old residents. Priest that give a small rural parish time for only 1 or 2 Masses a week, does not take the time to know us

Granddaughters getting older; division in family; not working at my job

I have lost 2 brothers-in-law but that natural life cycle. They were older than me but was still active. One had dementia.

Lost brother to suicide.

The loss of the hospital and the lack of faith in the young people I teach and how that we will accept this in the future.

getting the feeling that a few of our children aren't on a spiritual journey. It seems that attending Mass is not important

The number of parishioners has been greatly reduced over the years. Hearing that families who have children in the parish school don't attend Mass because "they get enough of that during the week". Families not attending Mass and treating the school as a "private school" education:. Suggestions not being taken seriously for how to pay their tuition.

So far, so good - none

Family not involved in Church family getting older and farther away not seeing the family as much

Hurtful relationships between family members. I pray they find their way to Jesus who will lead them and heal them back to healthy relationships. The school families that are not at Mass or involved with our parish activities.

Death of family members, decline of parish picnic, moral decline of society

great grandchildren not being baptized or coming to church

I have lost so many family members already - all my brothers and one sister

More funerals than baptisms losing our catholic schools

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Family: my daughters and granddaughter live too far away to allow me to be a physical grandmother and mother to them. **Community:** Lack of concern for the environment grows in my lack of respect-**Parish**: we have lost good people of our parish-important for the fabric of our parish their talents are not present anymore

Lost 2 sisters, priest leaving

Older parishioners passing on, folk who are active in helping out (funerals) and with PCCW activities

Loss of parents (family) - closing of church years back it was her eat the time

My grandpa passed during covid and we would take him to church on weekends before he passed - when teaching religion education the only child that goes to church on weekends in my class is my own - my son stopped going to church - Fr. Zweber was transferred to a different parish and our family has a good connection with him

Families are not attending weekend masses. Busy with jobs sports, and there activities that are schedule for Sunday mornings. Individuals who are gay and lesbian do not feel welcome within the church priest is hard to understand. Leaves for 1 month to return to his homeland

The loss of "leaders" in parish positions. A pastor change from American to Indian - culture shock!

Losses of my sister and brother; loss of our priest we did have

several of my children no longer attend Mass, which affects their children

the absence/loss of good, strong, faithful Catholic teens for my kids

None-trust in God allows me to accept all things in this life as temporary and educational

family -kids grown and moved out church -less attending

The passing of our eldest parishioners, those who have laid the foundation for our community and parish, and how that affects our church. My mother in law not being able to stay in her home of 14 years due to age (100); places of business closing down - where we could gather with people away from church

Foreign priests are harder to understand but it has led to great leadership from our parish office manager, Finance Chairman and School Principal. It has not affected access to sacraments. Decline attendance - accent hard to understand.

Death of my brother at age 17 *death of parents when they were in their 70s. I'm 71 now, fear of a limited time to accomplish all I want to get done *a former priest who was a good theologian but not a parish priest *our parish was close to closing

Seeing worship turn to Pre-Vatican II

I've seen too many people fall way from the faith, particularly family members. I have already seen so much consolidation.

Separation of beliefs/disconnect and lack of want to follow Christ together. Using the church/bible against people.

My son does not go to church.

loss of people in the 25-50 year old range that practice their faith

I have 4 children; only one goes to church 2 don't go and one goes to the Lutheran church

Divorce, aging parents, turning 40, selling all my belongings/car/house.

That there are so many people that are no longer coming to mass.

*loss of good priest - two good priests *brothers and sister away from the faith

Amish farmers and community; children moved to other cities; increased homeschooling families; closing of St. Mary's ridge school and decreased enrollment at St. Sacred Heart school; the following years Latin Mass community (12pm SM) moved to worship elsewhere

locking church doors

Community has no areas of business where folks can gather; the community isn't vibrant and growing; volunteerism in the church is there for only a few events.

My husband and child, parents, grandparents, aunts, and uncles have died. Moving from one home to another. Friends gone or moved away

Loss of school, loss of children in parish. But it was a sound financial move

Loss of parents; watching parents age with physical and mental challenges loss of closeness of siblings - parish watching all of our special projects diminish dure to priest unable to manage so many things in 3 parishes - Diminishing numbers in our Catholic schools

that as our congregation passes on, our message on faith and care will go with them

*not enough priests and not enough students for own school

*covid changes the community a bunch *too much politics in church *lost the family feel of our church

The younger generation will quit coming and the church will no longer exist

father Mark left Newman; he was my best teach ever. I attended most of his classes

We will move to way too conservative practices. Have way too much inner devotion that would replace participation. If laity participates-we wouldn't fear the loss of our priest/pastor so much.

there is a definite change in the feeling of community and commitment in our parish and especially our school

my husband has been diagnosed with cancer; my children moved away; a friend has turned he back on the church; my husband and I both retired; increase in homelessness and many issues/crime because of this in our community

Going to Mass and needing 2 large pews to hold my family. Now I sit alone. My children and grandchildren can't understand the priest so they moved to another parish. No Latin Mass is heartbreaking.

family - children have grown and moved away and started their own family. **community** - loss of business/growth. **parish** - loss of youth attending Mass Family parents are aging have health issues

Closing churches

All are married and we rarely get together anymore; all my brothers and sisters have died. My friendly neighbors are gone also

*children have stopped going to mass *granddaughter has not had her children baptized *how will their babies make it through life without God?

How many seemingly good marriages are divorcing

*closures of small parishes *what happens if there aren't enough youth to take over for the aging population?

Family - kids not attending mass, not believing in Catholic church. **Community**- homeless population blowing up and feeling like La Crosse takes care of that at the cost of our kids. **Parish** - loss of front door ministry at cathedral - lack of marriage or frequency of divorce - too easy and tears families apart - family values

kids grow up and leave but don’t come back--; loss of family and friends

Declining numbers and not reaching our youth. Aging priests, fewer vocations-lead to parishes closing and unavailability of priests/sacraments

family leaving Catholic church or stop attending Mass

my parents are gone and my siblings and I are drifting apart; the parishes do not seem as close family style; there isn't as much parish social get togethers

to my mind the only change that matters is that the Church has been subjected to a rupture, separating its people and clergy from what she always was. The smoke of satan that extended the sanctuary all local changes and losses are extensions of that central and catechetical changes I feel we need to start working at the local parish level to slowly incrementally close that rupture and clear away that smoke I think we are allowing ourselves to become distracted by the other changes and things that really do not matter

*the loss of our parents/closeness of our family * more crime, not knowing our neighbors *less masses and times at our church

Death, illness, friends are distant due to relocation

Lack of participation in church functions, the parish school never starting again. Lack of respect is already shown by the failure to "dress up" for Mass

*churches close *people become bore worldly and less holy

That my immediate family don't want to belong to the church or anything with the Lord. Also the families are not bringing up people to believe in God and the Church. None of my sisters, brothers, in-laws want to partake in Church any more. They don't even want to baptize the children.

my brother left the faith; my parents lost the beliefs that mass must be attended weekly. I grew up without education on adoration and Vatican II st. Stanislaus and Newman combined; the Newman center was closed. Fr. Todd got moved. Churches got remodeled to simpler less ornate altars and sanctuaries. My Mass got Latin parts changed to English

children have left our parish

I returned to the area. The gossip and false info about my life events has been lies. No one asks me; assumptions become their facts. Family has died. I am alone facing serious illness. As a survivor of priest abuse not helped grieving. The death of my step son in 1995; he was born with and his younger brother in 1982 in San Francisco. His mom given bad blood 10 hours before birth - she died. My aunt was buried in NC yesterday. Her death actually is the same date. Her daughter my best friend was found dead of alcoholism; she drove me to treatments and she died on her sobriety anniversary

My fear that is greatest for our parish specifically is that it could be closed due to poor physical conditions and lack of future options. This fear compounds and the lack of leadership turns into and lack of attendance people become lethargic

People losing their faith/leaving the Church due to lack of understanding or catechesis. Not being seen or being heard, or not finding mentorship or community within their parish.

Loss of our kids attending Mass not practicing people in their neighbor and causing upheavals just because they don't agree on things loss of community with our registered parishes because of inability to attend Sunday Mass

Does this matter?

*whitewashed Catholicism *children leaving home, living on their own, living in sin and not attending mass weekly *parents and siblings that have left the faith *poor catechization

parents gone, holidays and other events very different. People sill watch church on TV instead of going to mass

not attending Mass regularly - switching to another religion

Children & their friends leaving church. Choosing to reject traditional values.

*movement away from God and Christianity and the teachings of the Bible *killing of Christians *expansion of Islam

Family: political division-a parental death. **Community**: the homeless problem-the environmental problems-lack of volunteers to help feed the hungry-lack of funding. **Parish**: introduction of FOCUS-the backwards sliding to a more conservative church i.e. women wearing veils and communion on the tongue-UCK! Lack of good musicians at the same Mass-only have a piano player and cantor. It works, but would like more

Loss of the farming community - kids don't stay, homes are sold off to people with no connection to community and they seem to want one. Our entire community was once catholic and now we are surrounded by people who don’t belong to any church

*our parish closing *the parish is not growing and we are losing our elderly

As traditional catholic, being kicked out of my parish to "the frays" when the Traditional Latin Mass was suppressed 1/1/2023. Watching young couples jump through hoops for the sacraments is unjust: 1. waiting several months for the diocese to approve the wedding in a non-parish setting 2. watching new parents drive their days old baby 3+ hours to get baptized, even on bad roads 3. watching my kids - who draw immensely in the faith in the TLM have deep sadness no longer being welcome in their parish is heartbreaking

Having an older sibling that was many years ago a person I look up to, so much a parish a part of our parish, no longer coming to Mass

the school has declined in numbers from 120's to 80's despite it being an excellent school

the attendance of Catholics not attending Mass, whether it be daily, weekly, holy days. The lack of interest in our Catholic faith. Having our priest leave our parish

That our young people will not step up and not carry on our church traditions

*loss of our main morning mas *loss of regular programing and education by our priests since our merger - most if not all is done at the other parish *loss of careful fiscal reporting by our priests

the change of not having our family all in the near vicinity not see them as often as would like

the losses of many elderly family members - mom, dad, aunts and uncles and cousins (we are the old one now) *all the places that have closed - malls, stores, etc. Everything is done online. *no personal communication with others

Family: loss of faith, attending Mass by own children **Community**: loss of parishioners at Mass…more concerned with work schedules, getting ahead or their own relaxing. Schools having programs on Wednesday nights had been prohibited in the past. Sundays are filled with games and tournaments. How do we protest our rights to profess our faith?

My children leaving the house and living far away. My nephew coming out as transgender a few years ago. Loss of Sacred Heart Hospital

many people have left the church, especially young people *the loss of desire for God

Division within my own family, siblings that have left the catholic faith

Parish getting smaller fewer people

I am the only one left in my family. Our community is now a retirement community with very few families left.

At sacred heart in Marshfield went from 3 Masses each weekend to 1. Now the hospital in town has changed ownership 4 times -used to be Catholic and is now secular

children not going to church, hurts caused by thoughtless actions and brushed under the rug. Don’t see the value in priests helping to counsel

Kids grow up and move out and move away. Growing indifference to Christian faith & life.

My son going to the university my son signing to the army seeing father Juan Pedro leave to another community

businesses that have closed down the loss of both parents and siblings other young family members

people moving away from our Catholic faith, thus closing churches and schools

death of spouse son not practician faith sharing of pastor 2 parishes with different missions (I grieved at that time when adjusted to Mas stims but my faith community was still there for me a still is I adjust as with any grieving

Divorce and how affected my children-loss of stores-loss of jobs-moving to a new community and leaving all my friends behind

that there won't be a place where I feel welcome so much movement to pre-vatican practices

marriage distance, adult children not attending mass

only one Mass per day on weekends per parish passing for our solid church members

Father and Father-in-law passed away. Had to give up my previous career due to health issue. Had become involved in the church (St. Pat's) and school; Corpus Christi, Christmas décor, coaching, among other things, became excluded.

current priest does not feel connected to the people of the parish. How do we get our grandchildren to be part of a church community

children have moved away commends of people who find these/fs homily pastor is focusing on the youth to the exclusion of the longstanding members

Son's family not attending mass.

My grandchildren are starting to leave the area one by one! I love being a grandma-3 parishes in my community and I can't attend any of them. I drive 20 miles to church because of the ultra-conservatism of all of them

financial instability and decreasing attendance increased security measures needed

the population has shrunk there are for fewer children in the community and in the church fewer young people are getting married fewer young people are have a faith society will becoming post Christian

*parish church torn down *people driven away and you never see them again *son lost friends to murder by a priest

losing the associate priest

loss of Mass times - loss of choice and opportunity

*Family - loss of son *Community different parenting/lack of children are the most precious gift of a man and woman and need to be taught/directed to be successful adults when they grow up. *Parish - some members not willing to except change

My family hosted a 4th of July mass for 40+ (48?) years. Our father passed away June of 2024. We wanted to have the mass as we normally did at our farm this year, 2025. The pastor said we couldn't do a mass do to Diocesan rule. So we did a prayer service. Stil don't believe we couldn't do mass.

*growth, attendance *clergy not talking about social and political issues that are contrary to the church's teachings "too much sugar coated preaching leads to truth decay" - unknown

the loss of the catholic healthcare system. I think even non Catholics have experiences the loss of this and desire it back

the loss of all the small family dairy farms and the change it has made on our ways of life

Society in general lack of morals 0 belief in God and people don't care loss of faith

a new priest which we love but will be leaving soon a very traditional priest many left some have return others not

*loss of immediate family members *family not practicing the Catholic faith that has been so important to me in keeping me sane and level since covid. So many people at BSP who have been important in my life who have died

lost my dad who was very active on his faith and our church - my sons do not attend Mass regularly - many long time parish members have passes on - our priests made many changes in the parish when he came and it seems like he didn't appreciate and our much of what we had built/done as a parish family prior to his arrival

my children have fallen away from the church and I don't know how I can get them back no church marriages fewer church funerals

right now there is a lot of growth new families we were stagnate for a long time feels good now

we have had 2 excellent pastors in rest years we have another ne pastor who is very good getting to know him but it is so different to keep changing our relationship with ne priests most of our family is far way or posed ways who is going to take care of us when we get old become we would it bale to your children

loss of mother recently and dad about 30 years ago consequently siblings not as close loss of job health deteriorating

just for fewer people who would like to have a kneeler for communion there are kneelers in the church still the vast majority are patience with church changes there is a head of humility among people who project their wants

That we will continue to loose parishioners that we will not have enough priests.

the death of my husband having to sell the hobby farm we built and moving in our parish the rapid change of priest

The loss of my parents and oldest brother-the change of the current administration

• Too many self-centered people. • Loss of journaling for our youth of daily experiences. • Opportunity to regain their self-esteem. • penmanship or cursive that uses both sides of the brain.

That all my family are not in the Catholic church anymore. One nephew died of cocaine and fentanyl overdose

children grew up have their own life and family they have chosen not to have kids baptized leave the area and are forgotten

Loss of change of priest. Had relationship with past priests and as it is hard to accept. Lets me pull away from the church

my mother passed so our get togethers are different

closing down

My children are no longer practicing Catholics. The parish I loved changed DRASTICALLY. I changed parishes.

some of my family members left the church not sure who might be a "I don’t wanted to live the way anymore" don’t see the value social media has ruined a lot of community involvement and caused people to walk away from God

loss and respect to our elders and parents no unity

Lack of Masses in my parish. Children left church. No CCD.

Declining health of parents

loss of parents sister siters in law retirement good changes but still a change/adjustment closings o four catholic hospitals family members not practicing their catholic faith

*age is causing some decline in activity *painful divorce of a child

Communion in the hand-women in sanctuary-cancelling traditional Mass! Nakedness at Mass-wordly music-Holy Days cancelled-No Mass on Saturday morning, Mondays-changing Word of God-modern technology

we have lost our school. Some of the parishioner have been pushed away because they didn't give enough or were not liked by priest. We are getting some new people attending mass and helping with mass

Loss of wife after 47 y7ears, family is 2-3 hours away-don't know what is next-some parishioners case significant issues because it doesn't go their way

priest should stay longer than 5 or 7 years

That the church will struggle to exist in the future if we fail to bring young families back into the parishes-that the return of traditional practices will create a split in the church

during covid our school lost many good catholic families to homeschool options I don’t blame those family as their kids are thriving just wonder what our parish and school community would look like today with them as active participants I see schism in come and apathy in others schism from "Latin Mass to Spanish Mass we should strive for one Church one body of Christ perhaps a Mass 1/2 English 12 Spanish 0

*losing young people the our faith *reducing masses and closing parishes *financial participation of members

Mom, dad & husband died. Family members have left the church.

family - none go to church grandkids not thought about god

losing 3 siblings in 3.5 years was tough to swallow

aging lost both parents moved from a community of 40 years then to M minimal effort by parish here to welcome new members

The rift between Latin Mass and none ordo families has grown larger

people beliefs more al values

in hope for my family to stay w/God pray to God and just go to church one hour one day

that it will not be able to continue that it will become exclusive not welcoming

good Christiaan evangelization stopping there - efforts because pf anti-Christian/evil doers

restrictions on Latin mass at St James

family: father has Alzheimer progressing mom and dad moved to assisted living. **Parish:** new priest last year after our pastors suddenly left ministry changes made and lack of communication is unsettling

our youngest daughter and her family have left the church

That we will lose Fr. Becker because he is doing a great job with the youth of our parish and add addition to church are a regular basic that have got me closer to Jesus

not all family members are remaining practicing Catholics *whole parish not accepting different things that are being done

adult children and spouse have gone away from the church. The same is with may parish families.

the closing of St. Mary's in Bangor lack of community in today's society (too busy being selfish) to different priests I the past 27 years

they threw the Latin Mass group Out

fear that one of our churches in Chippewa Falls will close after putting so much money and time into renovations

parents died children married - do not attend church regularly married in church

Death of parents

two brothers passed away in 2024 loss of associate pastor puts undue strain on pastor political rivalry ___ become beautiful

the passing of my wife 4 years ago just the passing of time it takes me twice as long to doe half as much

family member are dropping out of church joying different on religion

losing 6 babies through miscarriage my dad's death and mother in laws death

my priest was reassigned I've has to switch between churches I've had to switch school

Church's will combine and lose parish identity.

parish community Harding political divide making personal connection more difficult parish group need for more volunteers of coming around active activates vs sharing up and connectivity

low attendance/youth/young adults marriage are in parks not churches less baptism less communion/confession less confirmation less marriages couples live together w/o matrimony

*parents not attending mass, thus children not being catechized *loss of education of the future *lack of baptisms *lack of sacramental marriages

our farms are being taken over by corporate farming. Pews are emptying and baptisms are rare. Our towns are shrinking as the jobs go away. Cell phones have taken over our young people's lives

The biggest change was moving from Elburn, IL to Wisconsin. We stepped away from being close to family, friends and ministry team (KC, RCIA) that had been part of our lives for 30+ years. Second is our grandson being diagnosed with Level 2 Autism and granddaughter with dyslexia, dysgraphia and dyscalculia. Not being close (3 hrs. away) hurts

younger families not having their babies baptized

my parent s divorcing it brought out the worst of them towards each other was hard on us kids to see mom and dad not loving each other and ultimately putting themselves before us my best friends brother taking his life

loss by death of loved one need to sell and devest of buildings/home

in our world today sports are more important that going to Sunday Mass . The goal is to disrupt the family

Family members have left/not active in Catholic faith

My kids and husband went away from the Church because of always talking about money-not away from God!

My very best friend passed away a year ago. She was wheelchair bound so I basically was her caregiver. We still were able to travel and enjoy life. Now, things are so different and I live alone (first time in my life). Adjustment has been difficult. (selfish I know) Some of my family and friends (I feel) alienated from me-some politically motivated. Again, selfish.

we used to be a traditional parish with sung music my boys as server

family friends son is gay all 3 of our children have spouses that are not catholic no Sundy Mass time for Lima has been very hard to accept

death of loved ones which further separates the family *seeing/meeting many families who live here a short time and leave *the loss of wonderful families to other parishes because our parish/priest didn't meet their needs

while I don't have a strong tie to the traditional Latin Mass the marginalization and cancelling of the mass and denigration of those that adhere to it is wrong and painful

loss of young peoples at church youth 20 somethings and 30 somethings we've lost a lot

some of our own children have not continued their faith and church attendance

some of our families have already been replaced by Amish families they are growing in our community and we are not

our son and family no going to church I am happy our parish is brought closer by our pastor

At HR we only have the 6:30 Mass which in not well attended and not likes because of this we lost our organist and our beautiful choir

many sports have tournaments on weekends so children, parents and grandparents go to them instead of attend church

*present day I see growth in our church esp. with the younger generation but how other parishes are doing in neighbor areas is the question

children leaving sacrament/ divorce parishioners leaving the sacraments moral integrity decline

*losing our priest and not having one long term

*the worn is stagnant - not accepting of new industry which in turn keeps population from increasing and bringing in new people. We need to support growth in our area so that our community and parish can grow!

my parents have pasted aways and my wife no longer attends church

The loss of family members; weddings taking place outside of the church; baptisms that are not taking place.

The split from 2 parishes to one. Still creates problems for some.

that we will not have enough priests to serve the parish in town financial concerns to continue to run the church and operations

*there will not be a connection with parish/priest by consolidating parishes

young people have quit coming to church

family financial hardships personal pariahs change of priest

Declining attendance-declining membership

being alone, no support system

*my children have all relocated out of state

*I am new to the diocese and have spent the last 12 years in campus ministry, so I'm not sure my answer will reflect life here or at a standard parish. I suppose my biggest loss and change would be leaving my job in Texas and moving here

many of the parishioners who were very involved in various committees have passed on and few people have replaces them

as our family grows and need us less, it's a feeling of loneliness. But silence came to lose my thoughts and hear Jesus. For my parish, I wish it to be more vibrant and the lack of people makes it hard. So I feel that silence in church and I think silence can lead me closer to Jesus

some of my family and friends have died people have left our parish because of various changes our adult children relatives no longer attend church (of any kind) some grandchildren young relatives are not baptized

only having a priest for short time talks of demolishing some of our buildings that we have built and kept up for many year s

Our parish shrunk after 2 priests, the second priest left me feeling unwelcome. I stayed but it was challenging to not feel welcome. We continue to raise money, increasing the cost of fish fry's-are we losing sight of the mission to build community in exchange for greater profit

family my older sister has left the catholic faith community secularization of the community and public school system Parish less young families and families that have left the church

Changes at Regis.

Loss of parent-loss of friends/work-not feeling included in church

Loss of parents & sister.

*mass schedule and changes in mass schedule *losing parishioners due to mass scheduling

having priest that have come from parishes with more wealth not understanding the tight budgets rural parishes have to deal with having the blood with the Eucharist since covid vie been to one Mass that has had the bolls offered to the lay catholic

that we would be busy with all sorts of activities and call that success and accept that instead of everyone’s conversion and holiness

Loss of relative & heart problems

* a loss of understanding/knowledge of the teachings/theology of the church… it feels like we are very un-educated *it feels like people have lost an understanding of the depth of traditions

(like hymnody) that is why they don't like them… they don’t know how to pray with the tents anymore

aging congregations declining Mass attendance collections fewer volunteers in the parishes small towns with limited job opportunities will deter young families form joining the parish

The diocese will close our parish-St. Francis of Knowlton-Catholic churches will die of old age-failure to recruit young families-politics will destroy Catholicism from the federal level and turn to Christian Nationalism

With the loss of the Latin mass we last a lot of parishioners which in turn lost a lot of money. Lack of confession before mass

it's hard to accept the fact that the priest we have today won't be staying very long. We don't get to know them, they don't become a member of our families

loss of my wife 2 years ago. New priest that is sometimes hard to understand Lack of bible teaching's and discussion

Loss of parent-other parent in assisted living-children moving out and back in-work office closing/working remotely/restructuring some of the inside of our church-spouse health crisis-own health issues

there is no community because there is also no communication world no longer signify

Our pastors being moved every two years. Less of a rich Latin liturgy. Sermons that are uninspiring. Lack of support from my parish community in difficult times

some of my adult children do not attend church - in the community people get burned out and no longer want to have to always be the ones to work

parents aging and loss of pillars that shaped me as a person

our community is losing much of the store fronts and businesses our pastor has his back to us instead of facing the people the community is becoming mainly Amish I lost my husband and best friend 3.5 years ago

That our school has lost students and now have 10 students x3 teachers so sad when I attended school many years ago there were 200 students

That mass attendance will continue to decline and eventually have 1 or 2 priests for city of Stevens Point. That the # of Catholic marriages declines & the children will not be baptized or be educated in the Faith

family -parents have passed away daughter no longer practicing our catholic faith. **Parish:** loss of 2 priests several months without a priest loss of my identity with in the parish. **Community** death of friends and family

Loss of husband - 21 years, have moved on.

Mass schedule no Sunday Mass

This is from what happened in the Madison Diocese in a parish where I worked. They got a bishop who brought in priests who had their own agenda of what the Church should be with a top down approach and most of the parishes in Madison lost a significant amount of people who have never returned. It broke my heart how that can kill the spirit of a community that was actively involved

my children do no attend Sunday Mass few weddings at church

My husband lost his abilities due to MS and back pain-he won't be returning to work-I HATE that Mosinee will not changes its mascot which reflects systemic racism-literally the person (Native American person) who started the quest to change mascots is from Mosinee and we won't change

the loss of understanding/unity among the people. Everything is so divided now everywhere you go - loss of Saturday Mass - loss pf young people/families

brother who is gay who grew up with a strong faith, but when he came to better understand his sexual orientation and wanted to talk about that, seek guidance from the church, felt actively rejected. He left the church and the faith

Loss of loved ones and friends due to death-changes due to health issues

Franciscan Skemp Healthcare changed to Mayo Clinic Health System. *my parents have passed away *I was diagnosed with cancer *my husband left the catholic faith for non-denomination church

I have none. I see positive things happening in our parishes.

closing/ combining each church has its own culture I'd hate to see that diluted

the multiple changes an money spent and then reversed back to basically what it was before. The loss of our children and grandkids that don't attend church because they feel it is not welcoming and not for them anymore

rural way of life is changing fast people are not committed to the faith enough to send children to catholic school

*lack of discipline and respect in our children and youth *lack of participation among parishioners

that people vote for a president that has no qualities that we are supposed to follow in the 10 commandments

enrollment goes down and attendance therefore the money income goes down

the loss of my husband who I was married to for 53 years

Family - loss of my 8 week old daughter took 6 months to come back to church - community-the sharing of priest changes in Mass times and worship where I want to - movie priest

Financial challenges.

we joined with OCP 2 years ago father Robertson come in like a whirlwind and stripped our churches appearance from a beautiful church to a baron church someone said it looks like good Friday all the time we lost so much of our identity and that grief has not be recognized nor resolved I'm a caregiver for my husband and mother this is very stressful I need to pray more but sometimes I don't know how or when

*communion rail *change of mass times

Fewer people attending Sunday Mass. More difficult to get people involved in activities in the church-less financial support

continued decline in attendance at Mass

the division caused by the banning of Latin mass has been very sad to see. I used to feel very marginalized by fellow Catholics

The deaths of parents and siblings- family.

our pastor has changed twice our kids have grown and moved out were almost empty nesters

The death of my 1st wife. The closing of church.

*deaths in family *community doesn't seem like community at times - not pulling together *loss of priest(s) that fit so well with the culture of our church

My parish no longer offers Sunday Mass. They offer a 4:00 p.m. Saturday. The last Mass I attended, there were 22 people. When it was at 8:00, it was a full house.

too many no longer practicing their faith going to mom receiving the sacraments many people remaining are retired farmland is rented out fewer young people doesn't work well for the future vocations

in my family 2 have several members who have left the church to various degrees I do try to per sward or encourage them to realize how quickly things can change and thus they should be more concerned to not to wait too long

so much is happening with new technology being older I am feeling less able to connect

to many people go to church for baptism holy eucharist confirmation etc.. For show

The church will be the center for family life

that some locations may need to be closed or merged/creating rivalry between parishes shortage of priests church leaders dividing to swing the pendulum too far back the other way too harsh too fast. Becoming isolationists

losing our new pastor after only 3 years with us

family members that stop going to mass - praying they return to the church

I lost my husband of 60 years a year ago already I have 10 great grandchildren only 3 baptized I have 3 kids who don’t go to church anymore

the fear of losing catholic identity in the area as church attendance goes down

Loss of family members-decline in the number of parish families-less active parish volunteers-smaller families

so many Catholics in our Tri-parish have left the catholic church and either seeking a different denominations or don't care to have and Love God in their daily lives Going to Mass or Volunteering is just to check the box

Wausau: the oratory is here to stay and influential they are an intimate yet integrated part of the catholic whole the classical school is a step in the right direction for Newman to be part of integration

losing our catholic hospitals has been hard so many children were born there major life events happened there every sad

the death of family members at a young age Health changes

less of parents more unless in family members politics of the USA are very unsettling so much division in the country and even eighth in our family

loss of loved ones

children have left the church, hospital closed, not using our trained leaders of prayer

*that we will have trouble finding a priest

kids are grown with kids of their own but they have fallen away from the church some parish leaders have passed aways with no one younger to take their place some pastors are moved too soon or too abruptly others are left in place too long declining giving hurts the parish and school

divorce of my parents and their intense derails hatred forced other and resentment of me

*lack of participation *closing

our kids moved. Can't understand at mass!

