

(Second Set of Questions)

2. What are changes and losses that you know will happen in the next 10 years?

Loss of family; kids busy with their family; retire

grandchildren getting older and moving away

we will have to adjust to things that close down and not the same as it used to be

I do not foresee our small parish being able to exist. We need to be realistic.

I may no longer be physically/mentally viable

loss of another parent

More than likely I won't be in this life

I will be retired or gone. Without young people coming to church, will we have a parish any more?

The death of family, especially my parents-kids growing up and leaving home-getting old, health issues-losing my "youth"

I think there will be fewer parishes

The intro of way too much AI. Nothing will be for real.

Likely infirmity - loss of friends and family

Many of our active parishioners will no longer be able to help as much and many young people don't want to commit themselves to taking on more

Will be older and what kind of world will my grandchildren have to live in-main leaders and parish volunteers will be 10 years older

change of priests - doing things differently

new priests

with an absent Generation X the following generation will be lost

? Not positive

my family will be different; my siblings may not be here, nor will I

more technology and AI in all things-including spiritual life

I doubt if pastors will change; diocese flip-flopping

Population of our diocese, churches

AI Increase in addiction and mental health issues. However I think it's going to get to a tipping point, then swing back. We (the Church) have got to be ready to provide folks with a loving home (parish) and support services to address these health consequences, and support the prevention programs such as parenting.

my children will (God willing) find spouses and start families. My mother will most certainly pass

less parishioners, less parishes, more parishes consolidated

we are getting older and we have old parish, so what about people not coming to church?

more loss (parents, Family). Loss of priests/deacons

Structure of parishes and priests in our area, amount of available priests in the Diocese

Will be able to retire

changes in my health and other family members

within the next 10 years our oldest will be finishing college and our youngest finishing high school my husband and I will be close to retirement

I will lose energy mobility etc.. As I age I won't be able to support family members in the same ways

in-laws passing away - retirement - health - housing - financing

different types of technology

My Age, health, I will slow down

my health will decline

parish will continue to shrink in membership due to losing elderly parishioners. Less financial support

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the church will become more traditional

the number of people coming to church; the ability to support our church

can we be sure of anything other than God's love?

our pastor will likely be at another parish

Fewer traditional priests (unmarried men that are trained in seminary)

I'll no longer be able to do the things I enjoy doing, attributed to my aging

Technology, artificial intelligence, social media

us older people will be gone. Will there be others to take our place?

new principal at Aquinas. The age of many of our parishioners

*hopefully better education for adults and bringing their Catholic faith alive again *more adult education is needed to pass down to the next generation

the future of the parish school

I think there will be a big demographic change because of how large of a group of people that we have that are near dying

how many church will be open?

there will be closing of churches and the community that we have built

An older generation will have passed away-our kids will be young adults-a new generation will be born/new culture

age and ability to do what I currently do. Our faith will continue to be tested democracy in America

Aging parishes

Change is for sure. Nothing stays static. Will we move towards a more apostolic mindset? Programs at the parish level no longer seem to resolve issues.

the school probably will be closed

Revival. Get more children in coming to Mass but of course it starts with the adults

More losses & decrease in health

Change will happen, and each age adapts to the change.

Less parishes/church; more technology; more funerals (baby boomers are older)

will the simple interaction between people still exist?

I will continue to age. Living alone and maintaining my home will become more difficult

more loved ones dying; retirement; more babies born

*I like will have passed way. *I will have lost friends, more family members *AI will be in every aspect of life *I want to interact with a real person

Silent Generation will pass. Transfer of wealth will be affected. What kind of Church do they leave their financial legacy to?

I feel there will be a shortage of priests and parishioners. They may need to combine parishes. More "modern" churches will form, pulling in the young people

Increase in those engaged, believing in God.

children will be grown

I don't know. I guess the Vatican must have an idea or we might not be

I will be married and a mother, most likely to several kids. Possibly needing to find a job again. more family toxicity and drama. Finally getting healing form trauma and being at peace

the number of priest available to say Mass on the weekends # of people actually attending Mass grandchildren to bring Christ to

the death of elderly family members - changes in Holy Day Obligations

More priests will be serving multiple parishes

*will lose one more parent in our family *the family will all be 10 more years older. *we will no longer be in the working life

family will be longer with more grandchildren. Parish faith formation will undergo radical shift from education model to faith nurturing model. Don't know yet what that looks like

cycle of life; new families moving in and some moving away

how the school is run; financials; building improvements/needs; new parishioners; losing other parishioners

the losing of my family members

more combining of parishes and a willingness to work together for the church laity to be more involved

Loss of many parishioners due to age/death

My family will get older, siblings with health problems will die. Living situations will become more restrictive.