High cost of education

why do people give up on our parish

Family members leaving the Catholic Church-they see it becoming weaker

the closing or merging of our parish with a bigger one this includes morning the office and or treasure/finanical side

Family farms are being sold -cows gone - larger farms moving in - parents passed away - the difference between number registered parishioners and the number who attend - funerals with no Mass/ family with no faith

that we won't have a priest

We suddenly lost our priest who we liked so well *our community has many corporate farms, not so many family farms

Loss of my husband. Immigration of foreigners.

loss of our grandson in car accident family members not attending church

a good amount of family and friends no longer have the church and Jesus as a priority

My son committed suicide. All my siblings & grandkids have left the church.

Daughter's health issues.

That we will the parish priest before we can even share and get to know each other

*we need to get more young people and families * would like to have our priests staging longer at our parish

loss of priests

changes in parishes changes in who I was married to and their beliefs loss of the sacraments and all graces that come from them a loss of trust in the church (not God)

Lack of participation and churches closing. Seems the same people do everything-scares me because our parish is getting (parishioners) older and dying.

individual parish school have closed consolidation school system

family members that have left the church

the loss of fr. Martin at holy name of Jesus has been very challenging … a tremendous loss it feels like he should have remained to get the classical school fully established Newman has been adversarial to the classical school and I'm worried they will slowly kill it

Many next generation not attending church. Changes already discussed. # of kids in Catholic school are not Catholic.

That our Catholic Churches will be closed for lack of attendance. That we are not going to have enough priests for our community. That there will not be enough money to support and pay the bills of the church

we no longer have a working dairy farm we had to sell the cows my husband has developed some significant health problems we lost our priests)who I know didn't want to go)

SH hospital closing. Death of my spouse.

* our family has shrunk (beds move out, get married) and at the same time gotten larger. 4 married couples, 11 grandchildren. Retired now so interaction with others shrinks

lost our daughter to LGBTQ

The changing of priests. I would like to see them stay for more than 5 yrs and also can see why it is good to have change, maybe 8 to 10 year rotations

We have had many people in our parish that were strong active members move away due to health issues or pass away. There are not many people to fill their shoes.

Four children raised Catholic are no longer believers

family members fallen away young people fallen away involvement decreased no one wants to work for festival etc.

I am a widow- children all grown and now see my grandchildren all grown up

my brother has fallen away for the faith

Not as many in church

that the younger generations are not coming to Mass how do we approach them to find out why and how we as a parish can help them

Greatest fear is the lack of unity

closing of 2 hospitals

grandkids have moved far away don't get to see them as often best friend dies 7 years also still missing her a lot our kids don't go to church often

parish life - father Mark leaving so suddenly - that was and still is very hard

*aging - family changes - job changes-health changes *leadership in parish and parish members

loss of loved one *family separation due to grief and uncertainty *church-not being able to understand the priest

in Chippewa - too ___ Latin priest __ His __ in the people not enough community outreach not addressing pain and suffering of family in the wake of political turmoil

*death of husband! *priest may be leaving next year *fear of getting another priest

That fewer people will continue to participate in Mass and Church activities, causing Parishes to close

*it is a difficult struggle being far away from parents and family as they age and need help *time missed with extended family

Water downed faith, lack of understanding in the basics of our faith. Lack of shepherds who shepherd. There is too much emphasis on administration, not enough souls. We need to be bolder and louder.

loss of hospital, pastors leaving, loss of father-in-law

Husband passed away-our children do not attend Mass-focus on transgenderism

I don't like father facing the wall and not the people not seeing Jesus is a loss for me not participating as fully as I should

The loss of my own father. The loss of community closeness, everyone for themselves.

*mother's death *loss of a pet

I fear that father Dan we leave Newman I fear that given the shortage of priests that Newman or other are churches will have to close

major heart surgery a year ago

loss of young people in our parish. Less involvement of parishioners. No effort to get people back after Covid

loss of family members and distance from family children not going to church

that attendance will fall and consolidation of parishes will happen I pray for those being called to the priesthood follow that call

the loss of loved ones in our family are hard to accept cowing many children are not attending church I have a hard time that the bolls of Christ is not part of Holy communion Children not knowing Jesus

Loss of loved ones. Loss of communication with other parishioners. Loss of priests and nuns. Loss of Catholic schools. Loss of respect for others.

my children do not follow here faith that my wife and I held them to

rural parishes shrink fewer parishioner (churches that serve college students still full) busy priests celebrate Mass of multiple churches

loss of people trying to welcome/work with our priests *loss of confidence in general public in the Catholic church

Father Greg having to leave. Having a priest with an accent now

lack of human connection

Father Greg moving

In our church I feel the trend of going backwards and of non-acceptance of other people's opinions and feelings

my children are moved away -don't see them as much I'm retired and wonder how much value I have to offer my kids and grandkids

a lot of things, you name it and it's happened

less and less people attending masses, schools growing but half of students are not Catholic

Children moving out and/or moving 3 hours away; loss of family members.

kid moving out parents aging and declining health changes of pastor in church silencing of good priests

*death *priests miss the important points *money too important

Family not going to church—They feel they are Catholic, but hardly ever go to church.

Christians are being hunter

my children belong to no parish

parents dying children growing up and moving away the steady decline of morality in society parish things are really quite good right now

loss of young families in parish loss of farmers sharing a priest and not changing times of Masses smaller school fewer students thus less families fewer people joining or becoming catholic more willing to accept divorced couples

people feel they don't need a church weddings funerals they do what they want no church leader to guide them

Death of my 50 year old cousin with husband and two girls.

loss of resident pastor

Many deaths of family members children leaving the church/faith. Grandchildren baptized. So many business lost with the Pandemic changed our city.

my parents' divorce and collapse of family relationships

the reduction in the number of members who stopped attending Mass weekly the amount of money and effort of people to remodel a church and the idea that it might not be used

all the older people who have been straining for 40-50 years are unable to combine who will take their place

*decreasing numbers of people and a decrease in those attending and not attending mass living the faith authentically as Catholic Christians

Closing-less Masses for the weekend-young people not attending

children and grandchildren no longer feel the need to ogo to weekly mass

two of the pastors we've had have left the priesthood there have been no apologies save for bishop Strickland over closing of parishes

Death of family members

there has been a loss of family member who have passed away. There has also been changes in my family due to health issues

everyone has grown up too fast and time goes by too fast

loss of people

death of my daughter in law and wondering how my son will get by in years to come how people treat each other and why they seem to all want to be right

Lost most of my family young and the rest that are alive don't go to church. My original church was torn down

so many young people leaving the church for these start up religions some many not getting married in the church some churches are really cold to people don't seem inviting to new people

Some of my children do not attend Mass-one has been committed to Evangelicals and avoids Catholic teachings-nephew male transitioning to a woman-hard to accept

less attendance in Mass - young children are not advised to go to church

children leaving the catholic faith some having no Christian faith now a dispensation is required when you know you can’t attend Mass I was never aware they until 2-3 years ago I thought online Mass would fulfill my obligation how many people know this new rule

the loss of those who have left or rejected the church especially within my own immediate family

sharing a pastor family differences

*low attendance *less volunteers *aged population in the church

it happened a long time ago but I wish my children had chosen to be Catholics as adults

diminishing attendance, less participation in church ministries, example servers, Eucharistic, ministers etc. meaning less interests

technology for our kids in schools is poison

the church doesn't evolve with the times no married priests no women clergy too much clinging to the ancient post practices rather than embrace the values the church stands for

The church needs more young people’s participation

son dose not practice faith many homeless in an city nothing is difficult to accept with God’s grace

my 5 children don't go to church

dwindling parish participation loss of members when father wolf drove parishioners away

kids not practicing the faith - new priest/less of Msgr. Increasing population over all in community - less of UW campus - less connection with younger church families

*daughters stopped going to church *loss of my husband and outreach to help me cope community divided over closure of 4 churches and a new one (centrally located) built to serve all 4 parishes - still had feelings

democracy in trouble

Fewer Masses in my parish

becoming aware of life long Catholics remaining strong in their faith and their youth anent held to the same kids do not have the same attachment as their parents and there is a lot of wishful desire of parents that their youth return to going to church take parent in sacraments what they will come to a need something in their lifetime

lost my husband lost our parish school (must be demolished) loss of young people to continue what our senior citizens have worked hard to establish loss of reverence during Mass

There is always change. I personally accept them and say time to experience a new adventure

*fewer people to keep things running in the parish - fewer active young families *aging parents/grandparents are a blessing but it's hard to see them slow down

*people leave, children don't practice the faith they are given *people don't believe in the real presence *people think watching mass on TV is the same as going to mass

*One of my children left the church. *How our culture allows for disrespect of others and accept this as "normal" , school violence, promiscuous behavior, revealing clothing.

Lack of Sacramental marriages. Parish councils of Catholic women are disappearing.

our children walking away from the practice of their they haven't lost faith in God but in varying degrees have lost faith in the institutional church and many of their children have had no benefit of the sacraments

a sibling raised Catholic is no longer a practicing Catholic. Former Catholics in town no longer attending Sunday mass or practicing the faith

lost family and friends thru age and medical problems

Losing our great leader, Fr. Becker. He has brought a whole Mass life and vibrance to St. Paul

The loss of GPAs, Paula, Andrea. The loss of faith in my siblings. Major turnover of priests since 2020.

That the population of priests will be insufficient to serve the population of Catholics in the area

Fr Greg left (sad face) My Sister diagnosed with ALS

more and more people are passing away different priests come in -people don’t like change many families separated

*deaths; parents, husband, 2 sisters, brother, nephew *moved to five different cities/parishes *parish - none - love our priest

kids (out of the house) that don’t believe/attend Mass any longer lack of support for tradition new is always better

my husband has a cancer that is not curable but controllably but I see the effects that this is having on his health my youngest son is getting a divorce my daughter and her husband are moving farther away

Last parish closed two churches & combined into the largest building; no opportunity for parishioners to have warning & final Mass. Church was closed while very connected families were on vacation(s). This caused great wounds. I don’t believe some of the families ever returned to the parish.

In our Diocese there have been some changes to rules for Eucharist Celebration, rigid that seem to be unfriendly. Use of the worship space (Funerals, meetings)

so many people especially young people that are leaving the catholic church or not involved in church activates

Had two very ineffective pastors after a great pastor – many of our parishioners left and went to St. James

loss of professional status political division

my brother dealing with unexpected chronic illness moving away from family and not being near them

losing loved ones health problems

losing our young people to another religion or no religion at all

will it remain open how do we keep our parish involved and coming to mass

the loss of faith in some of the middle aged parishioners that did not come back to church after loss of catholic schools

Lack of generation worshipping together.

my children don’t go the church anymore

the older people in the church (ladies who do the funerals for example) are gone and with their deaths there have been no replaces societies committees are smaller in churches less active because members are still working full time day jobs

Raising children in the Catholic faith and sending them to Catholic Schools-they have grown and moved to different areas and are not attending Mass like they did, some has to do with a not welcoming diocese

Fear of speaking your thoughts without others getting upset; lack of love for life.

family - loss of a sister and both parents Parish - new priest changing so many things and turn back towards the super traditional that I do not like grieving the pioneer spirit of the early days of the parish closing our school was a big mistake

Covid-no faith, some people say no I can watch Mass on tv, I don't need priest

That a parishioner (very active and stellar) in the community could lie and say very hurtful things to me that would cause me to leave the parish and never apologize for what she did. Also that foreign priests (some of them) see women as second class citizens who are not capable of making good suggestions, etc.

family death of parents, siblings *the loss of parish members that still attend mass but nothing else. Talk about Jesus or the church and they run away.

*closing or condensing parishes *losing priests

technology has all but destroyed some of our families the effect on many of our grandchildren has been devastating and yet through praying always and receiving Jesus gives us hope and we are seeing them restringing to being a human age

I fear the continuation of clericalism and a return to pre-Vatican II liturgical expressions that distance the pastor from the people and distance the people from a rich and varied embodiment of their faith. I fear the abuse of the promotion of the petrine vs the marian principles as a "soft" policy that diminishes the dignity and charisms of (?) in the life of the church.

Becoming more political-less focus on Jesus

Some have fallen away from Catholicism.

Deaths of loved ones; misunderstandings & tension within family; how relationships change and evolved over time; loss of more & more farm, especially some family farm; decrease in people attending Mass.

people no longer attending Mass

children raised in the faith ___ the faith

We moved! Huge change to meet and live in a new community, new parish to observe. New job to learn, new friends to make, we chose it but still difficult

*that the sacred buildings will be sold and lost . . .my children are 7th generation at St Henry's in Eau Galle . .. I am sad to think it could get turned into an Airbnb

watering down of the faith in an attempt to retain or lure new parishioners

That there are fewer and fewer Catholics everywhere. I recently took a trip to France to polish my French and the curriculum was against the traditional family, life and marriage. My fear is that I get lost, my kinds would get lost.

why the loss of a child establishments have shutdown

deaths disjointed communities people isolating themselves on their phones parishes out under leadership of one person

Changes: children moved on and living their lives-loss of husband Parish: has turned conservative!! Hard to see life reverting to old times-hard to see ceremonies like I endured in 3rd grade

Loss of loved ones, but especially the young.

loss of olde repeople less people in church

the loss of the option to attend a Latin Mass the church leaders have lost the ability to effect the culture in a positive way they give in to the demands of the culture rather ask the culture to give in the demands set forth by Christ and his church

parishes combining school closing

Our son has fallen away from the Catholic Church

our some and his family don't always come to mass. *our grandsons aren't getting a firm foundation from their parents in their faith

loss of son loss of brother and sister school consolidation to another town farming community has changes from family forms to large scale

When we lose family members to accidents or unexpected health problems

survival of our children and families do not attend or belong to a parish

aging parents parish members without shared support of younger generations low catholic school enrolment no support for youth programs to keep our catholic youth invested in the church

Death of father Abe

*our children have grown and the majority have moved away *less active participation in our parish *more families ignoring Sunday obligation and less young people getting married in the church

2 children falling from faith, pastor change so frequently

few young families in our parish

loss of spouse, sibling, son-in-law suddenly *my children leaving church, no church connection at all

loss of faith the faith community is small and older

loss of St. Joseph hospital

my daughter and granddaughter leaving the catholic faith and joining a more free following come as you please church

My children have a new life often not including their parents for 3 years our parish was blessed with 2 priests who loved us. it’s not the same now our present pastor is self-absorbed and doesn't lead us dynamically

The loss of my mother.

1. in the parish priest leaving 2. in the community and praise passing of community members and parishioners

School consolidation-priest was relocated

the loss of our parents

The political division within families/communities-it has created a tension and also unrest in my family and our state and nation

divorces in children. Aging parents - more dependent on us. Lack of attendance at mass - people we’ve seen for years gone

death, sickness, -loss of respect for each other

the cessation of my parish's Latin Mass shattered my prayer life and it still hasn’t recovered

Family Loss of Mom/ elderly dad oldest son off to college Community Parish

Loss of my brother.

Family: our aging health problems and what awaits us-Community: lost HHS Hospital-Parish: we change parish-very good church but miss the people from parish

Divisions-due to pride and politics-too many Catholics seem to want to worship a God that only looks like themselves-lack of knowledge and faith plays into the divisions-we need to be challenged more by truth

by losing a priest that was bringing young people by to church and enrollment increase by a lot

Secularism. Isolation. Competition over attention.

the loss of the special needs program in the church son no longer believes in the church the hate in politics the inability to work with each other

*loss of child *aging parents *closing businesses *change of priest

Some of my children don't go to church anymore.

we have family members that won't go to church

husband’s death live alone had major heart surgery church is my rock faith keeps me going parish is growing and changing

Loss of my mother… hard but must be accepted… because life goes on

how there's little piety and reverence at Mass how the vast majority of people don't know how to have a strong relationship with Jesue because some in our church stopped living out the gospel

that at some point some of the churches will close due to the lack of priests. People will just not come to church at all

loss of spouse and support people and older family members

Last priest we had came in and starting to change things without much parish input

*fewer masses compared to 30 years ago *La Corsse footwear and Heilman' gone *mall used to be pristine

younger ones leaving and joining spouse at Lutheran church marriages not in church have to get annulment allergy to incense

In my family, divorce, my children don't talk to each other-have left the faith. Community neighborhoods have more rentals and neighbors don't congregate. In the parish many pastors over the last few years-we've lost more and more parishioners

*church is often at odds with society as a whole, no longer clearly guides it, this plays out on the local level also

my parents are gone which was expected I have lost two brothers which was unexpected our parish was joined with a larger parish which meant a new physical space which was not particularly welcoming at the onset

it is hard to see our adult children who are well educated (2 went to catholic colleges) no longer go to Mass one says it is due to the churches coverup of sexual abuse since

the loss of pastoral leaders who were on fire with the spirit of Vatican II were recently the muted response to Pope francis __ to synodality an entrenched parochialism that shows little diocese commitment to the larger church deanery conference and its practical and political responses to the needs of the world

out of the 5 siblings and their spouses, only one is still active in the faith *of my 3 children, only one and his family actively engage with his parish, one says she never believed in the real presence in the Eucharist

The amount of help with the ministries at IC.

it's hard when folks stick to the worst of Catholicism and leave and justify being gone. They could be part of the solution-- ad I'd appreciate the diversity in fellowship.

Kids falling away from the Catholic faith-we change our practices thinking that we'll attract more-we need to stay Catholic!

I have changed my Christian identity from an evangelical Christian to a catholic I miss some of my dear friends that I just don't see anymore

that the young parish that I attend will not be tended to. That the traditional values we hold so dear will be ignored

Loss of Parents (mother) parishes combining lore of priest

loss of Fr Greg

the younger members aren't attending much any long

Lack of tolerance/respect for people of faith from some of the non-believers

many family deaths as well as friends old and newer people aren’t volunteering committees aren’t as vibrant as well as some have disbanded

That we lose some of the wonderful community practices and events in the area due to decreasing numbers of volunteers and fewer people who feel capable or who are knowledgeable about running church picnic events, for example.

community La Crosse has changed when I was younger we often went to the library and felt comfortable h___ ___ don’t as much anymore schlubs pigsty grandmother

frequent pastor changes. Less involvement of parishes in parish activities

managed decline

It seems like less people are willing to get involved

*fewer church weddings *fewer church funerals

parents retiring/getting older co-workers moving on to other jobs and changes in administration at work

My husband passed away from cancer. Many of my family are no longer attending Sunday mass

Division, fear, anger, poverty haves/have nots in the country.

the loss of our parents closing of business due to people shopping elsewhere or online loss of membership in our church

Loss of Parishioners loss of parent loss of youth

our parish lost the traditional Latin mass and it hurt to see so many hurting (some leaving) because of it. It was also hard to see our pastor suffer; both because of his own love for the TLM and the pain losing family (TLM parishioners)

we can keep our church open

young people raised with weekly Mass and solid family life are no longer making the church a priority they are not married in Church they don’t see a need to baptize their children we have had at least 12 pastors in the past 30 years the lack of continuity has been very frustrating

That these won't be enough priests (English speaking) for our parishes

priest - my personal aging, loss of abilities, not needed, I experience actual grieving

*kids are out of the house, 2 of 3 married, 1 grandchild *both of my parents have died *some siblings are estranged from each other *in-laws' health is deteriorating and they won't accept help *scandals at church with poor leadership

Moving-I have lost most of my community-I am struggling as a young adult to find that community here in the parish that is filled with older people or more established people who are not as welcoming to outsiders

Two of five siblings felt the church early as adults

loss of the youth support that used to be here loss of number of parishioners

decline in active church participation and members can't convince some family members to go to church and nourish their spiritual relationship

Children grown and successful, but do not go to church-raised Catholic and attended Catholic School

I see there being a great change in where ewe focus I think that we focus more internally that outwardly just as a whole society and culture there is a great less there in knowing that we all have then call to serve others

My mother is homebound after developing severe dementia. Working with family members, especially my father, to give them the best possible life; trying to convince them to move from their home so dad would not have to worry about the little things.

Children stopped going to Mass after high school graduation and it will be difficult to have them return to faith life. Any suggestions to spur their return?

*family members aging - memory loss - nursing home *young families feel sports are more important on Sunday *community is very divided on issues *parish lack of younger people stepping forward

Not as much connection now in our parish with students and stationary church members.

People stop attending mass.

Family: loss of my father-in-law and the changes it brought to our family. Community: can't really think of any. Parish: we have lost some members at Holy Family I'm not sure why; some may find policies/procedures in place to be a little harsh (not sure if that to correct word to use

Parish — fewer young families / declining CCD involvement — higher expenses (needing to find many new ways to generate additional funds).

Less members-stay with the English Mass

inflation huge increases in Land values young people will not be able to by farms or businesses small towns villages will not exist

*the death of brothers and many family members *my husband's mental and physical decline that bring loneliness and sadness *movement all across the country so gatherings are infrequent

Our 3 kids don’t attend mass regularly. Too many good people are dying at young age

*Dietrich's hand *Benedict to college/smaller family *no room for new vocation - life is too busy/locked into responsibilities

family members. they don't go to church the young people in my family

Too many pastors have left. Disposable society. Not keeping parish mementos - part of parish history - hurts older people’s feelings

Illness/death of siblings-children not practicing faith

the loss of family members and parish priests has been changing concern about keeping a small parish open concern about not seeing very few families in church even though they go to CCD

Loss of our Catholic school-behavioral changes in schools-loss of respect for each other (students) and towards adults-my own child not raising her children in the Catholic religion

the loss of deacon Hansen 6 years ago so many priests coming and going I find myself to be distant and not get close to our priest as they will move on in just a couple years don’t' get attached as the loss of them moving on is too great closing of Sacred Heart Hospital our healthcare has greatly deteriorated

we are new converts but the priest who brought us in and baptized our children recently transferred

my father at a young age priests at our parish that I did not feel connected to

the decreasing __ of interest for young adults to be interested in attending Mass and get involved with their church the feeling that they feel the catholic church is out of touch with their real world problems

*families divided over politics and not being able to find common ground based in truth *the secular life having more power than biblical truths. Morality being loss

that the oratory in our area may be closed

no longer a farm community *people don't go to church as a family so much. *everything happens too fast. *we've lost the sense of the sacred

divorce mine daughter not practicing faith friends that have stopped coming to church friends that I only see at Mass on Easter and Christmas

grandchildren not being baptized

changes: we have moved, started new jobs, had a child

we have loss very good priest due to visa regulation we are losing elderly members due to death sharing priest with another parish means Mass times need to be shared

Mass times Saturday only hard to be able decide what day to work and take off

No young parishioners. Parents of young Catholics not involved.

people moving way form the parish had to move a lot in the let few years and go have my friends

so many souls have left the Mass the loss of a Sunday Mass at Corpus Christi

teens getting older and not wanting to hang out anymore

*we have been very fortunate to have daily mass in our parish. I shall miss this very much

*the role of tech in schools and kids' lives. *The decrease in kids getting outside together and playing, etc. *fewer people attending church in neighborhoods *we joined the church 1.5 years ago and are at Cathedral so it seems like it's growing and doing well

daughter is in a gay relationship and wants marriage 2 sons adults are unsettled none in the faith protest against trump it was load and well attended scary for the future unrest and possible violence against Christians

my vision of life is not happening at all the way I had planned children not staying in the cholic church

fewer people attending Mass fewer people sending children to catholic schools or sending children to faith formation classes radical priests getting involved in political debates and spreading lies to their parishioners

closing a parish and making into one path

Children not being involved - attending church. Ther was a reason for masses in English not Latin, why go backward

*that we can't always have a priest *that my church can stay open

*moving out of my childhood home *favorite restaurants closing

the collapse of Christianity as distinguishes from the ancillary diminishment of Catholicism

my husband and my pet both passed away within a short time of each other my grandson was killed We have lost several dear parishioners within a short period of time

*not enough masses on Sunday and masses during the week

my kids have turned away from the catholic church because of past experiences with the priest we had

Death of all my family and husband. Loal social gathering spots - Sunday morning coffee and cards. Lack of financial support by many an lack of involvement

estrangement amongst family members

That people are getting worried about what is happening in the world with the shootings in schools and in the church also.

the loss of young people in church

3 of our 4 sons have left the Catholic Faith

no Sunday Mass

moving well like priest

Not giving time for Jesus; people not accepting the views of others to try and listen to what they are really saying; discussions are hard to do sometimes.

more division in our parish - some political *less acceptance of new priests *loss of catholic school students *parishioners leaving catholic church for protestant churches. *loss of families *loss of people willing to give time, talents, and treasure

Our son married a divorcee & is no longer Catholic. Another son is now Lutheran. Many Mexicans involved Church & they want to keep their rituals.

*The changes are getting priest from other countries that are (hard) to understand. People don't try hard to accept and understand *the losses in my family - my children have left or just don’t attend church. How can I get them back?

Seeing less young in the church

lack of priests need to get younger generation more involved. lack of engagement

Departure of older or former residents, being replaced by newer people and families. People not greeting or acknowledging others when meeting on the street.

family parents died community smaller parish getting smaller financial info book keeper

too frequent turnover of pastors insufficient funds for catholic fellowship evangelization and study of the bible catechism and traditions of the faith inability to draw back families and children who stopped attending due to covid and vans numbers uninterested

*in family - our sone is an adult. His world doesn't revolve around us -we moved and have no community (close fried we can call on) *new parish - no comment

loss of parents retirement children moving out continual loss of good paying jobs

death of my parents loss of Fr. Pachi (but very much blessed to have fr. Biju) loss of respect for religion spot tournaments on Sunday and Wednesday no more saved evenings upped DAA that keeps going up and up and up

*communication between people - people in their own little world on their phones instead of talking to the person next to them

I fear the Church is losing the truth of the catholic faith. We are becoming more protestant without true reverence for the eucharist. Not all priests are preaching the truth-confusing Catholics.

friends/family member raised catholic but marry outside church/don't value their faith anymore

one brother left the catholic faith and is not a fundamental another brother left the faith and claims he is an atheist divorced my husband and have children at home with me

more and more people moving aways less and less people practicing and living the faith

a lot of younger people not going to church

I pray for God's guidance but still judge way too much

In all 3 above we are more distant from each other - a drifting apart as we become less dependent upon family and friends - until we age into dependency

family death or major illness non church funerals

brothers and sisters falling away from the church

cancer free death of friends new family member change

that things are going to __ in older parishioners to catch on. Older parishioners do not get their say only a few know what is going on not friendly

2 of 3 of my children have lost their faith and do not attend Mass my children are having problems with school too mental health and behavioral lost a great pastor back to India was great at creating a community and being part of your life

*siblings not honoring parent *good things that happened - parish priests gives a great sermon and can understand him

*the city ignoring the true needs of the majority of its citizens for woke ideology's *the loss of many friends and acquaintances as they age

adult children are not active as Catholics

My parents have both died, my sister-in-law, aunts and uncles. My divorce! My children don't need me, but I need them-I don't really want to be completely independent. My retirement was by my choice-I cannot imagine if it would have been forced on me like when St. Joe's and Sacred Heart closed!!

that it will close due to lack of participation

born in a family of seven married and had six children now just my wife and I loss of close friend retires now senior deacon what now

mass attendance is down, too many spaces (sad face). HSHS closed, no catholic healthcare, no security or healthcare, no affordable homes to buy, no new families will move here, rural landscape is changing, small farms are becoming single owner commercial farms. Everyone is addicted to their phones, less socialization, covid created this underlying anxiety in young people

*not enough priests *parishes close

Family: loss of husband-Community: political division-Parish: lower numbers in Mass on Sunday

the majority of our church are elderly we are just now getting young families if we don't build relationships with them we will have no one in the future to help with all the things needed to keep the church active

The lack of understanding of our Catholic Faith is driving downward spirals in attendance and sacraments.

Parishioners and community members increasingly view Christianity as irrelevant-young people not seeing how Chris is relevant in their future-decreasing leadership/priests

that DEI is running our schools with the side effect running our youth not holding our youth accountable for their actions which leads to them being poop adults

that it can be supported in any form in Chippewa falls d

my home parish has witnessed significant decline, partially due to the presence of international priests. As my family has grown, the division between faithful Catholics and those not practicing have become more evident

less in person visiting, people too busy to help church

Too conservative priests at my old parish-vote only 1 way on political issues or no communion

parishes drifting away because cannot understand pastor

That some will close because of not enough priests to fulfill all the parishes

my dad passed away my sister left the catholic church out of anger divorce and broken families

Change in campus ministry staff that feels like it's left a small hole in the care & love that the campus minister brought to the college students.

to see family just leave the church or join other denominations

the loss of parishioners especially many families lack of youth involvement

church will close

the older we get there is more family and friend that pass away less people that help at church

children grown and gone -different family dynamics then years in the past everyone is busy no time my beautiful ___ has been called to hie eternal home parents dad is gone mom has increasing needs

oldest son is no longer active in church this seems to be a trend with young adults drifting from church

loss of parents husband brothers relocating to ne community losing independence increased lawlessness in communities state world

*lost many families of our church that moved to another church in our community - I miss celebrating mass with them and my church *both of my adult sons do not feel welcomed in the Catholic Church . This makes me very sad

having kids leering how to parent parenting special needs changing careers parish wise le priests in 5 years 1 new bishop

Majority of parishioners not getting what they think the parish needs.

lots of family members not to many young people going to church

*loss of members *loss of unity *loss of trust *loss of respect *loss of f safety *loss of facts

smaller community as children more away parish get smaller

lost a priest kids do not go to the catholic church

total lack of interest

death of son in lawless of community in church

not from central WI - so more impacted a lot. Family is separated, the community is new, parish is new

most of my siblings have left the church parish is aging where its plain to see the average age at Mass getting older loss of good jobs (manufacturing) and small farms less children

Masses down 75% attendance per Mass down 50-70%

as our rural church shrunk we have had to travel to join a thriving parish so our children could be part of a community that is alive and growing as an individual the loss of my father and father in law may mother moved out of state we've had lots of changes with priests moving a lot

both my children changed to another religion

thus far two males form my clan have committed suicide it seems that a natural front of family and bring people into relationship with God is for the adversary to have not competition and this succeed in donation the fact that public schools have faith and teach the truth of the Gospel and the spiritual apart of reality appears to make them in fact not inductura of education

*empty next, lack of religion in their lives *parish changes - it happens, nothing too hard to accept *lack of catechesis

declining population closing of my parish

losses of family members

lack of priests not enough vacations

When a family moves to another parish is really hard thing to accept

Less money that is given. The lack of serving the needy. At Christmas we had standing room only, now we have empty seats. Very little involvement with our youth

Lost grandson and great granddaughter.

decline to no weddings or baptisms decline in new families entering our church

there theirs a list changes with the world going/ changing to secularism we need a way to get people back

When the Baby Boomers are gone is the church going to die out

my greatest fear is that people especially young people will continue to leave the church

parish the extremely small number of students in the CCD program will lout parish CCD be reliable in the future

divorce, death, sexual abuse realities, job market, parents' pain

It was though (but ok) that the Institute of Christ the King left Cashton. I was tough that the Franciscan Sisters of the Marty ST George left La Crosse and the Franciscan Friars of the Immaculate. It is sad that the Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration are dwindling and have the image of not thriving

that it will become a shell that only ministers to the people who are already members and stops reaching out to those in need of spiritual direction or physical needs

The whole atmosphere of our town is starting to seem like a business. The people are profit and there is no room for anything that is not performance or makes someone look good. There is no space for softheartedness

the cancellation of Fr. James Altman

*the church not following Catholic doctrine in the future, trying to please society

My biggest fear is my children are unable to grow and develop a deep faith and connection with our Lord

knowing so many family members who ignore coming to Mass

Some people are choosing to not have a funeral mass for a mother or father even though their families were faithful Catholics.

attacks against unity destroy the foundation of faith that has been built

I do not go to mass @ Notre Dame where the priest turns his back on the parishioners

Loss of interest in the Catholic Faith

the lack of excitement and realization of value in ___ the church has to offer and how important it is in everyday life

family - 3 consecutive pregnancy losses parish - old church torn down / new church built death of fr. Don Meuret

kids moved away less activity @ church

I am practical betty instead of emotional betty so I accept things as they are and do not get upset

the government leaders and church leaders who allowed the church to close during Covid pandemic

Our son changes church because his wife wanted to. The children are grown now and don't know where they should go to church

That there would not be a priest to celebrate Mass in the near future. That the immigrant community will be protected.

*I fear that too many parishes will try to "grow" by accommodating the secular culture, by trying to "modernize" and be "relevant." that path leads to destruction

division going backwards not having the openness of Christ liturgy women's roles lgbtq narrow view of right to life it is and seamless garment womb to the tomb

Shrinking and dying. Forced to be together losing their personalities. Wildly going for the big picture and losing the individual simplifying.

Forced Diocesan change that is financially motivated-thinking that closing down churches to have larger attendance at fewer Masses

closes

Closure of our parish. Losing our hospital & nursing home.

since 2018 I am the only practician catholic in my family. Opportunities for my family to serve our parish are many both eye are not present to respond. I live far from my parish I grew up in and I feel bad I cannot do my part. I wish I could have a schedule lifestyle that would grant me the opportunity to live/be closer so I could participate in rosary sociality funeral Masses Mass ministry

Loss of parents, Sacred Heart Hospital

Lost my spouse last year. Son married out of Catholic Church. Loss of brother.

seeing my wife suffer through pains and physical decline losing our catholic hospital

*closing of our catholic school *children growing up and leaving the area *changing of priest *people not getting married or funerals in the church

After our generation, it keeps declining in church attendance and in people's minds that they don't need to do anything in religion-that folks all go to non-denominational churches just because it’s easier and a "feel good" program. Not as many rules

*Family - Loss of a daughter *community - love thy neighbor fading *parish - tension among some parishioners, too often seems that a couple or one person that takes over, mass attendance

In my pervious parish (where I received all sacraments)-a lack of catechizes. *Family no longer going to mass, believing in the one true church or even praying

If my spirituality is different from those around me (in worship) I feel excluded. (I may be in the minority but I miss past parishes from years ago at various locations) with vibrant songs and worship (little kids used to dance to the Gloria which just magnified "Glory to God" and the congregation's joy-music is now so 'ho-hum'

None of my 5 children follow their faith, no grandchildren have been raised to believe in God as their Savior

priests that have come and been moved by the diocese after a short time. Lacking volunteers for various ministries. We could not attend church during covid

Change of priests. Got to know, connect and rely on Father Konopa and it has not been the same since. Many close friends have left the parish changing our activities involvement in the parish

aging parents /aging church friends - not as connected to the parish now that children are grown catholic schools activates were big part of our social life

family death of family members Community brewery shutdown economy slow down parish people aren't coming to Mass weekly and donating they Arnt teaching kids to participate altar servers we should have tons of kids willing and wanting this opportunity

*loss of younger church members *one from my family *other religions are growing

*loss of family members *loss of feeling connected to church because of changes in priest and not having American priests - difficult when there is a cultural barrier

*gay marriages *gays having children and raising them *shutting down for COVID

I feel there Eis a discount in each of these places at times different experiences t___ different feelings about situation that their lead to feeling misunderstood and or unheard

less people practicing their faith - decreased enrollment in catholic schools - our children have given up on their faith e

We lost family & friends & we always will.

decreasing membership - especially young adults

few members no priest closing lack of faith formation and faith in action lack of adoration eucharist at center

communication is a problem one committee does not talk to one others meeting happen and no word is given to parishioners

priests changed. parishioners who were teenagers when I arrived here who drifted from the church and married outside the church. Turmoil in our school.

People leaving the church, or making their own church (I don't have time to go to church I can pray at home, etc.); or marrying someone that they then switch churches and go to spouse's denomination.

hope our church don't get shut down

Sacred Heart closing. The chapel was a wonderful place - especially with Fr Klimek. His Holy Thursday service with a nun and Fr Klimek washing hands of all in attendance @ 5pm - I think or 4 pm mass. The chapel was full! His holy day mass - were so meaning full

I do not have total control of my life

death of parents spouse family not feeling welcomed in church loss of joy hope grace

Family members have moved away from the church and sometimes God all together-separation of family due to politics, religion, lack of understanding, pride

family members fallen away - but think they are still entitled to receive the Eucharist

nothing that is hard to accept!

middle age children out of church lifestyle choices - parish-no Sat am Mass some parishioners no weekday am Mass or communion service

Family: loss of parent-children have left the faith for "new/modern" church-family members don't go to church. Community: parish was losing parishioners-had change of clergy often-Mass schedule was very limited

My parish (Newman) is a mixed bag of people, which is great, but sometimes really difficult. My family loves participating in the mixture of traditional and liberal while supporting the college students. I think it's really unique to heave an actual parish connected with Newman students but will it survive? Students=super traditional-older stationary members=liberal-lack of youth ministry programming

bother my parents are gone mom in 2001 and dad in 2011 both my in-laws passed in 2019 and 2022

smaller numbers at Mass number of wedding and baptism down their seem to be no sense of sin anymore. people don't believe that Sunday Mass is necessary

Our parish school closed.

No response

That as the elderly of our parishes pass on, there will be not enough people coming forward to fill the churches. Then closures and scarcity of priests and ministers.

family drifting from faith, not in "belief" but in practice. Many things are hard, but acceptance is much easier

loss of child and grandchild loss of compassion and kindness in our govt today also loss of laws of our govt this scares me loss of priests through sex scandals we had a priest guilty of this in my parish years ago and the diocese did nothing about it but move him to a new parish

lack of young people in a parish and young families feeling that the church doesn't meet their needs - young people being marries and not in a church - babies not being baptized

poor involvement and leadership, especially fathers of families

importance of family and faith life community no almighty $ parish vitality and classiness

*Parish merger then years ago. *Middle school closing five years ago. *passing of previous family generation

deaths in my family, realizing that we are all getting older and soon we will all be deceased. Watching our parish members decline - pews are empty. No young families or young people

loss of spouse

*closing of parishes *acts of violence during mass *lack of attracting the youth (baptisms, weddings, etc.)

children in their 50's and 60's that don't practice their faith at all - loss of our catholic school young families with kids go where there is a school can't understand here some homilies some pastors doing things their own way not following protocol

*divorce daughter-in-law left to "find herself" she already had begun a relationship with another man before leaving. I watched the hurt and betrayal my son had to work thru. I thought after 30 years married they had a reason to work to save this relationship. My son wanted

counseling, she wouldn't. # years later now, I can be civil to her but never ever anything that in any way that would hurt my son again

no enough young people coming into the church

*older priests- older people *political sides

political environment

the lack of being able to draw people to a faith - our own daughter

our hospital/nursing home closed, there is "white flight" in our city, our parish closed without real input from the people

society acceptance of inappropriate behaviors. Lack of protocol, lack of respect for others, and increase in selfishness

The school closed-sons don't go to church, believe

loss of meal prayer spokespeople no longer practicing loss of music in the Masses retirees

*Parish merge *5 years, 3 pastors *school uncertainty *losing parents/grandparents *our community becoming more transient - army families, growing homeless population, losing the "small town" feel

parish experiencing something of a cultural conflict liturgically between young people today and four long time members losing families with younger people who come out as gay because the entire family questions whether the priest/parish will welcome them in the same way

my niece is living in the home where my parents and siblings grew up farm is owned by someone else our children are married and away from our home

Involvement of parishioners both in the liturgy and to help with events

the amount of people who left during covid. Televised masses are great for shut in, however I feel in some ways keep people from attending

young families or young adults not being part of the parish family having their own ideas and don't want to follow the law of the church

The loss of the OLPH Catholic Church in Arcadia. People unable to accept the Hispanic Population in Arcadia.

Lack of interest in Sunday church services. Sprots seem to have taken over

moving, changing jobs, leaving friends and moving to a new parish

That Fr. Becker will be moved from St. Paul's

people move die hard to accept no that’s life

I fear that we will continue to lose Catholics in our parishes.

changes to health dealing with the prognosis and changes to body and our future abilities reduction of active members in our parish

Regression into a more pre-Vatican II mindset and not open to discussion

*the number of people who have turned away from God *lack of communication between people

Children who have left the church, unbaptized grandchildren

changes in my family include having my 2 youngest children move out of state to KS and FL. Changes in parish include the renovation 20 years ago which took away organ. The choir left (not used for choir anymore) other good changes - Pastor has made sanctuary more holy with new flooring, murals, etc. Another change is my eldest daughter left the Catholic Church to join an SSPX more tradition

*none of my kids go to church

family moving away business closing in the community

loss of independence loss of spousal attention loss of nerd experiences

parents have died - distance of family members - retirement of pastor - challenge of funding a place in another parish - establishing self in the parish

health change of pastor

*decline of youth/young adults in the church *decline of kids attending the catholic school *lack of financial giving

St. Mary's Bangor parish closed

As time goes on, lack of how people communicate with each other. Violence is escalating in our world.

schools and businesses declining small parishes getting even smaller rural farming community

Loss of young people attending mass and religious education. Loss of all ages joining church groups, volunteering, teaching, helping, etc. Inability to encourage people to return to church

Many of the people are not at Mass anymore-some of our grandchildren don't believe in God-fortunately we have a great pastor who pushes the sacraments and adoration

people don't talk to you lots of people join other religions don't have time to visit each other

Political divisions have seemed to removed true Christianity/Catholicism from governing our lives. What ever happened to working together?

broken families is the norm being ridiculed for following catholic marriage expectation loss of catholic schooling and knowledgeable CCD teachers to be trained

our story fronts are empty has lost our community place to gather the agriculture has become large farms loss of neighborhoods

changes in religious education lack of retreats for young students run them though parish less people coming to Mass

Loved ones who have died-closing of Sacred Heart Hospital-our three sons all moved to Portland-health changes

passing of my parents within the last 3 years recent employment changes family isolation -living situation

With fewer members, the school cost, but worth it.

I feel a failure in not having my children and grandchildren continue the faith that I thought I instilled in them

Family Mil passed away mother had a stroke father losing mobility - parish miss Deacon Jim - community some businesses that have closed come people who are gone

changes of pastor. each time we change its seems we see fewer people stay In place. fewer families smaller families fewer people to support the parish

some parishes have learned to collaborate and share Good other parishes and pastors pretend it’s like 1967 and all is well and stuck not ever changing - not good

More churches will be closed and/or consolidated.

not having enough priests to administer the important sacraments

I've lost senior members of the family and the parish community who have been true leaders. There are many who have taken their places and the parish community is stable. Nevertheless some losses, including clerical leaders, have been hard to accept.

loss of my parents, loss of children moving away and not seeing ability to drive, bike, see, hear, remember how to do things. I take on more responsibility and that’s difficult for my husband when he can't help

my fear is that my parish will be closed I have been there for 80 years

loss of traditions liturgy shrinking of the church division within family Ove r matters of faith

Family: my own children not attending Mass-parents not bringing their children to Mass

our catholic school closed. Several different priests in last 30 years. Large parish families replaced by singletons or small families so enrollment is down

creating 3 parishes into 1 its still 3 separate parishes having our catholic school on 2 campuses rather than 1 place people not attending Mass or being involved. Parishioners go to different parishes for Mass

I lost my family and mother in law during the summer of covid the fact that we couldn’t have a funeral Mass for Dad only a graveside service was unacceptable in my eyes

*loss of young people involved at our parish *unstable pastor *on our fourth pastor in less than four years

that we will not be a part of our greater community

our rectory used to be a ministry hub and now its unused

the lack of engagement (volunteering, serving in many areas) by so many in our parish. People prefer to give money instead of their time and attention. Smaller mass attendance

the church will close that the church will always be Notre dame

hospitals closing health care business plan no sustainable my industry computers always in chaos

division, judgments

our priest was canceled. Division in our church during covid and what our priest preach about *loss of family members, parents, siblings *health concerns as we get older *friends changing parishes or family not going to church

Reduction in mass participation, especially among younger people.

*community: businesses being shut down, small farmers were forced to sell *parish - losing father Greg

Retirement-loss of schedule/friends-loss of growing parish-loss of health

loss of jobs loss of family members not only in death by because of different opinions about certain things loss of parish members loss of priests

health problems in family having a pastor that we liked moved suddenly

*my son-in-law has stopped talking to me *Fr Jojo is leaving *loss of family and friends

*more politics=division black/white gray *less kids in church

Family-father put in nursing home, terminal diagnosis-child who has left the faith. Parish-the loss of a favorite priest-turnover of priests in last 2 years

another generation has passed, children are not the same - think /do different things/values

*death, sickness, people move away *parishes merged: pastors moved, schools closed *one pastor for 3 parishes

my children don't believe in God or Jesus anymore people care only for themselves and material things

heath of my son age 35 loss of respect for life

*Boys have grown up and moved away *still remnants of Covid - not many shaking hands at sign of peace, the way we go to communion of weekends vs weekdays

*young family members, children, who were raised catholic but don't practice any religion anymore *we lost our 2nd child after birth *our former pastor told me I wasn't a practicing Catholic. I always did weekly masses

children who do not belong to our parish or have not joined another parish feeling of failure our culture living by different set of rules

Church is no longer first in people lives everything else is more important church is empty people don't work together

*area business shutting down *shrinking community or lack of people that are part of the community *lost a great priest to another church that had gotten people to come back to the church *remaining parent getting elderly

Government is communist ideology-also UW-Eau Claire, public school-Anti-God, anti-humanity, anti-freedom-I call it evil! Have drugs, public entities humanity favor anti-USA and all this greatly hurts all people, even those now or will soon! Anti-American pushed into our community and Americans left out!-We don't do God's will-we think we are God!

rifts in relationships between members about what is preferred or acceptable ways of living or worshiping

losing 6 close family members in less than 4 years family members with dementia watching that process as time goes on

death of spouse and child and family members children choosing not to brave Mass as part of their lives a priest who was helpful to me but is no longer here or able to be a priest don't know the reasons but the homilies we energetic

death of parents (our kids grandparents) losing that connection to the past having to move losing our community and friends serious illness in our family having lost all those years while trying to manage it

large families are significantly reduced to couples with no children or just 1 or 2 and divorcees are commonplace. The loss of tight family ties. Regarding parish life - mass goers are mostly over 50 years of age

My church will close. Lack of people to volunteer. We are an older parish.

*the loss of those I've known through the years whether family, friends, strangers: it has increased my prayer life for them

family is distant and little contact and for now I know it is best way as this is God's direction for my family community has changed frequently for me in the last several years this again I believe God wants me to move to show the love of God there ever I go parish it have been a long journey for my parish family raised catholic wanting to be a nun to turning away from the catholic church and now back the absent of the catholic church is an absent of love for families and communities

we will be moving from our family farm within 6 months we wish to stay local and connected to the Hillsboro community this is a concern for part of our family

loss of extended family changes family dynamic which can then also effect the community dependent on loved one

the loss of catholic church in our small town, and removal of things in schools like celebrating holidays or other religious things in church

our community has recently lost places that seemed like they would always be around like the hospital brewery and popular restaurants it is hard to say good bye to priests that we only get to enjoy for 2-3 years (our associate pastors move through quickly)

that the churches will have to start closing with the shortage of priests and people to support them staying open

we lost our beloved pastor fr. Martin my family (siblings) is shattered due to manipulation and lies our classical school is threatened to not succeed because of lack of support from clergy and Newman

*community - 3 priests reprimanded in last few years in Chippewa Falls. Loss of catholic/Franciscan run hospitals (St Joseph, Sacred Heart, Home Health and Hospice, LE Phillings Treatment Center). No notice given to reestablish health care and left sick and needy without care - does not follow discipleship. *family issues - no support *farming communities down *St Joes *growing hatred in society (shootings in church) *children moving away *children not practicing faith

dads death moms health girls graduating getting married abrupt resignation so former priest and the stress it has left behind

That our church will be without a pastor on a daily basis-that we will lose our youth to other parishes for CCD, and that they also will stray from the church as young adults

Death - child

loss of husband. Several children not regularly attending church

going or wot going to church to measure you are there to listen to Gods word

family changed a lot with kids growing up good but hard many great faith filled people in the parish have passed away

Separate family growth & spreading out. Kids growing.

*cell phone usage and expected availability to people because you have one

The church picking and choosing days of obligation-the church more focused on making money by shuttling illegal aliens around the country than focusing on our own citizens who are hurting and in need-the church, especially the pope and USCCB delving into politics

losing my husband and leering to live alone I've never been on my own all my life before this happened will we have a priest to keep our parish open

very traditional practices are being observed by young people which would be ok but comments to more progressive church goers becomes painful

social media loss of communication with kids and parents tone down aspect that God loves and will not let anyone be placed in hell secularism is ramped in the family community and church

their mission will be misunderstood by fallen away Catholics this group will feel unwelcome

Family members have died, siblings are becoming more distant- location, communication, "family ties" are disintegrating, more family members falling away from the Church.

children that were strong in their faith married into families that don't believe hence they have fallen away grandchildren that will not be baptized

world unrest war medical cloning lack of community involvement by younger generations d

Lack of priest, to keep doors open

In my family everyone has passed away. The last thing people have time for is church—everything else comes first.

Since Francis became Pope in 2013 he's tried to change teaching that have been around for 2000 years. But not just the teachings, he's tried to change the structure of the Church

Less families involvement less help in parish Putting events before the checks less people getting their children or adults baptized not baptizing baby …out of wedlock people leaving because not able to go to communion

people inside and outside the church not truly learning the gospel and shaping their lives by it

Our Hispanic are welcome and necessary but they are catered to at the expense of others.

Health decline with age-liberal Eau Claire government

Changes in the modern designs of churches-conflicting views of priests to baptize school age children (must attend Mass)

1 I fear the dwindling Mass attendance 2 it seems the young parishioners aren't involved as much as I'd prefer 3 I'm concerned about fiscal/monetary needs

My children are not committed to faith/attending Mass-loss of son-in-law-husband's health issues

pastor was moved to Rome, some people who were resistant to tradition have made the church feel too liberal

the loss of parishioners especially some very dear friends

both children have left the church beloved pastors have gone away Christian catholic specifically are persecuted in the country

our children have left the church do not like the pastor

no participation of our sons what caused it being sad to see what has happened in Chaotic church

time together as a family has greatly decreased our kids and grandkids lead such a busy life there is not enough time

death of daughter friends family children seem to have no faith

children have grown and are facing an unsettled world and seemingly an unsettled church with confusion in teaching - right vs wrong - where is the truth - too many moral ambiguities

The attendance and younger people coming back into the church

That churches will be closed.

Adult children not involved with church-new community so lack of "home" church-loss of connection to church after Covid and move to new area

loss of parents ids grown up and moved our work environments

Losing family members & losing parishioners; people being too busy for Mass.

*our parents declining in health and cognition in the sunset of their lives - and our desire/inability to do more for them living at a distance *seeing our offspring and grandkids and how secularized and busy we have made our world - crazy!

Mom and Dad passed-business in town no longer there-malls closed-young people not attending church or picnics

loss of family members. Los of local businesses

my mother’s family health concern of health care system walking up form __ if church to front for communion polarization of politics etc..

growing up my family all lived in the same community went to church together spent holidays together etc.. That close bond is difficult now for families whit jobs taking them to different places

family members unwilling to accept any form of organized religion and hence their children leave never being baptized

Children/grandchildren no longer attend church; younger people; priests leaving every few years.

the loss of our Latin Mass community out at St. Mary's ridge

*family - kids no longer in school, parent passed *community - HSHS *parish - parish shrining, pastors

Changes - influx of immigrants into our community and the inability to treat each other as equals in God Losses- the falling away of so many in our parishes

death expected and unexpected moving growing causing changes in dynamics Fr. Sedlacek moving so soon into us coming to church

family death and challenging health parish members are (on average older)

my children have left the church

*one of our children and his family no longer go to church

Loss of husband - 21 years, have moved on.

*family- children growing up - missed opportunities, family time, enjoying the moment *community - the division we feel with our neighbors. There seems to be a lack of love, respect, etc. *parish - declining in families attending mass, decline in religious people entering the church

*reduced attendance at weekly mass *Kids going to non-Catholic church *Homelessness abounds

The loss of a favorite pastor-the loss of parents-the divide politically in the country

less children who are in church

lack of attendance

*loss of family members *our parish has changed and not all for good *stationary members feel ignored

not enough people attending Mass therefore not enough income to keep going

we lost our Sunday Mass several years ago

Lacking new members of younger generations-declining membership

mass time (8pm) loss. Priest unable to drive at night. Current priest thinks it is too late

The loss of optimism that grew out of Vatican II.

that my daughter won't got to church anymore because she feels that church caters to the rich, won't except her because she is poor

Adult children missing from church. Teaching retirement.

Decreasing number of parish members. Less involvement of parish members. Increasing age of general population of church attendees-How are we encouraging younger people to be involved. Concern with influence of radical ideas and practices.

*that the rural communities may not be considered as vital assets to the Diocese

I was raised to be an active participant in our parish. I don't see this happening anymore

getting a new priest. My father and sister have dies in the past 2 yrs

young adults not participation

loss of love ones obviously loss of respectfulness we have forgotten stewardship

loss of family members church members and division among propel loss of my daughters faith after growing up catholic

family - boys grown with families of their own don't get to see much of them. **Parish** - school torn down replacement building that was promised never happened. **Nation -** such a great divide politically very tiring

the fact that the kids and grandkids don't have time for us the political situation is frightening that we don't have a pastor in our rectory

That there will not be enough young people to carry on the mission of the church

losing our previous pastor - he was someone that understood our young people and got them involved

children falling away, no longer practicing

Beautiful Church Bldgs-Empty pews. Immigrants are not welcomed, protected, sheltered. Lack of Priests to serve the church.

kids moving away large farms few farmers couples living together and not getting married people not have funerals in church

loss of a family member

mostly older people attending Mass. the young families are not involved with church

__ and poor leadership Mass not __ reverent or __ tenets of the faith not being lord out or on display

My children are all grown and moved from the area. Our parish is growing smaller-younger people aren't interested in joining churches. Many people who left the church feel they are not accepted for who they are. People feel resentful of abusive priests and religious

technology, everything is moving way too fast

sone and family leaving their catholic faith past families in our parish that have left our church and their faith

*everyone who was at St Brons who left. To be more specific there was so many good young families there and it was a great time and place. Between 2020 and 2022, they all departed for other parishes

Fast pace, so much entertainment—little time left for church; couples struggling in marriages; raising value-driven children.

The vocation to holy life will deplete to the point of not being able to support the parishes. Not enough priests to go around and many parishes closing.

raised awareness of current realities

closure of our church

*loss of membership - to non-denominational churches, more "virtual churches" *loss of a dedicated priest (vs shared) *loss of young, growing families

our children don't go to church at all (they live on the East coast) the loss of sacred Heart Hospital Fr. Klimek was/is a saint

my immediate family has all passed away parish so many have kit and gone to other catholic churches not happy with our priest only a few children in church so no one to carry on I'm single and 72

reassignments of pastors, polarizing politics

Loss of my Dad and my wife's Dad. Fr. Clayton being reassigned

our daughters do not attend your church anymore and the grandchildren ad not baptized nor being raised with the church death of our daughter

*family - kids all grown. Empty nesting and they all stopped going to mass during covid and have never returned *the side-lining of good holy priests like Fr Altman *losing our TLM. Mass exodus of parishioners because of this *crazy increasing of La Crosse taxes (property) *the "demolishing" of the TLM by the church hierarchy

Not knowing what a real relationship with Christ is, knowing others in your parish can't "get it"

our Sunday service has been temporally given to a smaller congregation of seniors and our young families are not coming to Saturday evening services

that going to Mass on a weekly biases is not important with my children and brothers and sisters it seems when life is going well church is not important

*our children don't look at faith in Jesus in the same way we do and mock or regular church participation *families, including my own, disagree and argue about the way the priest handles parish life, liturgy, finances, etc. *it is hard to heal families, hard to trust Jesus in the way we should, humbly and with positive hope

family dynamics loss of trust/respect loss of co-workers loss of ___ /hospital

the loss of many people I grew up with and see that they have fallen away from the church

Death and dealing with loss of a person and change in family dynamics-change of parish, moved from the parish I grew up in

priests who are engaging and inspiring to us and our children moved to theirs parishes.

I think the biggest change that causes anxiety was the loss of our pastor at Notre Dame thankfully a great priests has come in his place thanks be to God

our pastor was recently re-assigned

Our children and their families do not attend church. People feel their need not meet in one parish and leave to go to another one.

People & family that have left the Church; other churches are more inviting.

People stop going weekly only on Christmas and Easter

not having strong faith and believe in our Lord

loss of family members friends and declining health lack of interest for church -mass from young people

loss of siblings /death everything now on computer even purchasing of clothes loss of local stores

illness and death

Loss of grandparents - glue that held the family together

That younger people are leaving, because, I believe they are not welcome for who they are

I lost my son

some of my children and grandkids don't practice the faith married outside the church but we still are close which I'm glad relevant radio is a great source of faith and hope for me they will come back keep praying g

that we will become I unit to be complacent in our mission

it’s hard to accept that many people who once were faithful Catholics are not going to church any more

Regressing too far into the past in church practices (Mass practices and sacraments)-losing local priests at local parishes

my children seldom participate in our parish Masses events etc. Their children are not all baptized some are not married but living as if they are

2 of my 3 children do attend mass, at least 1 expresses the bible a book somebody just came up with

Family: 3 of my adult children are no longer interested in any aspect of church or religion-they seem to feel that there is a great deal of hypocrisy in church-goers and unfortunately this attitude is justified-but only sometimes

loss of faith family unit as the most important factor in the upbringing of children

in the community one parish seems to be neglected due to the dislike of its pastor people who shop a parish based on the pastor don't go to church only because you like the priest

*losses, death of family, friends, parish members *not fitting in/being accepted *confrontation *placed for kids, teens to hang out that is safe

Our children were raised Catholic but in their adult lives do not go to church. Sports and friends are far more important. Social Media. Homilies do not mean much to me from our current pastor. Many people joined other parishes.

loss of priests and the reverence that he brought and relationship and friendship he had with our family which few our kids and other youth to the parishes and made them interested and grew their faith opportunity for a priest who actually knows and relates to our family is gone church has changed youth not excited or relatable anymore

*lost the priest *that they will close the church

*losses of family members *growing old myself - 75 new - retired *losses of the way things were when I was young, had a husband, small children

too many to explain my feelings and though too many changes in the catholic church Holy days of Obligation

family members I was close to people moving away loss of pets

Loss of husband.

father mother sister mother and father in law blessed with grandchildren parish temporary priests our parish has been a training ground for good to our parish they brought addition energy to our parish only to be moved in 2 years the lights go off one at a time in small communities can't think of major changes but a series of smaller ones cant retain our young people

Changes in Priests. People not going to church.

Death of dad, brother, sister-aging-closing of businesses-less communication-division/social media-new people stepping up to help with church duties

Declining attendance- little or no involvement to build the parish. Some people doing the work & little support spiritually & financially.