Depends on what happens in our country with so much division. Fewer "feel good" churches who preach one thing but parishioners go out of church and act less "religious"

the generations of leaders in the churches will change people die

I think more of us will have less and perhaps this will be a good thing and draw people close to God.

there will be less parishes

*more catholic schools will close with dwindling enrolment *violent attacks against Catholics during mass

my health continued aging of ourselves and family

My ability to engage family/friends as thoroughly as in the past, decreased travel, inability to attend events (family functions, Badger sports, live theatrical performances)

I feel unless that Catholic church gets more modern ways and ideas it will be hard keeping young people; they are already going to non traditional Christian churches

*less parishioners? *hopefully we can/will be instrumental in helping to grow the church, grow those attending mass and increase community and socialization

people will be more withdrawn from each other and caring for others and their communities

a lot of elderly family and parish family will pass. AI will be very much a part of our everyday lives

*God willing, the kids and wife I've been given getting older. Some kids moving off to college

my mom may pass away my son will move out - I will no longer be the LDCCW president

think maybe society will start to believe the hope we get from God

the current population of senior citizens may not be around

Priests and other will retire, die, etc. Who will drive the income? AI

I will be 80 and what can I offer to my church at that time? In my own personal life, will I even be around and am I ready for this?

AI most supporters in our parish will be gone

church will close and consolidate

at my age I doubt my husband and I will be able to stay in our home; technology

People can change. My hope and prayer is that I continue to change and that the world will grow closer to God

loss of a spouse, elderly neighbors passing away. Not enough churches and or priests

the acceptability of speaking publicly about Jesus and the opportunity for evangelization one is no longer bullied or shamed into silence for talking about God faith etc.. In public forms

Less mobility-less travel

some of my kids will leave the house

technology will grow; less kids in our schools; I will be retiring to what

Our children will be on their own or have their own families

Family members growing and moving away for better jobs etc.

Loss of more relatives, aging

Parishes will change. We have to be able to reach out younger generation to become strong parish again. Technology will be different and we need to find ways to use it to our benefit.

My children will have left the house and moved on with their lives

I won't be my age now

Kids will leave home

Lower youth population as families have less children, cherry picking Catholics

older, so likely health impacts to self and family

continued loss of Church members loss of respect of others

Through the natural process of life the older generation will pass on, hopefully leaving their stories to the generations to follow them

Grandkids will grow up and will be different hopefully will be blessed with more good days ahead

*Dependency on Children *maybe death *concern for society not unified in Jesus

people will age and pass away, resulting in losses

There will be few priests available. Many parishioners put pressure to abort babies or go against your moral beliefs.

How we communicate; how we travel; how often to see family

smaller parishes will close and join larger ones

Loss of energy to do things, especially with grandkids and taking vacations with spouse

My children will be gone from my house and I will have less control on leading them down the correct path.. Must drive from a distance

Hopefully more attendance & weekly Masses; have Lenten services at 2nd parish.

We are getting older and may not be able to help as much. Our grandchildren will be in college or working we may not be able to travel to see them

We will lose the older parishioners through death and they are not most active parishioners at this time

We will most likely have a new priest

our numbers will get smaller each year

I may be gone from this earth and no longer able to enjoy life Grandkids moving away and rarely see them and their children we aren't feeling important to more of the family

I will lose my independence-I will need to leave my home-my health will decline

retirement, kids will be out of school

*health *new pastor *school involvement in the parish *physical limitations

Mom getting older, maybe dead. Growth and usage of AI in country. New core members of the parish.

different way of teaching way parish works together

nothing is known but I suspect membership will decline as the elderly pass and fewer young join parishes. Along with that will be the loss of traditions such as picnics.