I am fearful of our lack of priests and the potential of parish closures. The sadness in seeing churches closed is a terrible fear.

closure of parishes loss of priests reduction of masses available

my grandmother's death this last fall, my dear friends grandson committed suicide, having to break off ties with older siblings, my siblings in and out of Jail living sinful lives hoping they come back to God

death of my brother sad but its ok Gods will I miss him amidst all over and around us their faith neighbors not getting along and their families not talking brothers an wife lying about other not attending church one women in our church making all the decisions to eliminate others jobs lack of church/family community do what they enjoy and God

We have lost strong faith in our young families. The months of May and October for our dear Mother Mary! No Marian hymns, no rosary, no acknowledgement by our priest. Lack of info in our bulletins like marriages, baptism, deaths, anniversary, new members

Health issues-loss of loved ones-empty nesting/kids live far away-career changes-loss of Fr. Meuret

we lost societies like the Holy Name and Rosary society they sed to be active in promoting Christian values

Realization that my parish mas not inspiring anymore so I now go to another mass but go alone because my family stayed. Seeing very few people from my CCD Class in mass anymore (I'm 21)

Loss of hospital. Hispanic community too large in Arcadia, so they don't have to assimilate to our culture.

loss of great priest who engage the parishioners (Father Suchard and fr. Packi) understanding why we lost a daughter in a car crash at a young age

*loss of interest in church (attend, sacraments) *death of family members *dying of businesses in town *"knowing your neighbor" is not happening

Family: sold house-empty nest-spouse disabled. Community: loss of HSHS Sacred Heart where I worked. Parish: evolution of music-loss of some tradition

the loss of loved ones

child not living or hiving religion (formal religion) Eucharist Church is sterile waiting for new priest to be alive again don’t know how to work with this

that we lose vitality that people feel unwelcome that more people turn away form the church that there are not enough priests to serve the parishes

children and grandchildren move farther ways from their parents older people leave for aging home to be taken care of no family around

Older siblings have passed away-change in our pastor-moving from a home to an apartment

we have a new pastor after having the same one for many years it has been a big change

the influence of the world on God's law/commandments especially on our youth

Lost a brother & sister unexpectedly; trying to keep our Catholic school open.

people move away the changes in priests with different background

1. No young people in the church 2. Acceptance of sin as normal - such as living together, immoral dress even at Mass, with priests silence on the issue. 3. Schools of community teams allowing events on Sunday. So wrong! This should be a family day. 4. older adults not speaking up about moral issues

closing and changing Mass schedules less volunteers

for it to close for the wrong people to be in leadership roles

siblings not practicing their faith nieces and nephews not getting married in the church my son not practicing his faith people leaving the church

loss of my husband 4 years ago no family members near by

Church closing-not enough priests-fewer and fewer young families-not enough people interested in involvement

Dying out-most parishes are old and the mean age is getting older-loss of beautiful churches, altars, loss of our ancient traditions and culture

loss of parents aunts and uncles the wisdom and their ability to create family unity priests is solely in charge loss of being heard communication closed to involving whole parish in big decisions not even the sharing of parish councils discussion loss of fr. Bob we were his dear people pastoral care when real

my daughter died by suicide 4 years ago our priest called one time before the funeral and we were not contacted again I was a daily Mass attendant before she died it was very difficult to feel so alone and abandoned by my priest during the hardest time of my life and I still don't know why I'm guessing it happened to other families as well m

Family - loss of spouse & grandson. **Community** - loss of hospital, closure of several restaurants, **Parish** - did Holy Ghost need a communion rail?, detracting from experience at mass

My children don't attend Mass. They are raising their own children (my grandkids) without a faith foundation-we had 2 hospitals close early last year. Both Catholic hospitals where many preferred to go-until almost 2 years ago we had 3 different pastors in 3 years. We're already 1 parish with 2 churches and many were concerned one of the church buildings would be shut down

grandparents and parents talked more about being a good catholic an encouraged to work t faith. Not enough time to do family things. Sundy dinners with family and friends. Have pastor and associate over to house, make them a part of family . I had that from birth until recently

I fear that young Catholics will never know Jesus or the church's teachings.

changes in family doesn't consider the as vital anymore close friends died Fr. Burish absence health conditions

*loss of close friends to other churches *lack of knowing my neighbors, virtual world holds more time than the real world *too many broken families *polarized media and constant anger building

family members with chronic illness new marriages and babies in the family businesses closing

the wife and I have moved from Indiana where I was very involved in the church with lots of friends very far away from sons all 3 children are not members of Catholic church little faith if any

changes are made for no reason or for no unexplained reason

my husband of 57 years passed away 2 years ago we have lost many of our parishioners our priest came to visit him at home and brought communion

difficulties of leaving my daughters move out on their own government becomes authoritative and doesn't care about the common good

There has been less support at our church related to deaths in our families and parish families we are no longer a big farming community so have lost many businesses less youth being brought up in our church traditions we are a dying and aging parish

Change in Mass hour we miss hours Sunday Mass

younger people don't go to church then when they need a priest for wedding funeral that takes away from the people who support the church

Loss of infant son 26 years ago-loss of parents

*loss of the LTM *the silencing and sidelining of good priests

Few people to volunteer for masses such as lectors, etc.

children grew up and moved aways some children left the church most sisters left the church

*our beautiful big altars in the sanctuaries of our church and loss of communal rails. Not enough statues anymore *the priest facing us, not good

loss of family some through tragedy. loss of our priest who was also very close with family.

Children have left & grown. Divorce—went to another church due to the challenges of the annulment process. Don’t attend church or get children baptized. Church closing where I grew up.

2 of 3 children don't believe they should follow the Catholic faith.

many of my brothers and sisters children have left the catholic church

husband passed away close uncle passed away division in our country

less farmers in our community

family members who watch Mass on TV when I know they can came to Sunday Mass I do not support TV Mass for this reason

family members who no longer go to church at al

St. Mary's school closed in 2007 and it’s still a sore subject for some who refuse to s

church attendance has significantly declined in the least ten years church no longer crowded there are fewer priests in the area

Lost my parents noticing young people not being involved in Masses after they leave the home area and some so young after they're confirmed

some of my kids/family do not participate in the church anymore

clustered parish with another parish lost catholic hospital

Loss of people (death or suicides), change of perspective (from child to adult), technology and the effects it has on ourselves and our youth (more and more studies show the dangers of early unsupervised time)

Children grown, married, moved to different states with their children. Death of my husband, now living alone.

number of Masses on weekends

*staff turnover - why can we not keep people on staff? *traditionalists - pre Vatican II practices coming into the parish *family

our adult children all live well away from our city dose more…more out of their area

none I don't like change but I accept it

* Up close seeing healing heeded in son's family. *since everybody is so vocal now, the loss of privacy about people’s opinions - and Jesus is not in the center of all of this and other believers do not allow a healthy conversation. *do not know who to get to know priest not that I am elderly. Have given life to church but all that is gone.

losing associate pasters - Fr Becher/Fr Reider. Post-Christian culture - anti-Catholic./anti-Christian attacks/vandalism. Family members leaving the church

so few people are eat Mass

Most of my family stopped practicing their faith-less people involved in parish-festivals struggle-no clarity-lies and division in parish's history haunt current members

A declining number of families in our parish due to aging-locking the church on weekdays so that quick visits aren't possible even though I know it's for security reasons

hard to accept that our church will be undergoing probably drastic change that will de=personalize the time and report with parish priest direct contact our fate is in the hands of the bishop who was definitely not there for us during covid our leadership lacks backbone

lost families to other churches our oldest graduated from St. Pats and is now attending public school catholic schools. We are now in our 4th year @ catholic school that was a role change for us

changes at St. Johns church after Fr. Martin's departure included discontinuation of a Saturday Mass and limited opportunities for the sacrament of reconciliation Fortunately some very important changes were truly positive including 24 hr adoration 7 days a week and 1st Friday Mass and opportunity for the sacrament of reconciliation so those need to be noticed too

I moved here recently from another diocese. We have lost: *regularly seeing old friends, of course *the ability to easily go to confession or adoration, because times are more limited here *music quality - our old parish had an excellent trained choir, a choir school for children to learn to sing, and more singable music (hymns and simple chants)

I've lost the last half hour of my time. I'm sure this is helping a few people, but the vast majority want you to get to the point of why we're here

I left one west side parish after 40 plus years of membership because I could no longer listen to the anti-trans rhetoric I miss some of my fellow parishioners (there is a gay family member) - my current parish shares the pastor with 3 parishes

empty nest, children not committed to Catholic Church

we have lost our parents though rocks of our own family also lost 2 brothers tragically our parish seems to be slowing down with less people attending our children have grown and moved with their family

The parishioners who want to stay where they are in their faith and leave our church for another to be left alone

the loss of our children's faith catholic church no accepting our gay daughter pastor not accepting our parish -tri-parish choosing His favorite parish

*family: kids moved far away - don't see personally often *parish: not enough people involved in different ministries - few do everything *community: not enough resources to take care of community needs

Family members not seeing the value of Christianity/Mass-community/schools holding events on Wednesday Faith Formation nights

my children have grown up and moved out and regrettable have left the church loss of my father aunts and uncles shrinking and aging of our congregations/churches personalization due to cell phones social media polarization across our society (due to cell/social medias)

many of the people are retired and getting older and loss of many

some of them moved away some don't go to church as much or they don't understand some of the priests from different country

increase in the homeless population

*loss of family members. *children moving abroad *grandchildren grow-up leaving for college *loss of family gathering times due to geographic changes *differences in political view with siblings and friends

combining the parishes of Roncalli Newman and Blessed Sacrament - still mourn our student-centered Roncalli Newman

loss of parents spouse son fallen away

children left the church as soon as their freshman year in college losing beloved priest every 2 years

many people he left church because of our priests. When forging priest were here the people couldn't understand them and now Fr. Bauer's Masses are over and hour long which people don't like people don't realize they should go to church to pray to God and love him and everyone

Low membership-Mass Attendance

children and grandchildren grown family home sold living in a condo community

children/grandchildren abandoning the church. Church leadership has gotten to liberal now

so many of the older people have died. People that were friends and family

1. my first died suddenly 2. schools are not the same as they were 70 years ago 3. they moved Fr. Berry to another parish

family child’s divorce rarely attending church getting older don’t have the stamina to participate as much community fewer kids in catholic schools political division

siblings of mine have left the catholic church prayers continue for their return

change form Sunday Mass to Saturday Mass - My lack of energy to do the work I used to do - the loss of our parish choir

most of my family attendees a different parish. I feel torn between joining them and going to my own - one son doesn't go to Mass at all-blames me for making him go when younger

*I don't find anything hard to accept as long as I don't lose faith or hope, and continually renew my spiritual life every day

people say they have faith but don’t need to attend church

polities has become a religion difficult to have unfiltered conversation youth sports dominates the lives of young families

change of traditional mass to something different .. Same old songs

people were helping taking care of things -when parishes joined was no discussion -processes were changed with no the long time volunteers consideration for many hard feelings

*Family Change- transition farm to son and moved off the farm. What does the future how for him? *Parish - our school was closed - just when we had finances and enrollment changing for the better *Sports of Sundays and other events

parish identifies change with each pastor

our own children and grandchildren no longer attend any church many of our nieces and nephews do not attend church or have joined other religions that seem to bring them much satisfaction

That the church might not be flexible enough inviting-evangelizing new members

I think I see is the mean age on parishioners actively participating in the celebration of the Mass and other activities due to illness and death my comments do show to me are great happiness to me

grown children now with own familiar to raise so less time together people (family and founds) pass away community less __ for ___ ___ money by___ parish life

music too many on or in sanctuary, too many women around priests, fashion too casual, a loss of sense of sacred

*losing interest in family prayer *young children and families - losing faith *no open to the spiritual truth and the teachings of the church

our son moving out of state and not participation in church He was raised catholic and doesn't participate any more

rural areas are not growing so I fear enrollment numbers will decline which in turn means churches will close to consolidate - priests and churches

Children and siblings no longer attend Mass or practice their faith. Priests I've felt connected to are no longer serving our parish Mass on weekends reduced to 1 per weekend

that we all stay together for Sunday masses

our children leaving the faith or not going at all to church

siblings/kids leaving the church

Difficulty of care for the elderly

*divorce - lack of church support for divorce/annulment *passing of women in parish who were very involved in parish life *decline in enrollment of St Peter School *family and parish members who no longer practice their faith

parents passed away (expected), lost one daughter as result of military service (not expected), catholic school is larger, people attending - Mass seems fuller

the loss of my parents who were a big influence on my life - priests being wrongly accused of misconduct - constant change of priests at a parish

family members no longer attend Mass younger people dropping away no longer go to Mass after confirmation

relocation of priests - our family struggles with attending Mass at our home parish when it’s not convenient to attend Mass in Eau Claire

family moving away

one daughter is estranged from us - change in the music now backwards its going - not uplifting anymore - parish should be more progressive

parishes will close. we will not have any priests in our area

that if our church closes that our friendships in the community (which keeps us accountable to go to the mass) will falter

people still don’t go to church

Family: my husband left me-but I still feel marriages in God, ex: so I wear my wedding ring and feel that I'm lying to people

kids moved aways Christian nut not catholic huge reduction in numbers at parishes

Annunciation school shootings (where I went to school and church as a child) *Charlie Kirk Assassination *Expansion of Islamism - not compatible with our constitution

losing member of our parish to offer non catholic churches

because of some problems with some of our priests and bishops. Young people have left the church. The church becoming (at least our diocese) becoming more political

loss of long-time priest, replacement turned over after 2 years, dwindling mass attendance

1. decrease numbers in church -moving -getting older- kids moving away 2. do not see end result of giving in mane of international mission 3. maintain the beautiful church structures are

far less children at mass my children gown and on their own my parents now deceased as well as neighbors and other relatives used to be at __ a neighborhood parish so many families face not so anymore social media changing so much

daughter said she does not believe in God - kids do not go to Mass - low attendance at Mass - loss of rural families - no small farms - Amish move in (they still seem like they are good)

that the priest is the ruler and the finances council is just not listened to

loss of parents loss of parishioners young people not attending Mass people not caring about each other

The loss of faith of many family members

loss of people we know from the church - stopped attending, increase in money needed each year to balance budget

Loss of family members- smaller attendance at masses. Loss of businesses - placed for people to work. Lack of sacraments for younger generations. Parents not interested in teaching children about God - religious ed classes stopped

not as many people in the church and community "aging population". I used to know who lived in almost every house in town and now that's changed - new people move into the area and keep to themselves

loss missing in society *non-traditional families

the traditional Mass was taken away from me and my family my priest was cancelled for speaking truth the decline in tradition liturgy caused and exodus of parishioners to flock to the only place left that offers the Mass traditionally this is where you find the large families and many young people flocking we need a return to tradition

prior priest catered to the Spanish community and left the English out of all of it stopped having meetings would argue with groups

no longer going to same church as family

Loss of my wife, loss of my youngest son, conversions and baptism in the Holy Spirit. Entry into the Catholic Church, our parish combined with another, moved from lay state to ordained, recently moved out of CRE position

the loss of our mother a very hard time for family separation of family members loss of a brother in law due to suicide

smaller family sizes

one son not talking to the family and not going to church

two of our children have left the church a sister and husband don't go to church physically only on intended our parish is set to become like the other parish combined our priest don't say anything at the pulpit about the "drag queens" at the Wenzel family place nothing is said about the People accepting gay people

The drop in membership-an inward turning of individuals rather than reaching out to all religions and faith-a movement away from the teachings of Vatican II

loss of sister, mother, many young people

I fear with the low numbers of men entering the priesthood, combined with the low church attendance, the Diocese may feel the need to close one or more of the parishes in this area.

there are none that I haven’t accepted

older people passing young people marriage

In our family we have seen a thought process.. That church has become a business run by very old rules. It's not easy for families with children to become "active" in church- we should be OK with that.

I worry that the difference between the individual parishes and the way they each do things in a different way will further divide us

Our children are grown up & moved away, as a result we don't see them very much.

why so many people leave the church

Couples that choose to send their children to the public school instead of the great Catholic school that our parish has-a Protestant church has opened in our community-I don't know what they profess? Maybe just goodness…do they believe in Jesus?

loss of our children to the church priests need to talk more about changes in government and ideologs seeping into our families

declining parish members sports take priority over church

8that people leave the church in our town because they don't have their way instead of being a part of a family and making Jesus shine and being good examples for kids and others

both my siblings have left the church for protestant evangelical churches

we were members of our parish for 18 years. A missionary priest from India came who did not understand English or our needs or real desires for reverence for our church. Our pews were filles we had lines for confession regularly. Then he conducted confession very questionable. 1st communion and other practices were handled poorly along with handling server training very poorly. large families with many children became very dismayed at the formation their children were now (not) receiving HIs attitudes toward the USA became very evident condescending bigoted offensive we prayed much for him tried talking with and explaining many things to him he brushed us off and became very aloof and resistant. Many people left about 50 people in just a few months very sad our family tried to stay for a few years but he refused sacramental assistance for us in a very critical moment so we had to eventually leave we have not felt at home at a parish since lots of disorder in our deanery as a whole. We are so grateful for our dean as well as for our new pastor bringing stability and spiritual revitalization. Please give our parishes in this deanery a chance to recover from some very poor pastorship in several parishes and Covid after effects before deciding to close any parishes

Closure due to aging congregation and declining enrollment

decrees in the catholic grade school enrolment decrease in volunteerism in the church much split with the political times feels like less willing to have compromise and just leave if things do not go the way they wont

my son passing away last month the changes of family closeness compared to what I grew up with the disregard for human life-violence

my children and other young families have quit attending Mass regularly social and community standards are becoming unchristian (selfishness abortion rights that are really not rights) lack of personal responsibility

Falling from the faith (church)-attendance at Mass and Religion classes

Children have married & moved away—one very far away; in our town we have no school or grocery store; older farmers have retired & sold land to larger corporate farms.

* loss of children coming to mass as they grow older *priorities of church vs athletics on Sundy

Loss of family members, family members who have left the church, more division, more politics in religion

both parents died. Stores closed

churches begin to die out and the loss of faith formation and social activities that help connect individuals inside of the parish

*Our Lady of the Lake in Ashland - the loss of the Franciscan Order the region *Holy Spirit in Stevens Point - the introductions of FOCUS missionaries

Resistance to change (moving from maintenance to mission)-pastors willing to listen

changing of priests

The closing of the parish grade school-Loss of past generations and leaders-the divisions among groups of people and members of families

new strong priests with a heart on fire for Jesus

closing of churches lack of priests

My wife died. Our hospital closed. My children don't go to church.

no Sunday Mass

parents gone kids gone form home not being able to see regularly

My adult daughter, a Social Worker, went to her parish priest to talk about teachings of the Church and her job-she worked with troubled youth from dysfunctional families-most of the girls were sexually active-she did take them to obtain birth control-priest said teach them to abstain-would not work, most had no faith-the priest excommunicated her from church until she stopped and then made a good confession only to him-She has found a church , Episcopal, that welcomed her

limit access to sacrament of reconciliation not seeing youth participate as servers lectors ushers a youth choir

Most of my family have left the church. A lot of our parishioners have left for other parishes

less marriages that last (couples don't try to stay connected) Married couples (1st marriages) are in the minority

members of family falling away from the gospel and embracing lives of the world lukewarm and ___ faiths

family needing to go to line in a nursing home

Loss of parents & family; divisions & other losses; liturgical changes over the years; community division—'everyone for themselves'; loss of parish leaders (death or otherwise) loss of ministry leadership.

Many parishioners quitting the church Many young people not practicing their faith after confirmation

very hard to accept the death of a grandchild at 9 days old also divorce in the family and children and grandchildren that don't go to church

my kids have turned away from the catholic church because of past experiences with the priest we had

Health loss and family and siblings, my own physical limitations-move to new parish as pastor-people leaving because of whatever, Covid policy

Lack of cohesion at times between parishes. We are one, holy Catholic, apostolic church-why do all parishes in the area have Masses at nearly the same time? 4:30, 8:30, 10:30-so why don't we have joint events?

*family: 1 of 7 that attend church, defeated with sex scandal, no baptism of recent babies *children believe but don't participate *spouse converted *mass structure - sign of peace, facing parishioners, blaming of the past decisions

All coin will be accepted at some level. Loss of parishioners.

We are not reaching out(welcoming the young families in our churches

family lost my mother, parish lost our priest

the small number at church

sometime politics is shared by individuals in parish churches. Especially during covid time. We are a parish/a family, so family distanced them self from church - no longer come or attend

Moving away from Iowa/my home town and not going back *realizing change is constant and is not controllable

families age 50 an younger don't feel that it is necessary to attend church regularly or participate in church activities

younger families are not practicing their faith

That we lose our polish heritage as a community. As older parishioners die without handing down traditions. The fact that our youth isn't on fire for our faith.

*we lost a lot of parishioners when we had a priest that dd not attempt to get along with us, and most of them did not return

I'm new to the area but seeing community, there is not a lot of liveliness and new people on fire. A lot of stagnant parishioners who seem like they are at Mass out of obligation rather than passion for Christ.

less children at Mass and religious education hard to get Mass servers less people willing to give of their time for volunteer work have seen a decreases in Mass attendance since we received our new priest

Loss (death) of principal; liturgical keyboardist—no comparable alternative. Devastating constant turnover in school staff—lack of consistency.

Loss of LuAnn and Dick from the family-hospital closing-no permanent pastor for over a year-loss of Liz as music director-Becky moving across the county

*family - my eldest daughter is getting married next month. Although her fiancée is a great person and she is as loving as ever, we feel her moving away from us and towards his. While we know she is in a good place and growing as we expected her to, this still hurts a little

the death of my mom 6 years ago going through a major medical issue last year heart surgery

it is hard to accept that I love what I do and who I am in our parish; the hard part is not having my family members journey with me. I feel support but it’s not easy to share my faith like I do in my faith group

Some of our children and grandchildren don't practice their Catholic faith. Some weren't marries in the church. There are grandchildren that aren't baptized yet. Family members can't forgive each other for things in the past

pastor people

family no religion in their lives neither no children

*loss of community and connection *external culture shift: tolerate-accept-celebrate-participate *loss of cultural strength and an increase in persecution which isn't the worst as those you are persecuted are blessed *my children and future grandchildren lose opportunities to encounter Christ

loss of a young one (17) aging parents loss of youth/younger people attending Mass My children are growing up and becoming independent that’s a good thing but I often wish they were young I miss that time with them

*family and friends disagreeing on covid and politics *lost respect for others

I have lost trust in my children's parish school due to the administration rapid shift due toward policies that mirror those of the secular public schools we changed our church membership due to a lack of support for the religious foundation I am trying to builds for all my children including my child with special needs

My kids (adults) don’t go to church. Anger toward the Hispanic congregation: lack of financial support and lack of cleaning up after their events.

smaller families loss jobs for young families

Oldest brother and youngest sister have passed away

death of family member and close friends all of our kids have moved away, will miss grandkids growing up

our sone doesn't attend mass *our daughter is hit or miss attending mass *They don’t see the beauty or importance of church and mass *our son is married outside the church *it seems like fewer people are attending mass *the sisters leaving Mayo

that there is more division because of different ways of working in different churches. example ways of receiving Eucharist

loss of older generation- parents *loss of adult children by more and loss of faith in adult children *loss of beloved pastor at H.N./mentor

Faith not passing on to next generation; tri-parish merging; Sunday Mass attendance/Holy Day obligation; focus on family importance vs money/career/sports; lack of men participating; kids run family priorities.

Declining attendance. Declining clergy. If this is not stopped-sustaining the church.

no integration with immediate family too interested in their own lives we see friends who don’t go to church who automatically assume they will go to heaven

I have moved to apartment living my family comes less frequently

loss of family members childhood loss of friendships change in friendships clos of associate pastor changing form our faith community to another loss of young adult community in parish

family members do not attend church I changed parishes when the priest retired id is learning was a loss to me

that our bishops and church leaders worry too much about making people happy and are afraid to speak the truth

Lose my husband; there is no one to step as the older ones can’t do it anymore. People stepping up in the parish.

We are viewed as hypocritical, whose actions don't match what we preach and because of that we lose members. I also fear losing the Eucharist as a regular part of one worship.

loss to non-denominational churches *loss of our traditions - what makes us catholic *poorly catechized generations

Watching young family members leaving the church as they leave home.

*my children left the church *people who call themselves catholic yet pro-abortion for example *pew fillers who are not engaged in parish life - going through the motions

lack of young people in the parishes support of our school being supportive with all the siblings families are starched too thin the children are involved in too many things

A daughter turning away from Church; mother-in-law health—changes to family.

Loss of wife of 30 years. Moving from Texas back to Wisconsin. Joining new parish.

I fear that the church may forget who she is she is the one ark of salvation I fear the loss of reverence and respect for tradition and the holy sacrifice of the Mas I fear the decline of vocations

a son who has divorced himself form the family parents who are aging and becoming more frail lack civility and common courtesy in society

illness that has limited fruitfulness in the typical ways a family or couple would expect - uncurable disease - in the community I see very disintegrated disembodied view of life - unfortunately this disincarnate world view is well alive in parish life

frequent change of pastors all from India with quite different customs and approaches to liturgy and parish life

I am retired and see such a decline here at St. Mary's Mass on Sunday 30 -40 people may attend no one brings their kids/teenagers - veery seldom weekday Mass is 6-8 people

My Dad passed away. No one is stepping up in the parish to help out with events that the older parish members can no longer do. The division

Resistance to faith and church by my children-my life has increased workload due to hospital closures that affect our lives-smaller religious ed classes

loss of parents and my wife parents

Division-families, communities, parishes, countries-people no longer try to "love their neighbor" example: unwilling to wear mask in public, not caring if they person next to you needs you to do so…chemotherapy, autoimmune, etc.

The cycle of life! Children born-elderly die

1. children grown parents deceased and other relatives 2. dwindling of comments 3. parish # of people attending Mass church is empty committees/volunteers not as many involved

loss of several family members, father, mother, sister. Father and sister at too young of age. Business losses to our community, brings about degradation to the area, run down

that others will not keep an open mind and heart if/when changes here to be made in order to keep the parishes alive and sustainable

Loss of parishioners

The wonderful, active, friendly, welcoming church in Knowlton being swallowed up by a larger parish-conservative tendencies of the larger church being imposed on us. Vatican II, open the doors and windows

our children and grandchildren are no longer active faith/church membership - I don't like what is happening politically in our nation - our president has divided us as a nation and religion

Less people in church-Mom passed-we retired-more crime-worry about safety

*loss of parents, good friends *church having to combine with another that seems very different in how we look at how we get to God

Loss of Music participation very few people willing to commit to choir Music us rather dead in our parish

church renovation parochial school principal left new principal hired prior to the start of school

*death of loved one realization that we are near our final chapter *friends have left the church *society is so divided

that our family would not be accepted because we are not part of their prior community. Now with our new pastor we don’t have this fear

my kids were raised catholic some are practicing Catholics and 1 is attending a different denomination Christian church 1 is searching for faith lower #s attending Mass

the lack of priests to consecrate the bread and wine and serve the people

Community: hospitals closure

daughter no longer practices the catholic faith

Only one weekend Mass. Closing of St Louis elementary school.

loss of family members closure of some parish schools loss of institute trust form child abuse scandals for lost 20 years less of parish as central pivot for community

Hospital closing. Increased homeless population.

daughter died of cancer. Father died

The erosion of the Judeo/Christian faith and values both here and in our country….which also will be filled with a growth in Islam to fill a void.

mu children and husband home left the church

My family doesn't go to church and my grandchildren are not being baptized. They have joined a new church and do more things that they enjoy. Not being married in church. No funerals in church.

3of 4 children have left the church

that they will close some of the churches in town and small towns

Fr. Burish and Msgr. Gorman has moved on the hospitals closed the high school chaplains keep changing

loss of family members stores post office etc.. Closing (no bank) small rural town how do some people able to continue with their losses

Many of our Children get married outside of the church

my family n longer are practicing Catholics

*I fear there will not be enough younger people to take on all the jobs of our church. Now it seems many of those who are involved are in their senior years

our daughter went through a divorce despite everything she tried our sons wife had major health problems the passing of our parents our son not coming to church

Death of family members and friends

after significant turn over my parish pastor was someone reluctant to engage in spiritual directions and was extremely difficult to speak to or open up to him as a consequence I had to seek guidance elsewhere then boom our parish is assigned a pastor who not only is open and willing to speak to for spiritual direction but he actually sought that opportunity for healing but then the murmur is he will likely be moved to a Spanish community in 2 years or less

my children are no longer attending church. One is raising children that have been baptized but not learning about Jesus

New people coming into parish that I don't know. Deaths of parishioners.

grandchildren don't attend church even they had a strong church family

my children who attended catholic schools have left the church my husband who is Lutheran left organized religion altogether as a result of the sexual abuse by clergy in the catholic church the new pastor of our parish has changed the culture and physical worship space and I struggle with staying

kids all out of high school only 1/5 at home changes @ the clinic affect our community changes in employment

loss of hospitals, parish attendance is down, people overwhelmed

parish - decrease in # of Masses ex. SH 2 weekday Masses 1 Sunday loss of SH priests changes to CCD programs believe that youth are not receiving adequate instruction

nothing hard to accept today what we do going forward matters

Mass time change priests leaving/changes to a new one less effective religious education

that siblings and children do not value the catholic church

grandkids heading off to college after having close bond priest leaving but blessed with another good holy priest to make transition easier

family members passing away, less involvement in community functions, searching for volunteers to help in parish faith formation, picnic, or events

people are not getting married in church younger people are not attending church parents are not attending church regularly and not teaching kids to be catholic

family members dying and the faith falling a part

my family is grown exit the church to be there in time the young people will not know what we no

Retirement. Death of friends & relatives.

mi 36 and come from an extended family of 9/10 aunts and uncurls that raised their families catholic in public schools the amount of my 50 cousins that don't attend church or have chosen Lutheranism is astounding I am on of 3 left as a practicing catholic the worldly ways take over so easily in early adulthood

That we will not be secure from attack by someone who doesn't believe in god.

as we grow older the people we went to catholic grade school together we end up burring their loved ones and during Mass they no longer know when to kneel stand or sit what happened to their faith

That 30-40 age group never returns to the church(so few participating). Although you do see younger than 30 now :-)

My former parish got a new pastor who was very difficult and not pleasant. Many parishioners, myself included, left that parish-some left the church-priests and pastors need to fit in and the diocese needs to LISTEN to the people

my kids age 24, 20, 19 do not go to church they do not feel the holy spirit my boys say they got burn tout form serving thru front pews are empty

*as far as parish family, we suffered a great many losses as a result of the previous pastor. The loss of our beloved deacons, our secretary, our choir director. The loss of so many good and talented parishioners whom he scattered. He was not a good shepherd

loss of business; example; retail store, restaurants, etc.