Christianity is losing the war against us all by the secularists the Muslim religion

Less priests and parish associates like sister Mary Ellen in Bevent lack of people receiving sacraments

death

*we will lose Fr Steve as a pastor *we will lose the Franciscan influence in the community

AI, our family, the economy, how we teach the church's population.

*decrease of priests *decrease in parishes and types of mass - traditional vs contemporary
*decreased income due to decrease in elderly population that supported church *development of a new school system with recently purchased land

I suppose AI. However, nothing is new under the sun

Nothing is for sure.

*it depends on the priest...either spiritual growth and all the TRUTHS taught or more souls lost... more Catholics living lives that are bad examples so more people leave and fewer believe in Jesus

Retirement - good / US administration – maybe bad

grandchildren moving away more deaths in family

baby boomers rich in faith will be gone - who will lead us?

age/death - before that inability to contribute much to parish community, family and friends

*we will have a new pastor and he will be different *staff changes

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I will be in my 80's with no family close by

expenses for operating a church will be higher and if church membership continues to decline, less income will be there

We may have less scheduled masses on Sunday & during the week.

*death of loved ones *the unknown of, if you stay or should move from your community with aging and health

loss of elder members who are faithful and growing who will provide replacements funding of current Large givers

who knows?

The government and the family; our Catholic Church

*technology's role in our world *how we connect with others

in the next 10 years maybe more people will go to Mass virtually and not so much in person I think there will be less people in catholic schools

spouses needing more care or myself. Children and grandchildren further away from home

Younger people will take over the church; artificial intelligence will be used to influence and manipulate people. The church needs to recognize and counter this with targeted education programs.

*family -our aging -kids *will we still have a church *government changes

the next generation to keep the church going

no one knows for sure of anything

we as Catholics are changing, as our elderly pass we will not have anyone to take over

I'll be older

I am hoping for a revival so big that it will get better young families will be back & bring their children

the median age of our members

I will be in my late eighties if I am still here . If I'm no longer here, hopefully I will be in heaven

our son will be grown and gone. My (non-Catholic) husband may or may not continue to attend holy mass with me

The way things are built, like my school is adding more on, so it will be different.

Will priests be able to marry?

*we will reach retirement *my in-law will die *my children's spouses may enter the catholic church

different parishioners and priests; parish activities

Less seminarians and thus less ordained priests that everyone can understand

Our church might be made up of non-English-speaking parishioners.

The elderly in the parish will decrease and hopefully the young families will start to realize the importance of catholic education

more clustering of parishes

living and U.S. - therefor living in parishes which will find it hard to help people in medical need

we have less Catholics in the Catholic schools. The ones we have (majority) aren't being raised well in the faith by their parents. Good news - many non-Catholics are coming to our schools and they have faith filled families and many are converting

Retirement/change in income-aging parent

Many older parishioners will pass on; both spiritual and financial issues will arise

Being in our 80's, we will have to rely on others to help out-especially with no family near

AI. Leadership & peace.

in the next 10 years 50% of our members will be gone (deceased)

probably will lose our pastor. He is loved but won't be able to stay. I will probably lose my home eventually because of age

will be losing older generation from our parish. We need more youth in our parish

husband retiring in about 2 years

I will be old - probably lose parents. I will need to change purpose/direction

*parishes will close or re-organize / merge) *increase utilization of lay individuals

technology will change how we do things

NA church will become like SA church

that I have to use a CPAP help me to always breathe at night

*we will be bigger! (shrine) *my home parish will probably close down

our church will be more energized with the new evangelization more people will find the way back to the one holy apostolic true Catholic Church

I will be older; may not be able to be as active in my parish

I am sure we may need to close some churches in Wausau but question to what extent and if we should do more to grow

Political lies & maneuvering. More AI. Aging.

the people who do that work are passed priest need to be more lenient with their congregations (like Baptism and burial)

health problems for us; and spouse leaving home to move to apartments or assisted living

The loss of loved ones

changes in parishioner makeup/demographics change in parish finances potential change in liturgy (hopefully toward more reverent)

*I think it is inevitable that parishes in many places will be smaller or close. The financial structure of the churches will have to change. *lay people will have to take the initiative of apostolates or various ministries will end because the parish staff can no longer do all the work

my siblings will be moved out of the house we will all have our own lived my hoe will be different and my job

grandchildren will grow up and move away

I won't be here in 10 years

I will have aged and not be able to attend parish

need for new, larger church if current priest stays need for spiritual care for elderly etc.. Who aren't able to attend church

walking through church doors will be less of an option, want to feel faith how I used to

hopefully retired but still working at my parish

the poor need to be brought in to the church and the rich need to accept the change before it is to late

farmers will become fewer and the farms that are left will be large

parishes will close or consolidate. I do not consider that altogether a bad thing

loss of husbands and my mother charged marriage/grandchildren

that my wife and I are getting older and one or both of us will be gone

the older generation is dying - families are now smaller

Not sure

declining enrollment in schools, churches, etc. Increase of physical and mental health needs(and elderly to take care of) will people and resources be there? Lack of people 30s-50s to take over

the elderly will have passed away and where will the volunteers come from

Our parish will be closed

those like warm will drift away without fellowship love and support

I will be older less able to do things I am 62 now same for my wife we approach the final stages of our life

maybe - women to enter, or married

AI Scares me

the number of churches

society-always changing family who will be around church community what will that look like

my husband and I will be retired

missing younger families older generations passed on less in congregation

Fewer priests, sharing our priest with too many parishes, thus maybe losing more people.

Maybe not in 10 years, but women need to have more roles in our church! We need money deacons... and priest. Men are not filling this role, let women come in. I hope so!

We will have a different priest

Some of the children will come back and we would be ready to welcome them and love them.

don't look forwards nosing our since of faith community

*it will not be possible to be an obligatory catholic....either you stand for the church or you don't. No more lukewarmness *priests roles may have to change from admin to ministry

our children will be grown and will be moved out of the house

the endless liturgy wars/tension in the church and lack of clarity - current state of the economy and rapid reduction in quality of life - the rise of AI and ever more divisive means of communication

how will we use money - debit cards * we all need to get close to God

age of parishioners, most will be gone

the only things that will changes is what is in God's will I will make personal commitment for my family commit to adoration weekly

Loss of mobility and health-death of loved ones-churches? What is real?

I don't know of changes

lay people will be more involved in assisting the pastor due to a shortage of priests

not somewhat but know not all changes will be good

possibly less young children being brought up Christian *less people at our church

children will be exposed to fake-reality. AI. Not knowing what is real or false. Easily lured away

changing of the guard of involved and contributing parishioners

I may not be among the living.

our parish will continue to lose many of our parish family

*Health - aging will happen, unsure what the will mean *retirement- how it will affect people's lives and mine *less ability to be active

Technology and reliance on it for everything

fewer and fewer young people including some of grandchildren will not know who Jesus is. They will not be instructed in the 10 commandments or moral teachings of the church. There will be more greed, unkindness, and perhaps violence

fewer priests

hopefully a return to God for those who don't believe and dismiss him now

Jobs for my kids and grandkids

*continued loss of family friends, parish members *still after 10 years not fitting in *escalation of confrontation

the kids will be teenagers babe and Franny will be in their mid-seventies I will be in my early fifties

churches will be getting stronger hopefully schools will be higher attendance loss of family member or loved one

I'm 88

parishes will have to combine especially in small rural churches cultural differences between communities is increasing

who will be our next priest

more elderly then now

I will retire from teaching

no one can predict the future but we can see the attendance going from the envelope giving going down and the diocese requiring more and more financially from all parishes

the structure of our parishes will be different either merged or restructured

in ten years I will be among those who are elderly enough that I can only try to imagine what is coming I have seen so many changes in my life time already

we will be alone in our old age society will continue to worsen

smaller parish in terms of size; make harder to run activities, events and programs like CCD;
council members and volunteers

allow the church active as they are now

more lonely people especially in elderly

The membership aging-the pastor-the leadership-the world

How the world will change - war? Churches change. Uncertainty

I will be 10 years older

*society will continue to decline morally if the church does nothing to combat the serious issues
and confusion of our time

My children leading their faith journey instead of guiding it Having less influence over my kids as
they grow.