Family & community members leaving the church; lack of clear direction/knowledge of our Faith—lack of catechesis; communion rail / Vatican II changes only seemed to hurt the church.

We moved. One priest left. I don't feel settled here. Don't have any friends

our family has grown children were formed in the sacraments and are not practicing Catholics the way they were raised secular culture continues for accepting all differences I see this both was

when you age people are not willing to lend helping hand

there will be one Stevens point area Catholic Church

Getting old has been hard to accept. Not being able to do things that I always did.

*2 children do not attend church *one married a pre-catholic but he's indifferent to the church for several reasons *they did not baptize our granddaughter *one married a girl that never

attended church as a youngster or a teen - their 3 children haven't been baptized or attend church As a result of us mentioning church to them, our daughter-in-law us thus decided to cut off all relations with us. Se we do not know our 3 grandchildren. we have not communicated with our son or 3 grandchildren or Daughter-in-law for 7 years

no unity - no transparency

that some of my family don’t go to church every week that in our farming community so many small far are being bought up an just big 1- farms now is the norm

Loss of my dad, retirement

loss of spouse - beloved pastor transferred - loss of core faith by so many

older adult children losing the house

the statistical decline of people receiving the sacraments this is especially apparent among young adults (18-30) who do not see the relevance of God in their lives

I Roll with the punches

When I was a parishioner at St James the Lesser a few things happened. Our pastor, who we loved (Fr James Altman) was removed from our community. This really hurt us because we loved him, and we didn't feel like we got a good explanation. Even if it was the right decision, we felt that the bishop owed it to us to personally explain why he did it but coming and talking to us. He didn't seem to want anything to do with it when we wanted to talk. Secondly, when the Latin Mass was suppressed, it destroyed our beautiful parish community. People mainly shifted and started going to the shrine or there placed, but it was hard because we really loved our pastor (Fr Letona) and we left him because we felt like the TLM was that important for our families.

that no one care enough to do anything

Parents Age, priest gone, life diminished at Newman

The loss of our previous priest who related to all ages of parishioners. His replacement is not involved with activities in the parish and personally I have trouble understanding him

Less number of people attending Sunday mass.

more polarization in our society leading to distrust in the polarization among Christians. the solution is a return to an apostolic age (see the book united) my Msgr. Shea presided of university of Mary Bismark

negative changes have already been accepted life is wonderful daily Mass liturgy of the hours fire of Mary heart of the word rosary all shared with most delightful spouse

My fear is that some of the churches will "close" due to lack of parishioners. Also fear for more vandalism to happen.

*my family of origin does not believe in all the TRUTHS of the faith. People live together (not married) were allowed/encouraged to receive Jesus. My own family , my husband and I and our 8 children were not allow to receive Jesus on our knees. We left the parish where we were 7th generation. My brother committed suicide - no sacraments and everyone believes he is in heaven. All deaths people assume heaven. This has to end. Souls need the TRUTH. My family is very split

Get lonely at times-loss of spouse-less time with kids-they have their own and busy lives

All my six children are grown up and married. My wife died from cancer. Loss of young people in church.

Loss of the Traditional Mass at our parish

the loss of parents and family members our son moving away and marrying a Lutheran Ministers retiring after working for 45 plus years

family members not attending mass, questioning church

many of our children have grown and moved away

my daughter trying to find fitting spouses navigating college campuses strong political division brain injury distrust of medical professionals government and other leadership addictive screens/apps/technology taking over youth

my greatest fears are the loss of our ability to worship with conservative faithful priests who follow god's plans and not the words also I would love to be __ to go to our local small parish

adult son married and doesn't go to church changing priests so often really different

More and more family and friends passing away. Young people not going to church.

*too many, too painful, over too long of a period to mention… hard to accept, but possible with God's help even a source of joy in offering/inviting them to those of Jesus

*children/grandchildren not attending mass, not practicing faith *hatred withing community - divided

I can accept the loss of my spouse but it is hard to cope with

switch form CCD to faith formation

our kids don't go to church anymore. All were raised with going to mass weekly and sent to Catholic school. Very hard to understand just keep praying

Parents both diagnosed with cancer new priest parish meals are drive through less socializing

the population of our parish school is dwindling and the possibility of losing our school affects so many of the young people. We need to retain our young people but how?

less people to step up and help with Mass CCD funerals serving etc.. Bad image of catholic religion

Priest being more into "running the complex" than visiting people

That Catholics will become to divisive.

friends going through difficult times

loss parent/friends family does not attend Mass loss job hospital adult children unable to launch D/T mental health (adoption) parish decline loss of member loss of Christ center families

family leaving the church/ the changing of priests. Loss of volunteers

Family: son and family just left to take a new job out of states. **Community:** It appears stevens point is becoming a __??__ society **Parish:** our pastor appears to be controversial has to do everything

my family doesn't go to church my husband quit going to church because of our priest that we had had girlfriend and not appropriate especially since he converted for me

loss of both sets of parents, loss of daughter, loss of a sister-in-law

our children left the church

declining attendance on Sunday in holy day masses. lack of enough priests

The loss of a favorite pastor was very difficult. The feeling of a very supportive and close community resulted from the change.-loss of spirituality in the family, grandchildren on a personal level-loss of spouse-loss of friends-loss of connection to friends who moved to other churches

Due to lack of priests, there are less Mass times on Sundays-young people not taking religion seriously-no nuns at my parish

Division in family separation and loss of siblings children priest who come in and don't listen to parish or parish traditions and drive parishioners out/away

Children have grown and moved on to their own lives-some have values different from ours

2 of our sons were confirmed, but resist practicing our faith.

*people being mean *prices of living *bad language

college age grandchildren leaning toward other religions. More dependency on Government. Negativity regarding catholic church and priest. Loss of students in our catholic school

Family that despite I believe a good example of enrollment in the parish as well as an active prayer life that my family does not practice their faith Community despite my efforts to inspire conversations to combat declining population no one wants to do anything parish since Covid no one wants to give time to our parish

left/right political divide

that hewer people will go to church

none

I miss my mom who passed away 2 years ago. She lived with me during Covid and after I miss the ___ family of one parish who were model parishioners. He does and money and she role models for all of us

the loss of those I care about I feel like everyone around me is getting old and dying

death of older numbers who were so active in so many areas of the parish

irrelevance division ending children lose the faith

seeing so many people not in the church. It's getting harder to have people involved in functions, help is so scarce what will happen to older people who are no longer able to do it

US government - and the way it is being run.

children not going to Mass/sacraments no baptism classes I feel we are losing an opportunity to engage with couples who don't practice

that will continue to see erosion in numbers at Mass leading to closing of some locations

*our sun and his family have chosen t belong to a different , larger, more vibrant/traditional parish *we lost Sacred Heart Hospital *our priest's attitude about offering mass as his 'work" not his calling form God. (sad face) everything is work, work, work.... I don’t see him experiencing any joy from following God's call in his life

pastor changes family passes away

*the eradication of the Latin mass *continual lessening of the sacraments being offered (confession being offered less and less and no observance of first Friday/Saturday devotions)

Family have all moved away and out of state-must travel to see grandchildren and great-grandchildren-Mauston does not offer much in way of shopping-always have to drive south to Baraboo or east to Tomah

my children are grown and moved away my husband of 56.5 years dies and I alone and can take it one day at a time

The original St. Paul Church I grew up with was replaced-St. Paul's School where I attended has closed-things that have changed since I was young-family gatherings, traditions that have changed

my relations on both of my parents' sisters have mostly gotten married had children and only get together a few times a year

The death of family members that were the backbone of our faith. The need for more finances to support our parishes

health issues getting to known a new priest

my friends may not be here technology has changed a lot

parish - fewer Masses identity in music Loss of family members Loss of young members in parish

Children not keeping to their faith that they accepted in their youth

*that St Francis will see smaller attendance and eventually become part of another parish

Loss of my spouse. Children married and gone. No CCD classes at our parish.

That we will lose priests due to shortage of priests-that Diocese will start consolidating parishes/closing parishes

Sold business-started new career-children are grown up and moved out-lost 3 dogs

Past years he has an assistant priest, more pressure on our young priest.

our two children are good people now 39 and 41 they both attended REP classes trhough mid/highschool. Now neither of them attends church the church helped them grow spiritually. What will happen to the next generation and our grandchildren?

parents relatives friends have passed away

If my church closes where will I have to travel especially during the weekdays-how will the different societies go on

health less people in pews done child away and having a girlchild we'll hardly know

I grew up and moved away and I know that the community I grew up in I can't recreate. I can find good holy community but it won't be the same.

strange priest. Foreign language. The loses of friends and family. The letter of the Diocese of La Crosse sent out about gay people

Have accepted, moved on, nothing big in the past 13 years, none at St. Pat's that have been hard to accept

parents growing older needing more care sadness with a large number of priests resigning

after losing my siblings 2 husbands 2 children many friends have learned to accept God's plan for me I try to live one day at a time

*family - my husband passed away, adult children have left the church, new great-grandson has yet to be baptized *community - loss of health care options, doctors I had now are retired *parish - combining of 3 parishes in C.F. into our Lady of the Falls - no consultation on name, relationship still working on it

Influx of Hispanics has changed our towns dynamics. Lost sense of "knowing the neighbors."

divorce and annulment, family estranged, move to different community. Loss of capabilities

*we have love both of our priests from India, but one only stayed 2 years and the other less than a year. And it takes time to build the relationship and understanding and learn their dialect. That worries others wouldn't appreciate them like us and it's hard to try to keep getting close/taking all the time to make them feel welcome when that get taken away so quick *our summer vacation program stopped and we increased our donation to our sister parish and now none of our parishioners do to the summer vacation program. *renovations that can be costly. We are fortunate our priest didn't create a big debt, but we know parishes that priests made big money decisions affecting the parish for years

The loss of human dignity as a result of politics

family members leaving the church

changes din Mass times in the area less options for Mass than in the past previously there was a 7pm Saturday night Mass at St. Johns and 6pm Sunday night Mass at SH

the people nominal and non-christians don’t know/understand the Good news (gospel of ___)

*death of a loved one *Fr Altman in La Crosse was removed because he was against abortion. He was removed from diocese. This is extremely disappointing. Why was he removed? What are we to think? Bishop Strickland removed too? Our young people see the double standard. That is one reason you are losing them.

loss of family members Health issues for friends neighbors and family

Children no longer practice the faith-grandchildren being exposed to atheistic world view-so much anger because of political views

people falling away from the faith that were raised in it.

as grandparents have died men's of the traditions in our family that wore very good have stopped the loss of the innocence of children as they get older and some have given up much of their faith

that attendance continues to decline especially as the next generation passes and we don't get new or returning families that other Christian churches which can be shining or seemingly more exciting take Catholics away that our deanery get into a fight about which parish to close instead of coming together

people say their children are not welcome because they are gay family members not going to church one grandchild not baptized because the priest said no name no baptism at the hospital

loss of our hospital loss of many friends as I age not being able to do many of the things I used to s ouch time spent with phones computers

after the diocese of La Crosse released a list of priests who had substantiated claims of child abuse. Our parish continued to keep the photo of our pedophile pastor on the wall of the parish center I question the sincerity of our church leadership is apologies for child sex abuse when the bishops staff recommended/instructed that his photo should remain __ his pastoral represents part of our history I find this a slap in the face to the victims of child abuse our bishops continuer to fail to get it. Take them down!!

young adults move from small community to college and they remain in larger city if they return they may not join the church

lack of people, help and support

Loss of family values- family structure, loss of personal values- being conscious of right and wrong

with the closure of one of our parishes and all the merger together many people families feel hurt and refuse to come to the present parish - with a new name

our rural community is now mostly Amish

family size too few births per too many excuses (faulty) for that with fathers and mothers keeping their commitments for few people going to confession

Fr James Altman cancelation

looking to God and knowing he is in charge - will of God - I put my trust in God and he helps me through any and all difficult change and then I am able to accept them

mover to an assisted living with my husband (for his care) and now he have passed lost 2 younger sisters and grandkids moving away

Priest suddenly leaving was shocking. Not using main door of church. division and harshness. Elders dying out

not having Mass celebrated at the parish that I had all of my sacraments

there will be miscommunication and ultimately defeat with acceptance of Catholicism

divorce, my oldest children won't talk to be anymore.. Attack on Christians

*parishioners treating me poorly based on my leadership in the community *changes in priests multiple times in last two decades- loss of stability

I have watched our parish grow more conservative less inclusive and more self-righteous our strong families struggle to keep kids involved because on change above and pressure form community toward athletics

that people don’t feel it’s important to worship weekly. Low attendance. Low financial support

*Family- families have become spread out, less communication, less time to be together *community - becoming large. Less close relationships *Parish smaller attendance in the past, know less people, not close as in the past

that church attendance and belief in the faith dissolves as the generations continue

COVID made many stay away from church

closing of local businesses where communities got together. Changing priests, no chance to know them. Smaller families - living more spread apart

I moved back to the area and go to the same parish I grew up in, it has seen a lot of change - closure, reopening, many pastor changes

older people who lead or who have passed in our parish that are the pillars of our church. It was great to see the kids grow up but you realize how fast life goes and never slows down

the diocese wont allow societies have their own checking account like issuing checks we did this for 40 years and it worked now we have to go to the office to get a check which sometimes take weeks to get back to the person who paid for their items

some cancer scares aging issues death of spouses some of the hard workers in the parish no longer can keep it going as they are and not that many young people are taking over

the parish where I grew up having a shared pastor. The closing of the hospital and brewery. Parents aging and needing care, worrying about them. Few to zero religious sisters and brothers

divorce. no parish support. Catholics judge and gossip. I could leave

Now retired-many family members are gone. City expanded, downtown driving/seeing is poor. Cannot drive

the declining membership older people passing away and financially not receiving the big givers gifts young children not being baptized

my daughter has left the faith is in a same sex relationship and now has transed herself and has estranged herself from us. She went to catholic school and was a Mass server

everything using new technology that I am not comfortable using for lack of knowledge everyone is too busy so much is expected of our young people they are replacing their faith with laundry and house work

Our children have grown and moved away. Don't attend church.

Our children are grown and have moved away There are fewer children in our schools Farmers are becoming extinct people don't visit each other like they used to there are new people in our neighborhood and we don't know who they are

*The loss of my family - the separation *The loss of the community in Platteville/moving away *Different/change in relations with my family/friends-siblings spreading out in distance, loss of a certain connection, friends getting married

Sold business-children moved out of house and on their own-son was a top athlete at our public school and college, now we have no meets to go to-lost both of my parents who I was a caregiver for-higher taxes in community leading to neighbors moving

*death of family members *beloved priest got moved which cause great upset *church is in need of some building improvements that could potentially be costly *less parish members volunteering *cost of living has increased

Division, there is no integrity between the parishioners here

we have lost many parishioners

children no longer practice their faith; grandchildren have not been baptized. They live in other states so difficult to influence them. Fear for their loss of salvation

more and more of family are leaving the church *more and more priests and nuns that I've known over the years are dying

*parents are gone *aunts and uncles, etc.

not enough young people attending

loss of family having money for church spending it for what

my younger brother suddenly passing away

Family- divorced living alone recently retired children grown and not as active in the faith community - local hospital no linger catholic medical practices has seen decline

secularism being stronger that the truth

*death of parents *death of grandchild 8buisness challenges *family dynamic - grown children

my parents have dies we get a new parish priest very 2.5 years and they are always from India we are no longer living in the twin cities where most of friends live I am starting to get to old work around the house

my four children do not attend any church activates catholic or no catholic they tell me they pray when the feel like it

children wo attending church

*faith lost in families not coming to mass *we have no future if young people don't respond, if parents don't teach

people don't feel the need to attend mass. People make their own rules especially since covid. Priests in our parish never addressed it. Never said watching TV or YouTube doesn't count anymore. Not teaching out youth how to properly serve mass.

Loss of parents-loss of parishioners-not practicing

fewer parish members

*move from MKE to LAZ - losing regular contact with friends and coworkers form that already - but gained more contact with others. *loss of family members/friends who have died *changing in holiday celebration

newness of 3 priests

children - all 3 of my children are no longer practicing Catholics

closing our parish

children and grandchildren do not attend or get involved with church

*children have moved out *community gatherings have decreased *parish has not engaged congregation in the church functions like fall festival

lost our priest who was very close with all the members. Lack of community feeling in our church

my kids do not get involved in church as much as I would like then to younger generations

*passing of loved ones *loss of employment *divorced children *separation from grandkids *distance with neighbors *not feeling safe in our home *numbers at church dropping *not feeling safe in public - shootings in schools, churches, stores, malls, theaters - nothing is safe

Priest having enough time to do his work. Lack of activities at church: stations, adoration, parish activities, chicken q, prayer services

even though my children attend catholic school for 12 years, none of them are practicing Catholics and my grandchildren aren't baptized which is a painful loss for my husband and me

*reduction of attendance and sacraments *lack of priests *priests having multiple parishes and working too much *priests not having time for people - spread too thin

The closing of Sacred Heart-St. Joseph Hospital-feeling lost

no one volunteers as a reader servers or ushers

loss of Deacon Kinnick with no replacement (thankfully we've had some great associate priest under Msgr. Gorman

the area has lost a lot people

death of 3 siblings (3 left) some of younger teens have left the church home of our strong leaders have died priest changes often

may family has become stronger in our faith my personal relationship with the church has changes as I decided to leave a job at a catholic school (this job and my personal faith part were intertwined) it is a little hard for to accept. I have changed as a result of not being a teacher working at a catholic school. I feel I have lost something

Our music director in church has passed. She brought joy in church with her music—always happy music. That left a great hole in Mass without her accompaniment.

*driven out of St Peters and loos of that community *kids graduation and unsure footing *lack of any true community/friendships that aren't transactional *early grandparenthood

uptick in crime in La Crosse area (or at least more publicized) and acceptance that that is what it is. 5pm, 9 &11 am mass now just 11 (I accept it but it was hard) La crosse area being less desirable to live in. The increase of homelessness in the area and the confliction how to handle

many families left our parish or quit coming to Mass because of a priests they didn't like and never returned even after we received a pastor that we love the loss of attendees also resulted in a loss of income for the parish it puts more of a financial burden on those that stayed

loss of parent relatives multiple catholic schools closed in La Crosse nothing open on North side of La Crosse or French Island

fewer parishioners

Lost my daughter in car accident-son got divorced and remarried-lost both of my parents

loss of Fr Burish - had to leave in the middle of construction of new buildings, new associate priest, my son was very close to him and now he's in Rome for at least 5 yrs

people (friend and family) not coming to church kids growing up and not coming to Mass

Lost my husband. One daughter and family don't attend mass regularly. Wish we could retain a priest longer.

the loss of parish individual identity even when parish has a unique history and family that identity should be kept at all costs

A rapid turnover in priests. Our priest that was well like was moved after 6 short years in our parish.

that the kids won't be well catechized after confirmation. They leave. Fewer church funerals

I personally have aged and may soon have to leave my apartment to go to assisted living and them perhaps a nursing home I have grown children they do not live close by

when the Parishes receive capital improvement money from parishioners that are not for projects that the Bishop has approved for fundraising, we have to pay the 7 percent assessment on it, that is just not right

Death of family & friends. Loss of strong/faith-filled leaders of the church. Community has lost jobs. Family members leaving the church.

many members of our family have moved away and we don't know how they are doing. One of our family members no longer go to church and his children don't go to church

larger farms that take all the land pollute water and land family can't live close because of this no people no churches

the loss of Christian/catholic values in society

our former pastor chose to leave us, temporary leadership has left programs, building projects hanging

combing parishes without laying groundwork for this to happen

loss of small farms

loss of parishioners consolidation limited priests/clergy

our parish is growing we have great OCIA

Empty nesting -loss of parents - no parish change has been difficult we were in need of change and we actually need more in my mind - the loss of community in our parish over the past 5-10 years has been challenging

my father passed away a year ago I miss him I have friends who are hurting because of losing the traditional Latin Mass at their parish (we would attend their occasionally I miss more reverence during the Mass at my parish

no full time priests Loss of parishioners mean loss of support

*there were no more large families in our old parish. We moved parishes simply to find families our age and knew the truths of the faith. They are both Catholic churches, but felt like 2 different worlds

children grown and moved away our neighborhood has changed after people have dies there used to be several Catholics and need lonely know 2 taxes have taken steep increase (property taxes)

New spaces for ministers-new staff-sickness-some people leave our parish because can't contribute

loss of my brother at age 17 due to farm accident loss of my parents at age 72&76 loss of other loved ones who inspired me church change in pastor when a beloved older priest was replaces by a priest who knew theology but had very limited many parishioners left we continues by health and premature great-nephew and heart transplant of another operation nephew

that churches will have to consolidate

*children not going to church *lost my dad. *increased homeless population. *stores closing *loss of familiarity *people being push await from parish as they can't give a lot of money *different pastor from previous years, He does things different than other priests

the young people not going to church even if they were brought up going to church. That people seem to forget about God

my children grew up and left not only the church but want nothing to do with God Have to accept our neighborhood where we are almost the only Christian certainly the only Catholics

That our Pastor will be taken from us by the Bishop

no school

I've found a church where I can pray and appreciate great preaching

losing my grandma a strong catholic siblings cousins no longer attending Mass Many of the children I thought I'm religious education are no longer attending in favor of sports practices etc.

changing of parents loss of high quality catholic teachers prior iterations of diocesan funds

*no hymnals *divorce of niece *controlling personalities in parish life

broken relationships with siblings declining health loss of civility in public discourse with anger and hatred the dominant emotion and response to just about everything

That more churches will close due to lack of priests

My husband is in cognitive decline, just aging, not be able to serve the church as we once did. Church is extremely important to our families. God is #1, spouse #2, family #3, friends #4. We at St. James have been blessed by extraordinary pastors! My family was charter members and we have never left St. James

our loss of Fr Greg as pastor. Our children leaving the church. Deaths of family members

some of my children no longer go to church

___ with our adult children loss of faith trust financial problems many deaths is family and friends

loss of Fr. Burish to Rome, how can we grow when our best priests are taken away?

Less people in church—including children. Families not willing to participate in parish functions. Decreased donations.

lack of faith in children

the Loss of loved ones Father Mother changes in lifestyle retirement

our children left church we lost our of our dearest priests losing many families to other local parishes

children and grandchildren no longer attend church. Some attend another denomination. Cancelation of priests and not understanding why. Some churches had funds for varies projects and money was taken and transferred to archdiocese of Milwaukee

Lack of priests-age of priest

for myself, the loss of a sense of community. Everyone seems busy doing their own thing…. Whatever serves to fulfill their needs

pure existence pressure from secular public

Loss of Catholic identity in our Catholic schools, loss to my life parish due to over changes not cultured to what our parish family was

just loss my husband. Shootings. Seeing our parish not growing. Young and every age thinking that don't need God

*St Leo and St Mary merged a few years ago to become St Terea: the parish is still finding its groove in some ways *increase fear of neighbor

some loss of my family there is too much of tec and les communication

My two adult children, raised Catholic, will not return to the Catholic Church-neither one has any church affiliation of any kind-I came from a large Catholic family (8 children) most have left the Catholic Church too-various reasons-but most related to the pastors (one was a convicted pedophile (my kids experience)-one was demeaning, rude and angry-turned off siblings

The loss of so many family farms in the last 10 years and so few able to start farming. The loss of families from our parish that may have been prevented if the diocese would have listened when the first red flags were noticed.

1. Children left church 2. Priest only listens to "chosen few" 3.One of our pastors was convicted of sexual abuse

Again loss of people. Illness

*death of family member *Fr Greg moving disrupted the entire feel and progress of the parish

*death of loved ones *changes in health

*son left home to go to college *health decline for parents *comings and goings of priests in our parish, exp the Father that guided me through my conversion process

people aging businesses closing smaller families people that were catholic no Christian

daughter has left the church one explains because of the moral behaviors of the leaders including priests who left priesthood to marry. Years at Aquinas 1999-2006 (2 children) unknown to us while kids were there another priest still working as such who supported nun runs and harbored young gals he saw at risk treated poorly no as adult unable to live health life health problems diocese would not acknowledge et lawyer of diocese would not concern himself with thins has been huge for me if I had known back then they would have been pulled out

I can’t think of anything

that the downward trajectory in attendance baptisms marriages etc. continues

family members live farther away

changing priests, new priest hard to understand because from another country. Less people want to be involved or volunteer to help with things in the church

a minister that came to the town, not catholic, that promoted abortion and said come to me for help

No Latin Mass allowed more parishioners open to abortion i.e. loss of respect for all life too much emphasis on ____ and not about those in need who are ___ or legally her lack of ____ that a person really needs to clench Churcher out of love for God I can love him at home I don't need to go to Mass

That there will be church closings especially in rural areas due to reduction of parishioners.

loss of faith parents children

*children leaving the church *losing 8am Sunday mass at my parish *more Hymnals in the pews and Hymns taken from the Hymnals - music replaced with bar music, very unfortunate

my kids have fallen away from the church guess church is not necessary in their lives god is everywhere why the need for a building they certainly were not brought up that way

That it will not address the growing needs of people in our society by failing to attract a new generation of young people who see the value of putting our faith in action.

Family - children not actively practicing their faith community decreasing numbers of children

the loss of my parents

Change over in priests, political tension

so many HS friends have let the church for other denominations children live in other states and don’t appear to practice their catholic Fatih

member of the family, who don't think it's necessary to go to church. They say that they can pray where ever they are. Loss of membership in our own local church. They all miss out on receiving the Body of Christ

I have a sister that quite going to church because of the sexual scandals although I try to tell her that God will forgive the priests who sinned she feels that the church covered it up and now she prefers to stay home rather than go to church

children all grown and moved grandchildren mostly grown and leaving retirement. The loss of being with other adults on a daily basis. Neighbors mostly stick to themselves. Our parish is growing through for the university students

new priest changes; decline in membership and involvement

loss of my wife. We have a priest that is very hard to understand. Parish attendance in decline

Our parish was a vibrant parish with a school and kids and wonderful choir. Its al gone now from changes priests have made. It is hard to even walk through the door for me now.

we used to have our own priest and years ago we had to share a priest with the parishes near us

that we will continue to be divided trad v ordinary catholic school v public school v homeschools v classical school

so many parishioners that have passed away, some more family members that will pass away

My children have left the Catholics have left the cholic church

Children and grandchildren not attending Mass-one grandson going to the priesthood

death, marriages outside the church, people not stepping up to take on "opportunities"

our 2 churches combined and many people do not accept the change

many priests changes. We have one who does not appreciate efforts and wants to stay forever ; competitor attitude

declining in numbers

not likely, but I have had to think about this reality before; *physical attraction of a priest or parishioner during mass *intentional destruction of the church building - bomb or fire. *more likely is the continued timid leadership or lack of leadership by the Bishops who gets side

tracked by secular issues and don't preach the gospel and don't support their fellow bishops who do preach the gospel

that it won't be here in 10 years

Family - the separation of the closeness. Kids move away and forget about home. Community, the loss of the things to bring senior citizens closer. The parish dinners and gathering's that bring our parish closer.

serious life altering illness of a child losing a family member to brain cancer having family living far away

*that our grandchildren will never go to church *they accept living together w/out marriage as just normal: no need to be concerned about that. *Jesus is not in their lives!! He's pm the back burner… or not on the stove at all!!

death of family members, change of leadership, evolving changes in job demands and needs changes in societal norms

family members friends and relatives falling away from the church

I cannot accept priest being canceled for being too faithful

Move out of house-debilitating stroke-we are no longer the active movers in parish, but "old people"-kicked aside

loss of faithful loved ones seeing myself get older and not seeing younger people raising up to take my place in the church community

Loss of spouse & siblings. Son moved his family out of the country because of fear of deportation of his wife even though she was legally here. That I won't get to see my only granddaughter grow up. People are so divided & don't want to talk.

less attendance at Mass Less youth participation in Mass ?CCD Fighting to teach our kids to fight back against what society is trying to convince them is right or acceptable

Losing my sibling. Too much liberalism/rainbow agendas.

losing two family members in one year both younger than me

the new normal after 3 deaths. distancing the anger of past employment - is resolving

Excluding people, which is presently happening-not welcoming-choosing to use rules to exclude people rather than showing God's love

Priests are on vacation way too much, children don't go to mass

Priorities change.

losing of member especially young people lack of young people being exposed to faith hope

people age - mental status deteriorate then die

death of parents & siblings. Children don't go to church and have left the faith. Loss of common sense in our society.

new priests is completely changing the since of being close to Jesus at Mass communion rail separates parishioners from the closeness of our father only presenting the body of Christ at Mass not the blood only offering the eucharist and not the wine adding new words to the hail Mary not allowing any conversation in the church would Christ have made these changes

some of my own children and grandchildren no longer for to church some people from our parish have joined the Lutheran church so many young people just live together and not get married many don't believer in confession

*people came and their children , then their children came to church, CCD only, then many are not even being baptized. I feat future with no faith so needed in the world today

loss of loved ones. Loss of ability to discuss civilly opposing views. Division of our country

losing priests; having to close parishes lack of attendance

family members wife and kids have moved away from the importance of worship this was never an issue until after college and when the kids moved away 12 years of catholic schools for 4 kids and volunteering

my kids stopped going to church and they don't take our encourage their children to attend Mass

The loss of a Catholic hospital

*loss of my mother, mother-in-law, step son, all in the past 3 years - death *retirement *father Greg leaving *the rapid march of technology *daughter marries outside the church *adult children do not regularly attend mass or at all

families not returning to church not making God a priority

Political divisions-divorces-loss of spouse

kids falling away from the church

Death of parents, friends-my retirement and some of the isolation that goes along with that-watching parishes close or combine

*La Crosse seems to be becoming uneconomically depressed city. The neighborhood around the church is largest unchurch and crime is rising. Our church has lost some of our biggest donors because of death or moving to other parishes. We lost our Latin Mass and keep losing to the Shrine and to the Cathedral who have way more resources!

father Eric asked for help in duties of the church "getting altar ready", "no music for mass" "moving up closer to front so he doesn't feel alone"

we lost our Sunday Mass which caused less attendance and have asked many times to change their Mass schedule But no

father Greg being moved from St Florians

Division due to politics. To not be joyful and loving. Our priests not getting the mental health support to help them in their struggles.

my parents and a brother are both gone and they attended church. My other brothers and a sister fell away when they went off to college about 30 years ago. My sister even married non-Catholic (he's of no religion) It is hard to accept gay marriages being accepted more in society

family mom passing (last parent) kids move away community more people functioning independently form each other parish seems to be becoming smaller

Where should I start? Both my parents have died in the last sixteen years, the house where I grew up is owned by someone else and the place that was my "magical worked" has just been sold by me. The one constant in my life is the parish, and I hope that continues to more in the same direction, but I'm not sure even of that.

*parish changing *many people leaving faith *predominance of sports/entertainment/screens

Take care of the old-more visiting

have already happened merge of blending took time to feel comfortable loss of church members either by death or no longer go to church loss of brother wife is in a home due to Parkinson’s I don’t get to see her members of my family are older and probably will die before me different to think about losing them as well as church community members

Churches are closed; schools closed; money spent.

our kids not loving God in their lives

death of a sibling death of a parent loss of younger population at our parish parents not being the greatest influence in children's lives breakdown of family

my parents have passed my siblings and I are getting older with health issues we have 9 wonderful grandchildren building their faith in the catholic faith so thankful and blesses my wife and her family are also aging they have lost one of their siblings to suicide that was a terrible loss our priest is getting older and having health issues

I have no opinion on this.

fewer people attending mass regularly. Fewer even receiving sacraments. Fewer students at our catholic schools

Loss of 1st husband, remarried-transition of family farm to children-son and wife decided to leave the church

sibling and children are away from the church and cannot see the good the church offers. Family members died, no funeral or even an obituary. Unable to contact cousin because of lack of phone books now. Done see cousins, relatives often except for maybe a wedding or funeral and even those events are changing. Means of communication - texting instead of talking

the nursing home shut down and the people had to go to different homes my family members are alder and some are ill and deceased the community is not as friendly. Stores are closed

My children do not go to church on a regular basis.

Loss of my dad children making choices that don't follow the church that Catholics have decreased in numbers that evil is so prevalent

Worried that the youth won't continue in our footsteps and they will find other churches that make them feel welcome than the Catholic Church

children not practicing their faith

some of my children stopped going to church which also results in grandchildren and greatgrandchildren not being exposed to the faith. Hard feelings between people with different opinions regarding politics

*priest were reassigned and we lost a beloved chaplain *my brothers have left the practice of the faith, one started a family that will not be centered on God *my dad's diagnosis of ALS *people I love no longer attend the same parish as me *the chaplain cannot visit students as often because of his increased duties *people I love have left La Cross and moved away. Being at a distance, growing in community is difficult

*St James has a great pastor *the loss of the Latin Mass has divided the parish greatly *the not knowing when our priest will be moved

Our children that have chosen to not go to weekly Mass, so we can all be together on Sunday.

3 of our 4 children and all our grandchildren live out of the state loss of physical closeness social acceptance of anything/everything is ok loss of active faith life in families individuals

I have been a widow for 13 years all things depend on me my family helps me my parish has been my good to me keeping the faith my friends we very good to me

children have moved not as much contact with them the siblings too busy to have time to share the rest of the family

4 of our children have quit practicing the religion we tried to raise them in

My own family has had to transition our family farm after running it the last 13 years without our father. Our church has had some good priests moved to other churches. Our community has turned away from God in many aspects of life.

making desires about our schools and parishes based on pride and/or tradition rather than based on being good steward of our resources i.e. keeping school buildings with low enrollment open unnecessarily

the loss of the TLM that my ancestors attended. We have been robbed of our Catholic Identity. It took me decades to discover what has been hidden and many want it back.

membership adults resp youth No effort to entice people

left our parish of 50 years we were very active our new priest came in and made many changes almost pre-Vatican we joined a different parish where we could come away from church Mass with something for our next week we feel angry and sad that we had to join a different parish after 50 years

lost my sister health of family members is not good brothers and husband my three married children have left the church I don't like that we are going back to Latin Masses

*that our parish will be consolidated with more parishes than the 2 we are with now and that we will not have a priest to shepherd us

family boys grew up dad both died Gma needs care more and more husband needs kidney had to quit FT work to care for Gma husband son in jail son out of state college and son finishing school community neighbored dying moving away or needing care more immigrants (good and bad) parish very slow retention after confirmation catholic school low census very low church comradery

loss of Mass times with merging of parishes to one priest

fast communion _____

Closure of medical facilities, major businesses.. Loss of family members

still grieving with family losses no leadership form McDonnell teachers that encourage them to think for themselves

That the church will not be the leader in the world it was meant to be Leader in Social Justice, human rights and truly being the moral leader It has never needed more

Latin Masses being shut down in the diocese (like St. Jamese and St. Mary's on the ridge) needing to drive two and a half hours to get our babies baptized in the traditional form

I have lost my mom. She was a huge part of our church, homeschool, pro-life community. No one or even a couple people have not stepped into her place. It is extremely difficult to find religious ed teachers in the rural communities because we are not connected as a parish family.

loss of faith children grandchildren political climate less marriages less baptisms less funerals education passing of truth

fewer people in rural areas and towns with fewer people the loss of community

in our church our priest Fr. Hackel left the priest hood I worked with his he taught me so hard not to see him as a priest our children are married and some left our home to being their families

*mass attendance is down

Losing more Catholic schools-Catholic Schools being able to get teachers and students, resources for Catholic School to be great educators in all areas-not having enough priests-my experience with a foreign priest is limited but not really favorable

people torn apart by not accepting each other’s opinions

Of course the 1st is always ageing and death, the loss of parents, siblings and other loved ones-health issues of yourself-not sure where you fit in in a rapid changing world

family members for 1 reason or other no longer go to Mass

adoration chapel not 24/7 closure kids consolidation -its God ___

losing Fr. Burish, Fr. Guenther.. Demographic inversion

the loss of the family as the demise/ good of a good % of the youth the democratic party ____ illegal immigrants to our country abortion trans transitions woke ideology it is way too hard to accept and calling people that go against the issues bad

That there won't be enough priests at each church/parish something will have to work out w/prayer services, etc. Who will be trained to do that? Deacons? Lay people? On the other hand….this would make the opportunity for people to "step up" and fill the roles left open w/no priest.

family moving away not enough time with family children growing up and sometimes away storm the values and virtues you taught and have tried to live not enough ready or willing to step up and __ leadership roils

Changes: kids growing up is a good change but the community that was created by having younger kids is no longer there

personal family division. Daughter's divorce

I've been lucky, there hasn't been any loss so far that is hard to accept.

*Family- lost mother and father over past 4 years *Community-hearing disturbing accounts of everyday life. *parish-having to raise amounts in giving though pay checks are less, my support is essential: this I know

seeing fewer youth/young adults to build my future community, particularly in rural areas. I feel semi forced to be in a more popular pale to have community

in parish - things have oriented toward youth and younger parishioners while the older set has fear put to the edges

some children don't believe in going to church it's all about material things cell phones have removed social voices in public settings

family members not talking to each other husband not going to Mass with me or at all priest I was comfortable with left

*kids moved to another city *new people in to the parish, good people

losing people comes to church

God has been so good to be that I can't think of anything that overrides his goodness

two of our children do not participate their faith one of our daughters has had some major losses in his life and I'm concerned about her being alone

Family sizes kids not wanting to even have kids someday

my only child just graduated college and moved out in the past year it is good but I often makes me sad missing her

The smaller parishes will be closed due to lack of attendance

that it goes out with a __ thrust the protestant (nuns in the area draw more souls in. its gotten comfortable in Chippewa valley)

our parish has only 1 Mass and that is @ 6pm on a Saturday. So we usually go to another church on Sunday

loss of my husband and 2 grandchildren

family that have left the faith church attendance

*divorced parents *loss of Latin Mass. *the progressive movement of the church towards moral confusion. *the extreme lack of teaching about the basics of our faith

daughters are living on their own home and have their own families to care for on daughter just returned at age of 57 from teaching

a little girl married a mom a grandma a great great grandma a widow letting go God so merciful each time letting once __ let go it is not hard to accept the secular world __ make me sad

my dad has passed and my mom is in her mid 90's so she needs help more form her family our community business are growing and new ones are coming in but many struggle to find workers we are fortunate that our parish is vibrant although the Masses aren't as full as they used to be

my children not praising Cat holism much less any faith My children not sending children to a catholic school

death of my brother who was a deacon for many year - suicide

*as with all small communities, a lack of young families and specifically families that are active in the church

lack of parishioners and priests

as people age parishes are aging the 60s were a period of rapid change and trying to be more relevant to modernize the church we have been in continual decaling ever since

*no CCD *no youth group *no family activities *no lessons or bible study

*loss of my parents *changes in priest *people who don't come to church and lost God

son deceased pastor change 2 churches one pastor

After 47 years of active membership/participation. Hackel was assigned there he destroyed me and my mother personally and then proceeded to destroy the parish family completely the diocese allowed him to slips silently away with no explanation and no apology to those he

destroyed in fact at one point the diocese appointed him to dean boosting his ego even higher the parish ___ infused to engage but stood by and allowed this man to destroy everything that was good 2. fewer sacraments service in the church (funerals, weddings etc..) 3. lack of congregational participation choirs have replaces congregation singing no presentation of the gifts sung responses and prayers excludes those who do not sing or as with our youth are still learning to ____ right responses/prayers 4. when I met with my priest to discuss ways we could better include/inspire our youth and in turn bring their families to church I was told it is not our job to bring others to church -ugh 5. moving further back in time/tradition (communion rials, sung liturgy chanting etc..) 6. Mass is so solemn have we no reasons even to be joyful 7. CCD sacraments class are full off years are not 8. Lack of transparency

children that no longer go to church. They are good people, I wish they would lean on their faith when life gives them troubles

loss a loved one, loss of a priest

my kids not going to church grandkids don’t go to church taking kids out of church before making his first communion

*lost my mom *seem to be less people who want to help with the things in the parish *seems to be the same people doing a lot *child don't go to the Catholic church

1. that our children are not a serious about religion as we are 2. that we have to shoe our priests whit other parishes 3. that we do not get participation for all church members

Politics have divided families, communities and sadly parishes. We no longer care and respect each other.

*not enough priests to celebrate masses every day at the rural (all) churches *no nuns operating the schools *foreign priests can't stay long or can't stay permanently at each church. *dairy farmers have had to sell their cows *my parents are needing more care - very far away

The adult kids don't proactive their faith in my family. We bicker in our parish between councils - all about me mentality. Kids in the parish don't participate or are active in the parish

family kids moving out we are grandparents now taking care of older parents sandwich generations less kids coming to church and CCD sometimes people become divisive in a parish

realizing I didn't know my son. I didn't earn his loyalty and obedience. My kids fight and my son has behavioral and emotional stuff that I am having to face

losing the sense of community

loss of my dad and how my mom is with her health

losing control - have to have others cut my toenails. 2 bouts of illness

only one of our 3 children remain strong Catholics I see more Yount adults move away from their home parishes

loss of our parish community participation indifference towards our catholic faith one practices

a divorced brother who hasn't sought an annulment. Families shrinking. No participating actively in church activities or mass!

Struggle to have Hispanics & Anglos as 1 parish

schools have closed younger people especially high school age don't want to go to church or religious education parents are some of the problem but church leaders and programs are not there anymore

Distance from Family, Not physically but spiritually emotionally

I'm from Mary Magdalen in Waupaca. It's a wonderful parish with a lot of outreach programs. What I don't like is the way some young people are allowed to dress. Shorts and short dresses.

that our leaders will be silent and not teach or defend true church teachings not give in to social pressures

four of my children have moved out its much harder being a parent of adults because they don't have to listen to what we are trying to teach them we have to let time learn on their own its hardest then we know they are making mistakes

nothing much really

declining health and loss of family members, loss of accessible health care

lack of younger families/youth in the church / losing our pastors

all of my children have grown and moved on 3-4 are not practicing our faith although they are good and moral we have had 4 different priests in the past 10 years we moved my in-laws close to us

an aging group. Where are the young adults to take over the activities of the church volunteers to keep these activities going?

Fewer farming families. only 1 Mass option to make it to church. We get a new priest every 3-4 years. Not as many kids in CCD classes. Covid

both my children have stopped going to church less young people are going to church

Death of a spouse and a granddaughter and close friends, thankful for support of family and friends.

death of family closing of business

I try to see every change as an opportunity and try to cope with it the best as I can. I believe that God was the reason for the divorce even if we can't see it at that specific moment

*family dynamics - deaths, relocation - that change continuity *Community Changes with population and communities *parish - mass times, focus-can make or create a disconnect

Loss of parents and in-laws so holidays/get togethers completely different feel. Retirement too awhile but now enjoying. Many businesses in the community grew up with are no longer here

changes of pastors (multiple). Parishioner friends leaving for holy name or St Mary's oratory

what will our church look like losing my mom 2 kids graduate -I is back Hame and struggles with bulimia losing St. mars in Bangor

lack a clear social justice/common good message coming from the national church

*I have lost touch with many friends and relatives because I work 12-14 hours per day 6 plus dates a week (priest)

Lack of participation among our youth-the low attendance in families-I fear we are not reaching the young families and our lack of ability to reach the families to join-those who do join are not volunteering

daughters __ not full participants in the catholic faith in the city of La crosse and specifically in our condo association there are numerous fallen away Catholics in my parish too many groups not know to all the parishioners what I would call secret committees

many have died the life of the parish seems to be dying with them. Pastors come and go so quickly without connection so it doesn't seem like there is much hope of growth and life in our community anymore

Parish leaders move away or pass away and voids in leadership open. In parish and community life "volunteering" doesn't happen, contacts are lost and the "belonging" feeling diminishes.

That worship becomes indistinguishable from a protestant service-we lose the sacred and Mass becomes a spectacle-we try to make the Mass attractive rather than letting it stand on its own

social discord lack of morality forced exceptions of known evils gay marriages general confusion

Not having missalettes in the pews to help people follow along with. Our children growing and stay faithful to the Catholic church

some kids of ours not practicing their faith, pastor lost focus

loss of parents

technology replacing customer service loss of some strong catholic pillars due to passing lack of piano players

loss of further loss of Sunday morning Mass at lima broke up parish family

our children do not go to Mass that often There children then do not go either

*kids moved away *I retired from work *burned parents and in-law *my conservative politics are out of date and my neighbors are young and busy

family members who have left the faith and great diversions and strife we are not the happy united family we once were loss of family parish and parish life with its beautiful spirit

mental health is on decline in our youth I lost 4 grandparents inside of 4 years and my children never got to know them

disconnect from the church which is focused on sin/voting /ethical i.e.. Behavior rather than a church that longs to assist them to find life and freedom in Christ

loss of parents and people close to me being without priests at st stans for about 2 years

parents are deceased children have grown and left house children have left the church son who is gay doesn't feel welcomed __ ___ has____ without a solution social availability of healthcare and insurance have decreased social media has replaced ____ and face to face contact

crime, drugs, transsexuality and the push on children, child abuse, sex traffic. Use of cell phones and electronics replacing human contact

our kids have all lost their catholic traditions 1 out of 4 remains a catholic

Loss of people thru death or dissatisfaction with church

*that we are losing the younger generation (50 and younger) *they don't know the Lord or church teachings but are formed by secular society

we have gone through a lot of priests at SH and many of them have been from India they have been wonderful well intended men but unfortunately I think our parish has had a lot of missed opportunity for teaching the faith clearly and consistently sometimes our priests have due to English not being their 2nd language have chosen to say things or teach things that directly contradict the catechism when this happens it breaks my heart a lack of understanding can very quickly result in a lack of faith and parishioners learning

Loss of second family members - decease

closing are clustering of the parishes

many older parishioners have passed away or are in nursing home - young people move away often high school college and/or stop going to church

loss of purist s dealing with serious illness in the family division is politicos makes daily life scary

son /siblings away from church. Mom kids dad passed away. Pastors reassigned

Traditionis Custodes-irreverent liturgies

The decreasing amount of the younger generations coming to church-churches closing down due to lack of priests, involvement, etc.-decreasing amounts attending Mass and not having the faith and integral part of their life

closing of St. Joseph's / Sacred Heart hospitals, constant moving of priests

we've gone form 4-5 holy day Masses between 2 priests and school to 1 mass plus school mass

my divorce. The sexual assault of my daughter

Holy ghost lost their Sat. evening Mass

loss of family members due to aging loss of small town business and renewal

Community: Sacred Heart and St. Joe's Hospitals closing-broken health system-our parish is stable

The parish I celebrated my first Mass in doesn't exist anymore-my brother priests don't always prioritize being brothers

declining participations by young people

family members all no longer catholic feel religion not ___

My children and their children have left the faith-they (some) do not think it is necessary to be married-a material world consumes them

People who don't attend Mass-people who don't participate in church affairs-people who are too busy or stressed-lack of priests for Mass and sacraments

*closing of a church and becoming one parish and losing parishioners because of it *lack of volunteers to keep things going *youth ministry

that our priest will be moved to another parish *that we can afford to keep our school

loss of family members family that has lost faith/participation in church

younger generation not going to Mass and raising their families without faith the priest that built our parish up was moved and the new priest is less involved adult siblings are faltering in their faith

Family: loss of family members-declining health of siblings. Church: decline in membership-decline in support of people in need

church in the evening especially in wither

*running out of parishioners *keeping faith strong among parishioners

Parents NOT bringing their kids to church.

*less mass attendance *collections/envelopes/family giving less *father Greg leaving

living alone, community parish & children

family kids far away in Pennsylvania, California, and Texas disagreements with siblings death of close friends and contemporarily community health care is more difficult parish Mass time nothing on Sunda

the catholic faith of our parents has not been passes on adequality and it seems to be so scattered or disjointed with families separated in how they see live our faith in our family 2 of 8 children still embrace catholic faith with and commitment

loss of numbers of parishioners. Very few young active families

at work the freeze on hiring policy makes every day a new challenge no students in our school has people very upset but who wants to be responsible for closing a school that has been open for years

the death of my father mother and grandmother

husband moved to memory care out of town so I now live alone

*the loss of parents in the diocese *change of leadership

Fewer younger families at mass. Lost our English speaking pastor

many young people that I thought in conformation have quit practice their faith - some have quit coming to Mass

sons all grown married and moved away

siblings leaving the catholic church

*we are failing our kids *the bishop has abandoned great programs like catholic scouting - scouting allows us to guide our youth from 5yo through adulthood. There is nothing that can compare

we have lost a lot of the founders of our church. Our great advocates for the parish. Those that are left can no longer do the physical work needed

Lack of healthcare.

nothing is hard accept I lost Jesus take care of everything

death of loved ones dad and 2 brothers mom moved into assisted living big changes at work including layoffs my nephew going to prison

hurt by the church directly or indirectly that led to then leaving the church a relationship with God feeling ignored

when we get a priest everyone loved he's reassigned

loss of mom, dad, mother-in-law in 14 months' time. *losing our priest (Fr. Altman) abruptly. Not realizing or liking it at the time, hurt, devastated. The decision to quiet a priest for speaking the truth, others with $ and influence directed it to shush him. Loss of the love he showed us daily, calling us his dear family and then just...gone. We moved to a new parish and the healing started.

whatever has happened I've dealt with it can't change it and have moved on I rarely like change

I've belonged to several parishes in different cities - the ones that were not welcoming, congenial and willing to share where the places I was most hurt.

congregations getting smaller people move into other parishes when conflict with priests. not accepting help or opinions of parish

Closing of Sacred Heart. Fr. Jack not with us. Hard to understand homilies.

the loss of my wife 5 years ago fewer people coming to church change in the community everyone use to know everyone

we have a wonderful pastor losing his asst pastor Fr. Zweber that was a big loss for me

lack of attendance. in need of recouping lack of money and unable to fund workers to do the repairs priest has 3 parishes spread very thin

*lack of younger persons joining the parish to replace older parishioners who pass away

the leftist movement in our local governments and the state of Wisconsin local school boards

the changes not for the better of values and morals in our community and within family progressive influence on our youth distancing between people especially since Covid

cancer covid sharing priests with another parish changes always different not settling

changing Mass times since we are older and can't drive in the dark or longer distances in the winter but things are working out

that our children don't go church *that the parents for their children do not go to church * the losing of the priests

our sons and daughter in law are into practicing our religion

Family patriarch passed away during covid moved out on my own but can't support myself financially and have to keep asking for help - lost my initial zeal for youth and ministry after getting burned out and struggle with guilt from stepping away from that ministry - my brother left the catholic church to marry a Lutheran who is not open to converting at the moment - we lost our Sunday Mass at our Parish

few altar servers - loss of spouse

watching the shrinking of catholic school enrollment

Lack of knowledge of the Catholic Faith of many Mass going Catholics: Such as: the True presence sacraments, teaching against contraception, etc.

we have both lost our parents and we have each lost a sibling the community has seen a lot of political angst our church music has gone downhill

loss of my husband. Children move away, retirement

*that we won't have a priest *that our parish will be closed

3 miscarriages parents divorced

I invested in my children's education through Catholic School. It helped their educational skills but turned them off about their faith. It is hard to accept that they do not share the same faith or following Jesus or belief in a higher power

the loss of the priests in sacraments

family daughter got a divorce community sports more important than faith parish people not supporting expansion because of money

The hospital closing & issues with the homeless shelter. It feels like Catholics are not good managers of the donations that were given. Regis = No plan, no focus, poor administration.

I had a major health issuer almost died will probably die from it shook up our marriage and family friends but resulted in numerous blessings we had a fantastic priest goo sermons good singer good socially was kind and welcoming who was moved many are still grieving OLP moving music people to choir loft lost many good musicians and classness/relationship with music some priests here do what they want and don't listen to parishioners Authorities style that pushes people away make them feel little ridiculed

lot of family members left church

Covid was wicked-loss of independence, church services, etc.-none of my children go the Catholic Church. In the community the taxes are so high that many people are not able to buy homes and property. It's a high poverty area so people don't have food. Parish lack of priests and priests that do come are stressed being here from India and miss their homeland

the loss of my father who had a great faith and who I worked to for spiritual guidance who I looked to for spiritual guidance a granddaughter and god father to guide my girls also strong catholic families leaving the catholic school system

Children (new adults) have drifted away from the church despite Catholic education Decline in numbers of Catholics going to Mass getting baptized and named in the church Internet and influencers impacts on youngest generation

we no longer have priests to serve us our young people regret the gift of the faith we will no longer be able to worship openly and freely

family members that grew up in a strong catholic household that no longer attend Mass or practice our faith the reduction in the number of catholic students enrolled in our school

Loss of parishioners-closing SHH

Fam death sickness joining another parish less Masses

*it appears to me there are fewer and fewer youth and young families attending church *I fear we are not passing on the faith to the younger generations well *we are transplants to the area and sense often the rigidness of this parish ("this is the way we do it") - could we be more open and welcoming

*it has been interesting to see, as I am relative new to the area, how many churches there are that seem to have very low attendance or a very old average age or attendees

grandchildren not being deeply involved in faith formation -leaving after confirmation the constant change of priests the presence of instruments priests through welcomed all very hard to understand and have not taken the leadership role that tis needed in one parish

A misunderstanding of church teachings regarding LGBTQ+ and the true meaning of Vatican II, A generational divide, one reason is because the college age students are veiling and kneeling to receive and following similar traditions, the older generations get defensive. Lack of reverence in the chapel during and outside of Mass. Closing parishes. Priests being pushed towards less traditional moves. People(women) taking on roles they aren't meant too. Forgetting priests are given duties because they are ordained.

loss of our family farm that was homesteaded in 1855 death of our parents becoming a caregiver for my husband

*that the young people are so very much influences by the secular world and the church is not up to date and relevant to them - the church is white haired mostly… *I fear that the current church people are discouraged

*some family find their kid's social or athletic outings are more important than going to church or religious ed.

The older people have not a good understanding of the Catholic faith!

my siblings have left the faith due to a lack of healthy relationships that they work on

*a stagnant, closed in community that has no interest on openness to the call and work of God

loss of parish families

a growing lack of participation in church ___ a lack of volunteers to help with thing like funeral lunches and cleaning church

1. lack of participation at weekly Mass 2. used to be all your neighbors were catholic no longer true

my son has fallen away from the faith one of his son is not baptized none of them go to church

changes in health for myself and family the movement of two favorite priests that the congregation adored now families are truing away young people leave the church after confirmation

Loss of strong family leaders in our parish (age).

New clergy are too conservative and not accepting of change-synodality

*we don't receive the blood of Christ anymore *the government closed our churches and didn't allow us to gather *rural homes are increasingly expensive making young families unable to attend

Declining numbers in parishes and children going to Catholic school or Faith Formation

loss of members - due to deaths, lack of interest. *loss of family and friends doe to death -no longer there to visit/talk with *sports becoming more important

Family members not going to church.

family members have stopped going to church and following their faith. And some have not been baptized. The age of church goes keeps getting older

The pillars that supported our churches are gone. The same has happened to families, our communities and parishes.

some holy days are not being celebrated I don’t like the chanting during the Mass which should be songs

death of parents separations and communication with nieces and nephew lack of reverence in some people towards church (indifference)

loved ones who have passes away the increase in the occult lack of knowledge of the faith

grandchildren off to college so many non-practicing neighbors nieces nephews and siblings

parents have passed - we are aging - new people are not coming forth to take over. Not so many young people at church - lack of commitment - people are not feeling the need to worship regularly. Children get baptized and never see them again

in my family I have lost my mother and father which are hard to accept ; also I have lost very good friends in a short period of time.

lack of priest *lack of teachers for the school - pay scale to pay teachers

Health of family members-family dynamics

changes in the last years some of the hospitals have taken down there crosses many hospital no longer are catholic many don't offer spiritual services or are very limited I feel this change at our local hospitals is very sad vie had patient request rosaries and then has been non available

*loss of husband *loss of masses at Newman *loss of community - probably more covid related than the merger *people seem less willing to step in and help unless called

*that it continues to shrink s more and more people abandon the church *too much work for too few priests and deacons *that we remain stuck in in the past-always having to do things as we did and run the parish based on its old models

may not have a Sunday mass every weekend because of the shortage of priests

leaving college when I had FOCUS daily traditional Latin Mass and a priest who preached about hard truths college students need to hear to a less traditional less harsh parish

loss of family member

collaboration of parishes the loss of the catholic hospital in town the lack of young families at Mass

the covid/political divide where families just don't agree/ get along anymore loss of being able to receive blood of Christ some churches do offer individual wine or grape juice that is blessed we could also public school is just demonic now not safe for our youth to attend and the rare not a lot of catholic or even Christian schools to choose from

*Loss -death and birth, yet gain -priests leave, yet new come -parishioners die yet new join
*Learning to accept change can be hard but considering all God's plan gives me peace

at least 4 of my 9 children have left the church this is very hand to accept I pray a lot that they come back

children move away not many young people growing older less able to socialize with parishioners

when the cows were sold and the barn was torn down - when my grandmother passed away who were pillars in the extended families - in having to move to a new place and see my previous work disappears

loss of 2 family members in the last 3 year accepting those losses going though cancer and treatments

traditional Latin mass was cancelled at St James. We had a consistent large group of families that would attend mass and have a pot luck together in the church basement afterwards. Why was that so threatening to the church?

children have grown up and do not practice their catholic faith. Changes with parish priests and adjusting to new ones. Childhood friends that grew up catholic no longer practice and criticize some of the catholic practices. Difficult to defend

Too much change - parish has had 4 pastors in the last 13-15 years

my son not attending mass on a regular basis - he has lost some of the drive to start going

my children have left the church more families are leaving parish High School kids don't come back to church after confirmation

both my parents passed away in 2024 as a family we gathered every Sunday for dinner we have adjusted but it is different

family members growing up and too busy to barely stay connected very frustrating/sad when priests' visas wont be renewed but illegal immigrants swarming the country

*we had a great plan for growing the parish and the new pastor shut it down - hurtful because it was an organic movement that many of us put time into to save the parish

personal-lived in multiple places communities community - since I have lived in so many different places I think Wausau is vibrant and I love St. Anne's it meets my needs

kids are grown married and all live about 3hrs away still can drive but as time goes we will rarely see them

Family: lost both parents. **Community:** heightened sense of fear of the other the unhoused political conflict. **Parish**: was a member of Newman and had a sense of loss when our parish and St. Stans combined took a while for HSP to really feel like home

*that our parish continue to receive priests *our church stays open

family and friends that went to church non longer do

deaths of son and daughter (with 15 mos.) prove family members apart

Son has married a woman who doesn't believe in God.

*loss of a parent *retirement of a pastor *loss of a job *increasing depravity in the world

change of priests in hometown change of priests responsibilities i.e.. Less in house in person visits due to having too much on their plate less catholic based hospital

*loss of parents *loss of family/small farms *young generation not coming to church after kids are baptized, people get married don't come after, confirmation as well

empty nest feeling children grown and moved out recent retirement and looking for purpose parish lacks enough volunteers and what does that look ice for future of our parish programs

animosity under mentality and expectation within parish cluster for one parish to provide personnel and finances for all the parishes in the cluster. community lack in unity continuation of having priests wear all hats when their pastoral leadership is needed to be present to parishioners reduce their administrative/financial duties

Aging family members and unable to cope with their mental & physical needs. Children's mental health—anxiety is a real problem; feel helpless to help.

Our children are growing up and moving out of the house. Our pastor is Polish and I can't understand him when he preaches.

sisters/brothers/family growing apart. My kids leaving the Catholic church

loss of parent and siblings and home where I grew up. people I worked with as children not practicing

widow hood, retirement, empty next, remarriage. I'm so new to my parish that I am unable to comment on it. It's hard to accept changes

*our children's don't want to go to the church. Church is like family for me , is like a loss

I have lived long enough to accept changes and have lost a part of my family changes and loss will always be Paret of living

Our church is full/vibrant, in my opinion. But, for example, attending a church in the country a few weeks ago, it was sad, as so few people attending. However, those there were active in the service.

separateness of each neighboring churches could combine CCD programs youth groups etc.. With great push back it hasn't happened

looking at statis ties that have been gathered decrease in overall numbers of baptism overall participation in evangelization and what it entails (not only going our preaching to others God is the conductor of an orchestra(church) but the members don’t all play the same instrument (teachers __ study groups)

Empty nest syndrome- 3 kids 14 months apart-husband moved for his job. I was left alone for my job-drove 40 miles for work-moved from Ashland to Eau Claire-had to make new friends. Hard! Looked for a friendly parish to join in Eau Claire

it was hard when they combined 3 parishes we were not just our own parish anymore we have lost all our parents and we are the next generation

some of my family still considers themselves catholic but none of them attend Mass on their own or encourage their kids to participate fewer parishioners are interested in outside activities or events besides Sunday Mass

another siblings death aging limitations

that parish identity is lost as the parishes combine efforts and therefore parishioners lose connection and the sense of ownership that they should have for their parish

Our grandchildren & children having to deal with society today.

*lack of compassion for others *lack of communication between clergy and lay people

I huge fieldhouse when there aren't enough people to support it daughter converted to become Lutheran MAGA Christian

closing St. Mary's parish in Wausau to become the oratory we had not say no warring I felt it was about the money la crosse received

parish not knowing what's to happen next one side or the highway feel like a mission church always feel like were no good enough to go forward constant I know better about an ex

Volunteers-as the older generations pass will there be new ones to take their place to offer the same services. Parishes-will there be further closures of parishes in the area-fear of violence like the recent Catholic School shooting. Priests-will we be able to keep priests in the area-especially ones that do a good job of evangelizing and engaging our youth.

Christianity has become a minority community that the world looks upon with distrust or envenoms

when a family members thinks that no one cares or what is giving in by taking an overdose of pain medication

Our daughter does not attend mass or really even want to. Healthcare is becoming unaffordable.

death leaving the church

family members leaving the church loss of since of community

in my own family none of our grown children practice the faith that they were raised with they don’t' feel a need to be a part of a faith community I don’t know why

family loss of 2 siblings parents cleaning out of family home I live in decluttering letting go community closing of elementary school waterslide pool library ___ city hall not accessible and closed on Fridays

divorced in family moving to different cities or parishes but worst the end of USAID/CDC/NHI etc. end of research method of addressing immigrants

Declining number of people attending church-the loss of our teens to young adults who no longer attend Mass-the movement of returning to pre Vatican practices in the church-I grew up pre-Vatican and the Church became more warm and welcoming because of Vatican II

Hospital going form catholic designation to secular with lots of outward sign of catholic identity and some emphasis on head knowledge. From knowledge of the whole person in healing. science tops ministry to the whole person. Retirement, and finding path for loving God

That it's ministers are worn down and unable to be pastoral because of the many things they have to do. There seems to be a lack of commitment by many in the church

Many family members do not attend Masses and don't even profess to be Catholic or even Christian and the government being so divided in ideals and values causes too much strife in families and our community-our parish is also divided on how Mass and music should be done

the Large families in our parish have disappeared there are many more hoop to jump through now to be a catholic

Loss of housing for so many people. My parish (St. James) seems pretty healthy but in any case, the church should become revived by acting out its social gospel. I don't fear for church disappearing because community is so needed by people. And people will be drawn back to the church when it emphasizes the social gospel, taught by Jesus in the sermon on the Mount. When all churches teach and speak out clearly what our community should be doing, that will inspire others

lack of catholic faith - identity

the loss of parents and siblings. The loss if friends

that we lose our priest to a new assignment that they decide to not keep Newman open

A son who has left his Christian beliefs behind-many people leaving our parish

schools Arnt as safe more liberal loss of family members my mother my sister in law loss of safety/a younger girl was murdered new pastors/son went to college (last of my children)

my moths death and 5 siblings have lost or given up their faith only one longtime friend practices his faith parishioners leaving or complaining about our pastor

*recent retirement of priest *tuition for catholic education seem to only go up *decreasing enrollment of St Peters school *the polarization of society between conservative and liberal - the growing hate of the catholic church

the state of our county so divided nieces involved in the annunciation Mass shooting such sadness angers frustration

Persons leaving the church

I've lost family members that I assumed would always be there we've lost the neighborhoods of the past where everyone knew each other we've lost our dependance and confidence in others

parents dying family members leaving the church faith how different the new morals of family members, community, ect. That people's phones are more important than living life before it slips away

*family - changes in parents health, needing more help from us vs giving help to us, kids growing up and not always choosing catholic life *losing trust in priest after affair (priest having affair with a parishioner) - happened again similarly in neighbor parish, losing some really lovely people who do not like the traditional mass/music/priest

I fear that there are people right now who will not enter Jesus Christ because the church is ill equipped to invite others into relationship with him

Sacred Heart Hospital closing

lack of participation of my children at Mass the lack of the church families participation in activities

*loss of a sister in my family, first of 7 children to die *parish - Newman combined with Blessed Sacrament - there seems to be so little presence of clergy and other staff at Newman

every day happens finding the joy in life being happy stop the complaining

merging of parishes will lead to confusion and leaving the catholic faith

parents passed away brother has dementia children away from church grandson growing up in high school less contact health care interareal have to get quick appointment

My husband and I are the head of our family-parents and grandparents are all gone-Good thing-2 daughter in laws were not Catholic when they married our sons but have become Catholic-their decision. Many people (friends) who used to go to church regularly do not go-their children are getting married outside the church and grandchildren baptized other faiths. People just feel like it is ok not to go to church, so many don't have Catholic funerals

Dwindling # of parishioners and priests.

Loss of attendance at Sunday Mass-not welcoming non-Catholics-excluding other churches (non-Catholic)

all of the road construction. Is it really necessary? Are the worst roads being fixe? Or are funds really being spent wisely

young families are not attending Mass tan therefore not sending their children to our school enrollment in our school is really dropping

I think the changes that have happened in our parish have been positive: kneelers offered during communion. Bro Michael had passed away about 1 year ago and that was very hard for the community. The passing of Charlie Kirk. Uproar for spirit and throes going to church of first time changes of parishes

losing the Latin Mass at St James took away many musicians

seeing family members going to other churches people not understanding the Mass

*not enough young adults participating in their church *bring children to mass

failure of some of my children to remail roman catholic

sibling going to different faith practices. Community members shifting into other or no religion

my parents have passed on. My family is not the same. The president who thinks wars and belittling people is ok

An aging community and all that goes with that

*smaller parish membership, youth involvement *loss of 3 nephews to suicide *Cancer effects on family members, opportunities to heal

Lower mass attendance. Less financial support from parishioners. Attempts to provide spiritual growth & education.

children who no longer attend Mass

I am afraid that as the parish gets smaller we may have to share our priest and some parishes will join together

death of loved ones the loss of our country its moral compass comparison the loss of this church with courage doing and saying the right this no Less

Sickness, children moving out, hospital closures, angry society.

Kids getting divorced.

Loss of mother and father-in-law in past year within three months of each other-loss of a good priest, our child decline to go to church because of poor priest and poor homilies and messages-loss of religious based hospital

parishioners lukewarmness and departure *resources of staff time and energy being stretched thin to serve other needs in the area

I am still struggling with the conflicting message we received during Covid my daughter was at the age of her first communion we told her not to fer death then said if you go to church we may die from getting covid I carry a lot of guilt for not fighting harder for our beliefs and quietly following secular guidelines to stay away

loss of parent friends and other family members parish community is smaller not many younger people loss of heath mobility impaired

not enough priests to carry on the torch for our church. sacraments grow elderly dying. no young people to carry on the faith Church

*being closed *or merged

My husband passed away at age 52, children were 8 and 12-son and his family are so sporadic in church attendance-children are ready for catechism now, am not sure they will send them

rifts within families over church teaching and catholic/protestant arguments I fear these will continue to be challenged as society continues to move away from God

*people leaving the catholic faith *no catholic marriages in the church *scrupulosity - too much worrying about no past life

family: leaving the catholic church

*the loss of our parish priests ability /permission to celebrate the TLM *closing of parish school

most family are gone or moved away community is distant parish is consistent hasn't changed since we moved here

loss of __ for young people do better job of catechesis love. More transparency with new donations - where all large donations being spent. Voices not being heard in the past we have been asked our opinion and it doesn’t do any good

*no Latin mass *no _____ faith community (diocese) during covid (some exception!)

health

A gradual more back to rigid, conservative approach to our faith.

loss of loved ones changes with priests society changing -instant gratification loss of values/morals

Family Loss of our adult daughter loss of our aged parents - community loss of businesses, empty stores population decreases - parish membership decreases

Our grade school closed, schoolmates will change

*Not all family members belong to a faith community *community members willingness to participate through volunteering, office, and event attendance *parish - similar to community

Much of my extended family has left the church-political division is so mean/hateful-my youngest child is not accepted fully by our church because of her sexuality-my Lutheran husband cannot take communion at our church

death of loved one

family couples getting married outside the church friends and relatives who are not qualified are getting a certifications for $50 to marry people you give them and then they get divorced because a commitment to God is not there

3 different priest form India in the past 10 years while we are grateful to have a priest it is difficult when our present priest clearly does not want to be here

my children (adults) falling away from the church

Monsignor Gorman leaving our parish

There are people who no longer attend Mass and many have joined the "happening" non-denominational ecclesial community

*breakup of marriage *not well cared for by my pastor *parish community *loss of our priest *clustering *loss of TLM *loss of my home, health and ability to work. *loss of my identity *cancel culture for our priests and bold persecution of Christians

Family members have stopped going to church. People saying negative things about the Catholic Church.

My kids either don't believe or don't go to church-my grandchild either don't believe or don't go to church-change in welcoming immigrants and more homeless-less jobs and housing for young people, is hard to buy-people are more polarized politically

the older generations is grog

loss of parents ids grown up and moved our work environments

People are so broken and looking towards the world for help rather than Christ.

that we don’t have enough time Jesus, Mary Joseph pray for us

not many our age attending Mass we are 68-70 y/o there are some older a few younger

Too political-church attendance down-less marriages and less baptisms

Children moving to another part of the country. Death of close friends.

Empty pews-continued scandals-loss of moral authority of the church-loss of sense of God, sacred, sacraments

declining population.

loss of daughter - possibly losing church

Not following the Bible

My wife will not participate in most church activities because of the sexual abuse cases-I am afraid of losing the church to her

grandchildren move away lack of volunteers/help

young families ignore church

Loss of people - Fr Greg

the way that so many people prioritize everything else before religion/faith

loss of family members from the church

The loss of Latin when it is supposed to be the language of the Latin Rite of the Roman Catholic church. The lake of objectivity as far as doctrine, practices, emphasis on spiritual good (mortal venial sin)for the sake of "dialoged." Trying to change Catholic practices /teaching to suite the world results in loss of souls. Latin Mass suppression is outside jurisdiction of the bishops and priests. That are acting on their own authority and not as apostles. (ultra vires)

I lost my father several years ago and the situation with our family farm got very challenging after that and I had no opportunity there. It was hard swallowing all of that while still grieving from my father. We have changed priests several time since I came back to attending Mass regularly and this can be disruptive.

I can't do as much now as I get older, but I keep trying

our sons recent divorce the unexpected deaths of close neighbors the future for our son

death relationships change parishioners leaving

my mom went back to going Lutheran after becoming catholic when she married my dad one sister and family went from catholic to non-denominational one sister doesn't go to any church one sister & family say catholic but seem to sway and not go to church brother looking for a church to join & not even looking at a catholic church most all catholic friends don't go to church

Loss of relationship with a grandson. Alienation in family relationships: daughter & her children.

extended family has left the church

Community - increased division, judgment, and hate (especially of certain moral teachings) *pace of the culture, workplace, etc. *decreased sense of community, relationship and faith

life has changes and losses

have to move out of our home that we spent so much time and energy working on

health changes over time. Jobs change - all are losses as you age. New priest - mass is different yet same

*limited/restructured local church operations/access *violence *AI impact *priests/leadership - we've had 2amazing priests from Ghana and the Philippines. Hope our diocese will continue bringing priests to us

my parents all siblings have all passed the hardest is of my 3 children 2 no longer fallen the faith one living with boyfriend no plans to ever marry rejection of all they were thought and years of Catholic schooling my husband was unfaithful in our marriage and then killed I a widow raised my children the loss of Fr. martin form our parish is hard

walking into the church and only seeing 20 people having a different prayed for a month and maybe seeing 30 people Covid has changed everything

more and more people are not coming to church and young people are not getting the opportunity to receive the sacraments or even make choices for themselves we have only about 8 kids in religious classes

family not having our children and grandchildren to share our jobs our children left the catholic faith and our grandchildren do not know Jesus community the closing of St. Joseph hospital parish not having 2 children choir

closing parishes since the 60s-70s

Families leaving the church; low volunteers in church & community; difficult to find/hire teachers at the school.

the church sold out the hospital area near put anything back and can give no explanation as it has cost so much money to try to rebuild what we had for 125 years

*loss of morality, character, commitment, faith *i.e. abortion, mot ambitions, marriage is not necessary, taking the easy, not correct path

I may or may not like it but I can accept most things easily

loss of loved ones being a senior citizen

That parish members lose their faith love toward others due to the negativity in the world

many family members gone school closed and school being turn down new adjustments

I've had 2 families with 2 divorcees . 5 children are now adults and moved away. I miss the togetherness I once enjoyed and perhaps too for granted. I lost my mother and only sibling during the past ten years.

pastor, principals, people leaving

loss of parents in law family and friends mostly through age loss of community establishment that have been around for 100+ years in many cases in parish changes about what song can be used or reverting back to pre-1965 tradition s

My grandchildren are growing into adulthood, some are not going to church

Our public school system is in dire straits; may have to consolidate. Loss of many parish members—just don’t come to Mass.

Lack of parish involvement.

We moved from our home of 54 years where we raised a large family

We've had at least 7, maybe 8, different priests in our parish in the last 17 years. It's very hard to have a relationship with the priest.

*parishioners blaming our priest for problems, especially ones that developed before he came here. *I was difficult when I came here - the extreme self-interest of people *change of priests ever 2-3 years

Family: some children and grandchildren raised Catholic-don't practice their faith. Community: holding events, especially sports events that interfere with attending church. Parish: lack of younger joining, for example ladies group, men's group, etc.

Increased workload for our pastor (i.e. 4 Masses every Sat/Sun) Lost our associate pastor

Change is part of life the loss of pastors is something that all need to be more open about EX. Fr. Wagner did not stand a chance with the departure of Fr. Martin and the restrictions of Covid the loss of Charlie kirk intelligent foresight and a man of faith

church doors not always open talk of having security at Mass loss of a Sunday Mass consolidation at 3 parish es but more shared priests loss of associate pastors

children leaving the catholic church

the very liberal Catholics and the "Rad Trad" Catholics are hard. I still have bad feelings about how people Francis handled the Latin Mass so that the rad trad group of those who love the Latin mass were more marginalized. I'm still disappointed in our old pastor and his treatment of the blessed sacrament (which caused us to leave our parish of 30 years)

retirement change of daily habits task less children schools combining younger population not active after confirmation

parents have moved on. I gave my life to run the farm to fulfill dad's dream of staring on the farm

less families in church.

one of our children says he doesn't believe in God and has turned away from church

Hospital closing- worry about where I would go.

*decline in members or mass attendance *young people not being involved or leaving the church *having to share a priest with another parish

that the churches shrink and become more modern and cold

a major overwhelming change in our current government leader changing our country our democracy will id very scary

loss of members

Our parish was closed.

older children not giving to church

peter moving away and not returning in the foreseeable future

That it will become a marginalized voice-that it will speak only to those perceived as "in" rather than to include those who are "in" and "out" of the Church

Family losses - ALS. Aging parishioners & neighbors.

Death of my husband after 65 wonderful years of marriage. The loss of one son at age 51. The organization I have been in and how they have changed. My handwriting is bad where it always had been beautiful. My 9 children and how they have handled everything to keep me healthy and happy. God is good

*smaller families *less local opportunities for employment *church and diocese should jump on Charlie Kirk for all her was

only one Mass at 6:30 not good for elderly or farmer no new parishioners priest abusing kids that generations no longer will even go to church and why would they

employees that used to be the top jobs are no longer in that position schools are cutting back youth programs (boy scouts) find it hard to keep going

beloved pastor being reassigned aging and loss of relatives

Teens and young adults are not serious about their religious responsibilities

churches closing losing pastors

our children no longer go to church it's not important to them grandchildren are not thought about God

Frequent pastor changes-not pastor for almost two years-lost husband to dementia-lost house and belongings dealing with husband-lack of volunteer support, our great volunteers are getting worked too much

my sone found out he cannot have children naturally *our divisive country

The division that happened as a result of Fr Altman

Loss of father. Loss of job of 12 years.

Children not involved in church anymore which affects family and parish after raising children catholic they walk away from the church not necessarily god

loss of Sunday morning Mass broke up the parish family

the enrolments in our catholic school has gone down Maily because of smaller and less families not ___ for ___ ___ in and are two of my 3 children moved away for netter jobs ophelimities

Not enough vocations

loss of friends and family, both parents died in last 10 years. Friends dying form pancreatic cancer and Alzheimer's

that complacency will continue to increase that our priests will continue to soft pedal the sins of the culture

parents aging and needing help. Losing father Greg

change in priest from easy going/social/loving priests to a priest that doesn't leave the rectory or spend time with parishioners many people leaving not coming back due to international priest

life begins and ends business downsize/close

our priests brings up Transgenderism too frequently as an ok thing. Thru Pope Francis, the church has become too liberal. I prefer Fr Altman's approach - more conservative and back to the church of the 1960's when I grew up

*children have grown and left the house *it seems like neighbors don't know each other anymore *the dwindling number of people at mass

having a priest that stayed and ministered to only our parish

*less priests *less young people involved in the church *less interest (from my children) in their religious life, attending church

father has to take care of 2 parishes we have less Masses but fortunate we have Mass

losing Satuday evening mass, no socials after mass

That the faithful numbers will continue to falter

children don't attend church and church grandchildren baptized and I year in a catholic 3k programs nothing after very few children in CCD foreign priests are very helpful but some parishes have trouble with accents or different perspectives they may present

*lack of love for our Catholic fain in our youth and young adults *St James is the only parish holding them to church *restriction of the Latin mass

*aging *children grown up, moved on *health problems

a continued trend of ignoring and becoming irrelevant to younger families

My dad dies a few years ago and my stepdad dies least month

loss of my wife - loss of musical community in parish

priests don’t stay long and keep changing fewer church members are assisting with committees at our parish lost a son

Lack of commitment/desire people to be part of a parish-so few priests that churches/parishes are forced to closed

Polarizing political values within family-estranged from children

there Ehas been a great loss of people my age that I regularly see at Mass seldom do I see other young adults living out a life of faith

dwindling numbers Masses and schools divided due to political happenings influence of political beliefs on unification of church and families

Seeing kids grow up in the church and once they are on their own they give up the faith. Another change is watching my brother marry a woman who doesn't align with his faith.

losing father Greg. Priests not staying very long. One sone not going to church and another some changing religions

our associate pastor got moved (sad face) he struck such a good balance between traditional and modern liturgy and now he isn't here

Family passing-pastors brought to church and negatively impacted the church financially and spiritually

loss of 2 sons to tragic accidents loss of businesses in our community change of priests to often

kids not going to church loss of church friends due to changing parishes in faith on moving cities

spouse passed away urban sprawl/growth loss of family farms High taxation dishonest politicians

Many people in our community have views/dreams for the church that are not in line with the Church's teachings, a loss of our faith's core values, scary many hardly realize it-lack of strong catechesis spanning generations

the silence of clergy (LGBTQ, divorce, contraception)

Not having a church choir-I have taken on my responsibility at church, sometimes affects person life, husband not supportive-death of sister, niece and friend

Children leaving the church after high school. Loss of Sacred Heart hospital.

folding up, decrease in parishioners

my children we brought up catholic and now go to a Lutheran church hoping some day they will come back to the catholic church

*loss of father *loss of Vigil mass *increasing taxes (a lot) *parish organizational changes *change in churches *change I job location *change in living location

children have all moved out of the area our school use to go to high school age now we have k-3 we had a basketball team now gone had a Sunday Mass now only 6:30 pm Masses on Saturday evening

my son and daughter moved across the country in opposite directions makes it hard to not be with them very often anymore. The distance that is between my own siblings that I don't see often. Parents are gone so family get togethers don't happen. Still having a hard time with my sister cutting me out of her life for what really is a misunderstanding of words said

Changes since COVID.. Life, community & children

Lack of respect for authority (police, laws, etc.) Abortion acceptance.

family my son of 4 stepping away from church ok if they at least belong to a church

loss of life and continuing health issues. New pastor unable to relate to parish history. Poor preaching by foreign priest

the declining members of attendance at Mass the changing of priests and leadership to often people thinking too much about themselves and not the welfare of the community not enough donated of tine and knowing who is your neighbor

Our parish has had foreign priests ALL are great but they leave and we lose the love they teach us

*siblings way fallen from the faith *filing tension and division *overall church division that sent to not be going away *priests who are not administrators (to no fault of their ow but it can be difficult to work with - who has the final say, vision, and leadership) *traditionalists who generally do hat have a mission/evangelistic mindset - how will the church grow

the young have stopped coming to Mass

_____ ___ __ seeing my brother in the early stages of dementia. Seeing democracy crumble the church and religion in general is not important to people on it has been

* of parents and self are hard to accept *also, pastor rearing retirement *laying off of more staff (no paid DRE or youth minister, etc.)

we at Notre Dame seem to have gone more toward the traditional style of Mass that seems less inviting in some ways and I would like to invite family members that have fallen away but the welcome isn't three in as simple as a smile a handshake or a greeting that could make a big difference

totaling that old jeep on another deer (aka we are so blessed) lost pastors

my greatest fear is that we collectively will practice our faith merely out of force of habit that we will forget our reasons for doing so and we will be okay with it

Closing churches, continued decline in Mass attendance and sacraments, etc.

3 out of 3 of our kids raised in a catholic and reverent home left the church none of them practice and faith

no formal Reat our parish level. Move to a new parish/location with less connection to parishioners and the community

Loss of my mother and one of my brothers. Just when we become accustomed to a great pastor, our bishop moves them elsewhere. Losing that constant in our lives and the lives of our children is why so many of our youth leave.

family members are no longer practicing their catholic because of negative experiences during their teenage years parish negative leadership from our pastor Latin Mass followers and English Mass who are true real Catholics

nothing. One is a growing or regressing. There is no standing still

loss of mother mother in laws dementia is in our house it’s our burden alone. my parish is my strength

loss of friends who passed feeling older doing manual labor work raising teenagers parents are getting older need more help around house

It's hard to make a decent living farming young people have to work in town this affects rural churches

mom passed away friends dying

Children have fallen away from church for various reasons-constant turnover of priests is difficult-social media and mainstream media has way too much influence on attitudes and behaviors. We are slowing losing "young" people in church and as part of community

family just stop going to church couples get married in the church and you won’t see them until their funeral

attendance have done down

our children are grown up and gone our church has experienced embezzlement our new pastor told our music liturgist he didn't need her anymore he's wanted the music in the back with the organ as for as music goes we have all pre vatican II music that is theologically correct our parish is by a small group of people. I may go to Mass elsewhere

All the family members and relatives that have already left the Catholic faith

losses would be loss of communion with my daughter getting back to the way I had with her and the family

that the church will close

*we lost one of our old parish priests and a lot of vibrant and recognizable community members in the past few years. *the hurt between "traditional" vs liberal Catholics

moving after 45 years losing old parish/friends death of parents nephew children moving out of a church setting for good

people of my generation my own brother rejecting the faith or settling for a surface level faith in name only. Politics playing such a huge role in our culture. Opposing catholic truths. Newman rotating priests. Aging stationary population

financial problems most my opinion caused by diocese

Priests that have left the priesthood for marriage-removing songs/worship missalette without parish feedback-so few people stepping up

that people will fail to see the beauty of our catholic church faith

my children have left the church and gone Lutheran because of how far away the catholic church was from them - changes our new pastor has made

family moving away parish need more involvement form everyone/young families

*when family values are disrespected and not going to church

Friends and family have stopped attending church-CCD classes have become smaller and smaller

Death- shrinking family. Hospital closures and effects on health care. Homeless issue. Lack of parish involvement by members.

That all don't understand, believe and partake in the Real Presence on Sunday

2 versions of us catholic church

some of our children have left the church and have not had their children baptized. Therefore they have a slim change of knowing God. Then their children will be further away

Two of our children have left the Church after going to college.

I(we) understand the beauty of the Mas with singing but for these that do not have appreciation for music it seems there is less and less for spoken prayer which also had its own beauty haring less affects appreciation of music for many and I've personally had to coach relatives with attending for an open mind I fear this is driving some aways as little as this may seem I'm also concerned about the catholic school but I'm not sure if this is the venue for that topic

for the attendance to get less

lose parishioners to Jacobs well/ non-denominational churches lose the fire of the faith infighting with parish territory secularization/watered down Catholicism

People dying in family and parish-chicken dinners in parishes

loss of a loved one an family members

our parish only has Sat. night Mass my parents are defiantly elderly I noticed a huge decline in marriages that happen in the church

Being forced to leave a position that I cherished

family leaving the faith

very active long time members have died moved away become unable (physically) to continue in leadership/ service roles

experience with Catholic schools in Chippewa Falls not a good fit for our family, felt judged and publicly shamed

Death of mother & father. Our daughters' divorce.

the dwindling attendance at Mass and school

retired businesses closing the feuding of republicans and democrats not knowing your neighbors

young adults who do not attend church

fewer people attend Sunday Mass locking up the church during the day

my children believe in God have faith and strong values but my son no longer believes in going to Church

moving - loss of community with change. Children moving away especially out of state.

Siblings passing away. Sacred Heart hospital closing.

our children are no longer practicing catholic faith community no longer supports Christian beliefs

People dead (family)-homeless-got hurt didn't get money for that

Lower attendance. Many young people not attending any church

husband passes away granddaughter graduation loved next door

in-laws passing-changing priests, again-cancer-loss of connection to community

we lost our priest and got a new one. Hard to understand and hard to have a relationship with him after the last priest. Covid

As the older parishioners pass away, the history is lost - most new/younger people don't seem to be interested in history

my family loss to me is that my adult children don't go to mass and 4 of the 7 grandchildren are not baptized *the sex abuse scandal and cover up could not be overcome

lack of continuality with changes in pastors and priority

clinic Hospital is gone Addiction alcohol - pain mends destroyed marriage children 5 left the faith

loss of people in pews

*loss of siblings, loss of neighbors *adult children who move away *business that gets sold - Festival *people in my current parish who have left and joined other parishes or don't practice anymore

Twofold: small enrollment in the outlying small parish schools 1. they need help form MACS seems like MACS is heading away families instead of supporting their feeder schools 2. the fear that closing/combining parishes will lead to more people leaving the church instead of joining together

no more alive nuns in our parish limited community ministry outside of Sunday service KC CCD

the family farm is a thing of the past so young people do not stay in the area because of jobs we are becoming a retirement area our young people move away

many people I have known since my youth who grew up in the church have left or no longer participate the faith

having pastors leave after a short time in our parish in spite of catholic education and catholic family life our chalder are so busy they have neglected their spiritual growth

my oldest son is in jail family members that have left the church

family members learning the faith. Less participation of parishioners in activities. Decline in Christian identity of the nation

Irrelevancy. A failure to "go to the margin's to read the signs of the time, to mobilize it's people and rich social teaching to respond to dire issues-war, ecological devastation, genocide, social inequality, authoritarian messaging, racism, etc.

experiencing the closed-off-ness. The closed table and closed eucharist

Death of dad and aunts/uncles. Staffing changes at SSPP.

parents moved away and al 4 months fr. Moved

my parents are aging my son doesn't go to church

*Fr Altman, TLM at St James, associated community *loss of our baby at 5 days old *expect less of my parish - I need the sacraments there but we rely on ourselves to connect with others and get other resources

my husband doesn't attend church/Mass with our family since Covid parishioners don't sing I deeply miss the participation and not hearing the congregation praise God with their voices not welcoming in new parishioners

my son moved aways so we don't see them and step kids businesses closing and people not caring about others (selfishness)

that some people will leave the church division lack of continuity/lack of clear communication division among the leaders of the churches of lack of zeal in our youth programs

The loss (death) of the great stalwart - the pillars of faith and community

family members died: mom, dad, 2 brothers, sister-in-law, daughter-in-law, 2 nephews, etc. *getting older *hat and division in country

the loss of my health

*Many family members have left the faith *Some in our community express actual hate and distrust for those following a different political or religious choice. *murders locally are no longer uncommon

family-lost my parents kids are grown moved - parish-less people want to participate does not agree on how to move forward

so many people have left the church building of St. Charels Fellowship Hall I really don’t agree that was the best use of parishioners money I didn’t support it but I support my parish and ultimately stand behind the community

Loss of parents , brother in-laws, child movement, growing up. Retirement.

Adult family members no longer attending Church

loss of friends through death moves change of church etc. huge changes in music choices less families what children attending services lack of variety in services to meet the needs of different age groups

getting older is hard to accept, I don't like Latinos coming back into community from priests

after 27 years at the same parish I felt compelled to leave I feel my old parish has become to political and too conservative I have been parish shopping for the last 9 months

the people I know who have left the church some never returned after covid some left for other denominations the number of weddings at our parish has really dropped

People leaving our church after the sex scandals

there coming to faith of my wife and I but our family not choosing to grow in their faith

Loss of family, friends, getting old not being able to do a lot of things I used to do more medical problems the changing pf priests and Mass changes

* Loss of husband - Change everything of how life is done, communication, being with *so many friends either going through cancer or illness *change in priest - older more of a teacher, an new young finding their way

I accept change

larger families and farming is low many Amish families moving in children marrying and moving ways for work

children are grown and married, Notre Dame/Holy Ghost combo

children and grandkids who don't attend church anymore - their questions that they don't get answers to.

Fr. Dan Farley death at St. Max's. Priests leaving the priesthood death in the family moving out of the house. Not having young adult groups

*Social media - those too deeply involve can diminish family life, not being in the present, less 1:1 time, texting vs calls etc., becomes habit, self-centered world *more liberal community *negative aspects: family/community

siblings falling away from faith not having an American priest

need more young people

*less opportunity to attend mass, such as Saturday night mass/vigil *less opportunity for sacraments, confession, adoration *the church becoming more like the world instead of vice versa

I grieve the perceived loss of the youth in our parish - I am sad for the changes in my own family for those who are now gone - I am sad because I now feel I have less in common with my neighbors in terms of beliefs and philosophy

1 year ago the death of my younger sister unexpectedly 3 years ago the death of my son unsuspectedly 3 new parents in our parish in past 6years

our priest is moved after a few years - sometimes for the better other times not when a church/community is thriving why take away the leader

All my family are grown but only 3 are still Catholic.

the loss of my son in a car accident, only 32 years old. Lack of support

children grow businesses are lost parishioners declining

my former religious community has really worsened in the spiritual abuse that takes place a dear priest friend and spiritual father left the priesthood my family moved away for, our home in NC and everyone so now spread out I had to leave my community when I discerned out

*loss of two priests, their impropriety as a result

*My parents divorce *my family living in different places *my family leaving faith *People going to protestant communities *I lie all the changes at my parish but if I had to name one thing, it's the lay intro at Mass that I find unnecessary

the community has lost a lot of businesses

Children going to other churches which are more laid back and more of a show

we have had 4-5 priests in last 10 years people are too busy to pray - many people have high anxiety worry too much without faith

we have a daughter that has cancer and will be lucky to make it to Christmas!

one pastor for multiple parishes and the ability to continue what was happening - attending Mass

Family: all my children are grown and only one attends church semi-regularly-the rest will not go-my oldest refuses to say grace at dinner. Parish: since moving here from Milwaukee in 2008, St. Therese has had 4 pastors-Fr. Janusz is back who was the first past I met in 2008-the move seems like a punishment-Fr. Janusz seem hurt more than glad to be back

that as the congregation ages and the youth are not attending will it remain viable

Job changes. Mom is leaving town pulled away (good/bad) with visiting Kids. pastors changing

the church isn’t strong enough in its Christian beliefs and bends to the wokeness of the world because of fear of offending people

Loss of small family farms. Young people don't know how to work.

*fewer and fewer families coming to mass *financial burdens make it hard to give to the church and that directly affects the church itself

our children don't go to church anymore and great grandchildren aren't being baptized miss the communion rail precessions

our priest does not live in the town of our church extrema challenges in finding people to help with the needs of the parish

3 of my 4 kids-now all near 60-no longer feel they need to attend Mass, even though they identify as Catholics. Grandkids? Not many church goers there either (Sadly)

the fewer people at our church

*my niece has openly walked away from her faith. *the division in politics is seeping into more aspects of life and even church - middle ground is going away

There are some.

The loss of my parents. [original looked like 'lost']

the losses of my parents the loss of my best friend

Closure of parishes-shortage of priests-losing younger Catholics to the new age churches

*children not practicing the faith *abortion and capital punishment *social media influence

2 of 3 children no longer Catholic. Bad experience with the priest. School teachers and school not supported by leaders and priest.

All 5 of my children were raised catholic 8 years parochial school (Merril) 4 have left Catholic faith 1 is online to be ordained catholic deacon

The handling of Covid was a very painful blow which splintered parishes and I think really contributed to a "redistricting" of parish demographics. But worst was the disconnect between the bold, fearless, Gospel message and the fearful, CYA response that put litigation and politics about Sacraments and Faith

mom passed away. boys don't go to church

*loss of Fr Sam who is the only priest in this diocese I felt consistently fathered by. *loss of fire nights/change in healing ministry *loss of purpose/identity/community

my siblings living further away losing some of my connections with my home parish after getting married and moving out of my parents home not knowing how to engage with and reenter our home parish after beginning this new stage of life. Feeling like the way I engage in my faith is quite different from the common sentiment and understanding of my home parish

My adult children no longer go to church-all 3 were raised Catholic-I thought we were good parents-good Catholic examples-1 out of 3 is church going, other 2 good people, honest, caring, just not church going

*loss of family unity with son-in-law

renovation of church- pastor did what he wanted, didn't listen to parish

Change of pastor twice in 2 years New pastor not asking the time to get to know the people and life of the parish making changes to put 2 parishes together making more changes and not taking the time to know the people or parish life where is the servant leadership in these scenarios

People have passed/died-loss of integrity in our leaders-loss of civility

The decreasing number of practicing Catholic-religious persecution-secular societal pressure

the differed in truth of church politics with in my own family

less believers of faith - ever one (younger) thins they need to entertain

Children have left the church the changes to health care fractures between Ascension health and Marshfield clink) Mass schedule changes/limits in offerings

Families are getting smaller, fewer children. People are more about themselves.

children movie away becomes they don’t find the church community is filling their need

My husband passed away in January and the life we planned, having just retired in 2024, is just gone leaving many questions/concerns about the future holds. Community is aging because former large employers are gone or substantially smaller, so less reason for young people to stay

Concerned about all the violence in the world.

*family members leaving the church *grandchildren moving far away

That it (the congregation) is diminishing (baptisms down, weddings down)

some of my family doesn't go to church anymore

lost several close family members

The tearing down of St. Patrick's school.

that due to a lack of parishioners therefore a lack of funds one or more of our parishes will either close or significantly have their masses reduced

loss of husband and close friends children all moved away

lost my father lost my friends that died way to young loss of one close priest that was moved the closeness of community spirit everyone keeps to themselves

major less of farms in rural communities

trump as president - feels like this may be the end of the world. Also a lot of worry on my part about this others don't seem to care. We have 4 grown children attended Mass every Sunday and holy day. Kids went to catholic school. 2 don't go to church at all; 1 goes to Lutheran church 1 goes to Mass sporadically

Parishes are not responding, taking care of elderly & then their families not having Catholic funeral masses. Scattering of ashes.

we lost our beloved priest after 10 years - lost our vision. Losing older parishioners that were very active and instrumental

*our parish losing father Greg. *seeing Christians who are trying to spread the gospel attacked and killed even in public spaces

*if people find it inconvenient to attend services they drop away completely - due to shift in services

Sacred Heart/St. Joe's closing. Father Sakowski left.

people leaving the church

parents dealing with more health problems staff changes/difficulties

my husband of 58 years passed away had to move out of our home

stopped growing; lost people in shutdown

loss of husband son children not going to Mass. They would like more than 1 Mass on weekends at our parish

My brother-in-law's incurable brain cancer diagnosis has hit our family hard. He's fighting and we're all praying but his cure-whatever it will be-is truly in God's hands. My children were raised Catholic yet they don't practice their faith. I love them and want to respect their choices, however, it saddens me not to truly share my faith journey with them.

the family is grown adult children and grandkids are not choosing to be actively involved in the faith

all kids left church 2 parishes share priests and have fewer members lose since of parish when have to go to different churches to attend Masses schools closed and consolidated lost identity of parishes same with CCD

Family My divorce Damage to my children Perish fewer people

*loss of parents *loss of connection with siblings *political climate - people spreading mean-spirited lies *disrespect of some to police, judges, legal system

husband left the church parents watch TV Mass since covid priest are covering 2 parishes instead of 1 young people are absent Christian burials become too expensive

Loss of my first wife to cancer-retired after 42 years in a health profession, remarried to another wonderful woman with a large engaging family

*people leave because they are uncomfortable with topics *the church needs to speak truth

so many friends have passed away

Empty nesting, health, healthcare, job, decreased church involvement.

our children and grands don’t attend a physical church one does

our youngest daughters children aren't baptized our hospital isn't catholic I do not like AI none of our children are attending Mass with their children my mom's family is 4 now -=used to be 13 and 3 of them are dying

Catholic hospital closing. No priest gone for six months.

Widowed in 2021. Faith not being pursued by young adults.

Can't talk with family or friends as openly

Having lost all my grandparents. Just the sheer amount of family members that I have lost.

Our two daughters who we raised in the church have chosen not to continue attending regularly. One will attend when given the opportunity (family gathering, etc.) but the other

takes issue with some of the Church's stances on relevant social issues and therefore she chooses not to attend.

resources have shifted away from youth ministry quietly jobs have been combined in the diocese like youth and family becoming one position instead of 2 further reducing efforts conflicts with pastors have happened

that will grow up with faith and not be save

Loss of my previous pastor. Loss of close friends due to death.

Loss of wife

death of our son in law struggle personally to experiences full time retirement receive personal satisfaction and peacefulness caring for elderly in an assisted living

Going back to the old ways of the Church-receiving host on tongue-less people in church or family members of relatives not interested in church, mad at priest

the death of my husband in the last year need more acceptance of the elderly that younger people need to take over jobs that elderly had in church

*reclaim our spiritual values and our conservative values *push our elected representatives to reflect that

*losing my parents - dad 12 yr, mom almost 2 *over a year ago, lost our priests, they wouldn't renew his visa

*becoming irrelevant as a moral leader within the community

loss of family members loss of relatives being catholic

*loss of siblings *decoration of familiar churches *community needs such as food shelf. Just basic needs *making so much political

kids move out stop attending Mass Church members stop coming to Mass

had a priest who drove me from my home parish I was employed at the parish and he did (bad) things to make me want to leave I finally went to a neighboring parish where I knew very few people but over the years the new parish has been welcoming to me and I feel at home there now

aging of active parishioners who care deeply for the perish but can no longer participate as they once did loss of community non participation moving on from what we know now

husband's death, new pastor, church not supporting/speaking prolife

that church will not have to consolidate for lack of faithful

losing family members

Fewer parishioners. Fewer masses. Fewer volunteers.

Loss of good people in the community. Young people stay away

most of our children do not go to Mass Children not having a funeral Mass for their parents or older loved ones even though they attend Mass all of their lives

children have married and moved away have lost some great pastors and now feel like we are too far from the see city to be heard our community has grown but the leader have retired and the new leaders have forgotten how we got where we are our school enrollment is in serious decline and there appears to be no plan to get it back up

loss of family members funeral changes not all are having a Mass

less children in our school lessening in women participating in the church women's group change in family dynamics single parents divorcee

having little to no input on matters affecting the church environment

family members not attending any church parish small nucleus of parishioners volunteering for all roles in church getting burned out and cynical

continued decline of members

My father moved to assisted living-my own physical and mental limitations-violence, shooting target Christians

loss of husband my partner in life less involved with community

younger generations are really busy less time with family and possibly even church et. Is on the bottom of their list

that the church becomes too much of modernism and liberal theologies

I feel the loss of am democratic identity more than anything else it is terrifying. So intense what is happening to our country. praying is good of course. Much needs to be done. Leaders need to be held accountable. Can the church find ways to help in that?

lost a husband sold our home lost brother and sister parents

The losses of wonderful parents-it's been years since they've passed away but I still miss them every day-my husband was recently diagnosed with aggressive cancer

losing traditional and reverence

division in family due to politics financial instability fear of loss or change in job retirement health care costs promoting use of alcohol to bring people into speakers/events

too many things in our value system have disappeared. Life no longer has value

declining participation this is not hard to accept but is a reality you can't force people to attend weekly services although they still believe in the church teachings

loss of friends and relatives due to number farther age different cultures different value symptom

since covid we don't get o received the Bold of Chits

the loss of my wife grandkids getting older moving away not going to church much falling away from God

family and people don't believe there is sin and losing their souls. People looking for religion that matches their life style

family members no longer attending Mass

thing cost more

Declining involvement and interest on behalf of parish members to engage and commit-we're losing sense of "family" and church is no longer necessary in the minds of some

We are becoming protestant-too much ecumenism

Experienced loss of SP parish identity when consolidated with SH and this felt unsuccessful-small rural parish in Iowa (hometown) was closed and was devastating to parishioners young and old

our beautiful parish (St Mary's, Tomah) was gutted and made so modern and ugly.

I fear many of the movement in the church that appear to divide the church into different groups feeling like different holier then the other group I don't always feel like the church is growing at time I feel isolated due to the radical traditional group

kids are now adults grandparents are gone

my husband dies 6 years ago

family members falling away from the faith and church. Divisions in how people view the world life God

smaller families my family is smaller and some have dies some have moved away we have international priests that are hard to understand

many have moved and are not tied to any particular parish what hasten changed the same people are readers lectors ministers of the last 20 years new people are not volunteering

sports scheduling on Sundays when children should be attending Mass - grandchildren drifting from their catholic faith and married in methodist or Lutheran because of their spouse Others not even in church just married in a park or supper club

I fear that one or more parishes will eventually close due to lack of priests and or parishioners

*parents are getting old and need help and won't be with us much longer *many have left the church

not sure, nothing really changed that was difficult

children have own life now live away not regality attend Mass

People with different values. AI & teaching of people. Propaganda- i.e., communism is still there and flourishing unless the people learn the truth.

my sister dying. Losing people at work

*kids grown with their own families. - don’t have time for me. *I walk slower, hard of hearing *insurance changes *retired, hard to get new friends

We lost Sacred Heart. My parents are now elderly.

divisions in the parish board on different opinions. No marriage, no baptisms, irresponsibility of the parents

Detreating health

*I think people don't look out for each other as they used to. Also a lot of people are rude

Century code-does not support homeowners in Randall Park neighborhood-state theater closed-country treats children badly-put them in cages, zip tied them in the streets

unwelcome feeling at churches - especially for "single" adults - people visiting (conversations are great between individuals who know each other)

Parishes closing and hurt feeling making people not want to join a different parish

losing a grandson

*there is longevity in my family (80s-90s) *I lost two of my sisters - one in 2017 age 62 the other during covid, 2020, age 63 who was denied care and died less that 18 hours later *it makes a person feel like life is out of control and not what I though it would be

kids not going to church

loss of my parents very hard to accept even as time passes children have moved pretty far away only get to see them a couple times a year

Mass times have changed not for the better. Our current Mass time doesn't work for many parishioners and even though we have requested for years to have it changes it hasn't. Loss of use of pipe organ at many Masses

bought a boat, need to rebuild engine. Beavers split the marsh into two

death of spouse political unrest serious family member illness family not in church

The decline and crisis of the Catholic Faith. Look at the attendance today…Senior Citizens.

parish - less of Mass times no longer there less parishioners attending Family - father and father in law died mother moved away Children-moved away grandchildren live in dinner net city

Losing current or not bringing more youth to the church

church family member that either do not attend church or have left the catholic church

family illness and deaths. Priests leaving our church about every 2 years, just when people were beginning to accept and like them. The lack of working together with the priests, people and bishops

children and grandchildren moving ways lack of empathy in community loss of weddings being performed by priest small numbers of children receiving sacraments

loss to my mother vie euthanasia the rise in hate violence gender dysphoria a real battle between good and evil will our holy father adequately lead our church following thirsts teachings or will we change because of pressures in society (i.e. gay marriage transgender abortion etc..)

Deaths of family members and friends

*family members are getting married outside of the church. Out of 9 nieces and nephews only 2 got married in the church. There is only 1 still to church. My sister and husband don't go either. My parents were good Catholics

*family - church was closed in 2020 when my father died. We could only have 10 people at the funeral 2 months from his death *parish - new priest again - there have been 3 new priests in over the last 10-15 years

my family has grown moved and left the church we have had several deaths in our family

*kids do not go to Catholic church or none *some parishioners were lost due to some actions of 2 or 3 priests

my brother died of cancer my daughter changed to a son I moved from the cities to Chippewa new priest

close the churches become one parish. losing the beauty of the Mass and how reverent it is. Not keeping the good priest we have

loss of my parents children not following the catholic faith not having the help when you need it changes in Mass times

Not having enough youth in the church to keep it going.

Too many to note, but a snippet: bringing kneelers to receive Holy Eucharist-St. Michael Prayer after Mass rather than during (like after the Universal Prayer)-I feel like it says 'oh, Mass isn't enough so we'll add one more prayer'-(different diocese, I moved 4 years ago) 4 different (very different) priests within 12 years-vibrant ministries and active committees were decimated-many young adults I know have been turned from the institutional church because of personal experience of exclusion-receiving the message "you are a sinner" even though it's not spoken, it's inferred by the environment

The traditional Latin Mass eliminated. The gutting, destruction and modernization of my local church. Prist turning around versus podium. Removal of communion rails. The loss of souls as a result. The loss of tradition. Traditional orthodox teachings and morals are continuing to collapse and it is no surprise. not giving God the worship He deserves. The loss of beauty.

I've learned to accept not dwell

*some of my children and grandchildren no longer go to the catholic church *some of my grandchildren have never been baptized

that the heart of Jesus and his love and many are absent from his church. Too much power for one that doesn’t listen to the various of those who volunteer in ministries that young people don’t get what they need to grow in the church and be involved and supported

that we can always have a priest in our parish

kids losing interest in church and God

parents getting older no more children

so many international priests Four in a row, all difficult to understand. We've already lost Mass times on Saturday in the area and we travel for Mass times we like

death of loved ones how many children are affected being positive change in my parish community and little flowers

Our daughter has lost her way to the faith

*loss of a parent/loss of trust with the school district *volunteers at church not helping with the liturgy because we now have Saturday mass and no Sunday mass

A priest was assigned to our parish after our long term priest was made to retire. When the new priest came in he changed everything. He no longer wanted to use the lay ministers. Ne no longer wanted the PCCW. He bragged about how much money our church had. He discouraged people to want to even come to church. We lost a lot of good people.

the loss of people at mass. Thate are so few volunteers that our family is doing something almost every week

*loss of family members *loss of businesses in community *increase of homelessness

our priest was taken from us

loss of daughter from the family and church

family death of my husband community children have difficult time being next to parents/family

*Brons mass numbers are down. Less personal participation due to kids being older

that we will close and lose our catholic community *we will not have enough priests to go around - but I believe we need to be creative in utilizing our priests with lay people helping run things we can

*that there are not more younger people to participate that will keep our church alive and going *closing of our parish and lack of priests

*no priest in rectory *lack of involvement for many in Rosary Altar Society, lectors, ushers, sexton *family - children moved away, some not active in church

loss of many families members family busy with their life not spending as much time tighter

merge of St. Pius and St. Thomas more school closings sat Pius holy trinity family physical distance in general adult kids not move ways form hometown changes is priests

the lack of young people who are wanting to get involves and even participate in our parish

*death of parent (s), children not practicing faith as adults *priest being asked to leave numerous times and each priest wants different items that the parish purchased 2X before the last priest *Father Altman being asked to leave - where is the truth, confidence in God?

the church is being abolished into the secular culture in the states i.e. cannon law is an expression of Jesus

Daughters married outside Catholic & no longer attending church, so grand & great-grandkids don't attend any church. Less people attend church; feel they don't have time.

my family not going to church lost my husband

Our children no longer attend Mass-they are adults with families

loss my husband 3 years (on Aug 27, 2023)

no priest living in our rectory younger people not stepping up to fill the choose that walked before them people attending other churches because they like the Mass times

Loss of our Catholic healthcare facilities

Moving too extreme to the right-young clergy are coming out of seminary with Pre-Vatican II ideals-they are not growing the church but isolating it-Jesus models encouraging people where they are at…not pushing people/young people away because they are not Catholic enough-we need to support our Catholic schools

retired/loss of job/loss of friendships/connections children moving out/living on own loss of income/ struggle with inflation/ prices of necessary day to day needs struggle with events in the world violence/changes in society

Losing our biggest company and lots of people like me looking for work.

The loss of half of our parishioners some to death, but more because of the Focus program with young people who don't know any church history but have been taught the only way to be Catholic is to be super pious so they feel they are here to teach us how to be Catholic. They have been taught they are to be the seniors of the church but not how to listen or outreach with others by listening

Children's lack of faith or identity or affiliation with a religion-lack of communication-death of loved ones

so many families and friends leaving the catholic church

none

we've moved a lot and have belonged to many different parishes some were hard to leave some have been hard to join I very much miss the fellowship of my ladies payer groups and I still keep in touch with them because there is absolutely nothing at my person parish none of my children go to church or give glory or paradise to God in any way

*that we will be closed - no mass or sacraments in our parish and longer - if that happens more Catholics will not go to church any longer

very little has changed in our parish in the Wausau are that is growing the kingdom

My Grandma passed away and my family was sad for a long time, but then we realized she is in a better place now.

new pastor and school parishes - children have married and moved away clinic/ hospital have cut back and been bought out

lose catholic grade and high school friend, family child and grandchild where e___ ___ church ___ judged ___ ___ _ __ ____))) feeling lacs ___ ___ ___ ___

god has been replaced sports hobbies work etc.. Weve losing sight that were dependent in god

People not wanting change of any sort in parish-loss of Catholic students in our schools

we war able and encouraged to embrace traditions (Summorum Pontifical) and then suddenly that was cruelly take away like it was nothing after habits and devotions war based on theta for year not being allowed to have traditional baptism like it the past has cause much difficulty for some families (and that makes the hierarchy look bad, cruel and incompetent)

changes to our parish every few years (different priests less participation) loss of parish members

Loss of spouse, children leaving the church.

Have been in this community for only 16 months. The move has taken us further away from family/children; has required sacrifice regarding ministries that we were active in previously (choir/RCIA)

I'm now the old one in my family few people - of life has changes

I fear the church is getting to ultra-conservative as in going back to Latin I appreciated in 1965 when the Mass was presented in English as we could understand what was being said I wish more students would go to the catholic schools rather than homeschooling

Decline in mass attendance. Families are not bringing their kids to Faith Formation-but our Faith Formation classes are not teaching the basics of the faith.

That some of our churches will close and become a mega-church-that churches continue to be following the culture and not the Word of Christ

standing all through Eucharistic prayer and afterwards loss of family members aging limited church access no adoration on regular basis constant request for money capital campaigned diocesan annual appeal stewardship and intermittently requests for money with special collections free social gatherings after Masses

there are very few young families in our parish our priest has 3 parishes instead of 2

remodeling of church that was in my opinion excessive

having a granddaughter born with cinder home less moving in down being a memory of a church and pastor __ __ out after being there e50 years

The way the government is conducting business they aren't honest or think of its goo of the people

The general incompetence of people in their workplaces. Breakdown of civility- no attention spans, smiles or eye-contact.

slightly lower mass attendance, fewer baptisms, smaller families, some poor liturgical music choices

loss of a husband business closing ___ children moving away

our catholic school closed. Father Greg left!

when our children left home thy quit going to church. The priests leave or have two parishes

people leaving the church the priest not listening to the parishioners

not having our own pastor. Drug problems

grandchildren getting married in barns or on an island instead of church

children married and move away my life caught up with me

loss of civility among people of different beliefs lack of tolerance rise of misinformation loud voices being in charge

a priest we cannot understand

the passing of family members. Taking away a priest that we have grown to love. The split of people in our parish

more people at death are not being buried in Hallowed ground

decline in physical health clustering of parishes lack in unity strain on parish finances

my husband died after 50+ years of marriage. Daughter-in-law died

I work for a program funded by the federal government. This past year has been tough as funding and programs are being cut. Friends and colleagues are losing jobs. The local hospital closings were a loss to community and some of my friends lost their jobs.

the loss of my husband which was so hard to accept due to dementia. I have four daughters who have fallen away from the catholic church

changes not just about loss changes are about growth personally and spiritually people friends communities experience death or moving on

Children have grown up-moved on their own with families-loss of parents and other family members-jobs will there be work for everyone-older parish members passing away

*my mom and dad getting older and crippled *priests change every year *my mom and dad abused by the catholic church

that will close because of lack of people

loss of mother in law the matriarch of the family who held everything together

people don't reach the old ways like making sign of cross in front of church Praying at peals praying the rosary as a family saying the apostle creed instead of the other creed lighting candles at church for extra prayers people need to talk to priest

*separation of children - leaving home, wanting to nourish them, doing so from a far. The be expected, planned, but hard *movement of priests - parishioners who can't find value enough in new priests. Parish need to love and cherish each priest

a flourishing women group 10 years now many deceased aged out or widowed losing women too busy we were the bur bone for our priests that changed even 3-5 years

death of sister and brother

Decline in parent's health. Kids getting older & moving out.

losing the matriarchs & patriarchs of our small parish

less people smaller class sizes no sisters inconsistent priests

I have a hard time accepting the fact that my parents and brother are gone and I do have a husband and son but I miss my parents and brother every single day it saddens me tremendously to think of them every day

my children not going to church - they are all over 55

The death of all family members leaving me alone. The lack of participation in the liturgical masses and the decrease in our catholic school.

It will continue to become smaller

My greatest fear is that the church in my area and across the globe will continue to slip into irrelevance by doing more of the same things that have cause its decline over the last 60 years: to become more like the world and reject what the church has always been, to divorce itself from its timeless teachings and traditions, to pretend like Catholicism started in the mid 1960's. I also fear that the most vibrant and growing Catholic communities, the traditional minded Catholics who are having large families and raising them in tradition, will be suppressed. Many of us are angry that we've been denied our catholic heritage, and we are willing to help bring back elements of our traditional faith and practices.

change of pries

I'm 94—believe me the changes I have seen; the young are so busy; can't believe with all the influences they have let their children be involved in 2 many sports

turning away from faith, family structure failing

Deaths, stores and businesses closing, fewer events to go to, communities are often less safe, parish had an assistant priest for a few months only, then he was appointed pastor elsewhere, change in how church addresses social issues

we lost fr. Bob and Fr. Leo at St. Anne there is an anti-Christian movement in the us and the world and even in Wausau

the passing awa of family especially the young ones. The ability to have volunteers who are willing to work

very low attendance at Mass - constant reshuffling of priests - reverence at Mass is almost gone within the congregation - talking looking at phones attire being worn walking in late no genuflecting etc.

Family death, hospital close, less volunteers

the loss of Father Altman and the Latin mass at St James

friends family and acquaintances are growing old and dying off was able to attend Latin Mass before moving to stevens point it is not available her and I missed very much

Family, community, parish.

More people will leave the church because they find it difficult to truly be in dialogue and not be judgmental to the point of saying "only my way".

leaving and retirement of long time pastor

*loss of parents- reduction in people able to work as a parish - young no longer have "church" on their to do list *retirement from occupation

Children not attending church, deaths in family

cannot send our high-functioning autistic child to a catholic school because he needs the additional resources provided by the public school

1. Children left church 2. Priest only listens to "chosen few" 3.One of our pastors was convicted of sexual abuse

*having too many people leave our parish and not come back

To lose our priest and close our parish-the next generation not taking on the roles needed to keep our parish active

some changes have happened -but I accept that my sin does not go to Mass but is still a catholic -so there is always hope that he will

Family and neighbors aren’t going to church much or at all anymore; the attendance.