I will be old and maybe not independent any more where and what will our country be like

*poor health (aging)

government grandkids will get married maybe I won't be here

the real difficulty in this scenario is that there is not real way of knowing

As we age, we will no doubt have to move to a retirement community.

Less people taking/having time for church activities-being involved

Church close

1. developing dementia while my husband still needs me 2. losing the ability to drive to Mass

more deaths of family and friends health will decline

expect some changes because we have a new pope

my children will be confirmed and hope they will continue with faith

buildings will weaken people will die

the loss of parents being they are meaning 90

I'm scared to say.

as a single person am I may be needing assisted living situation or at least on home care.

how parishes are grouped together

2 of my adult children have not

My mother will die within the next 10 years. I will retire from my job that I have had for 30 years.

I will age the world around me with age

unless the catholic church makes some radical changes forward we will continue to see decline (definition of insanity)

Family aging/dying. Ability diminishes.

my children will more to collage and hopefully graduate and have their own families

Christmas traditions/holidays.

we will lose more of our older parishioners and there will become less and less coming to Mass

*the strong Catholics in our parish will possibly be gone or not healthy

the effort that we will have when lose a lot of senior members and leaders

*what is the purpose of these questions? *be transparent and not ambiguous - what is the purpose though?

I may not be here to be concerned about changes

in some of the parishes, you look around and most of the people are older, in 10 years many may be gone

*the parish and deanery will have to adjust to shifting and polarized populations

the rise or fall of recreational spirituality

Parishes will close or be reduced, funding down and expenses up-their faith will become less important-next generation

Schooling will change in a big way of brick and mortar to online.

grandchildren will all be grownups may not be here(death) to love on them pray of them

kids moved out Grandkids? Retirement?

my health will change pushing 80

technology

loss of family members

I will be slower I won't be able to do the things that I do today who will take on the fundraising for the eparchies our PCCW is so active now

baby boomers have money for support parishes won't last forever

the number of priests will continue to decline the percentage of young people as part of the overall judgment will decline

personal mortality or ability to be productive in my community and family

will be older ?changes in quality of life ?changes in society /worldwide conflict

I'll be older

I will probably be dead no one will remember me my children will not come back to visit and will lose track of relatives

we will have a different priests our ages will be older and health concerns

membership will fall. As elderly pass no one to take their place. Indifference

less people attending Mass not on to replace the elderly people who now attend Mass

change of pastor, older leadership passing away. New younger people taking leadership roles

many of our current parishes will pass away and there aren't many young families

well if living will just be older also everyone in my generation

I hope to find a spouse. I hope to buy land or possibly move. I hope to advance my career. We have a lot of older parishioners and sadly some of them may not be here in 10 years.

less and less kids coming to church less and less adults are volunteering to teach classes people are not making faith a priority

possible loss of parents care for aging parents

Death of mother.

continued decline in parishioners unless more young families start attending most of our population are older

different pastor and father

I believe our church will grow because of the youth program at St Florians

I may no longer be alive. I'm sure my living situation will be different and I will probably not be as independent as I am now

getting older and stiffer and harder to get around

new people I'll have to step in to lead various ministries mi of the same age as our choir/music person and it possible she won't still serve as the leader the need for lay hep to naga the functions of the parish it is too Mich for the priests alone I the case now in a large prigs

I pray that is 10 years we have many more priests getting ordained and in seminary. our churches are too small with all converts and returning catholics we former farmers and rural like we need to recoinage this as a whole and reinvent rural life

will be close to 90 who knows

I will not be hear - deceased

the dynamic of my family, St Florian will not be open

may change schools, which will change my friendships. Grown children with adult problems and hopefully joys. My age/heath may be different. My parents health may deteriorate

Our current pastor probably will be either retired or have passed on

Older members gone hopefully younger newer members will increase their involvement

The "Minority of Catholicism" will remain strong enough to support itself always as God works miracles daily- I will always be a child of God strong to my family.

more dependance on technology

our children will be grown and possibly in their own parishes leaving my husband and I together alone in our own parish dealing with new issues needing spiritual shepherd to navigate

no debts personal parish different ministries

*things won't be as personal. More and more will be done by electronics

All kids out of the house-less priests in the diocese-being grandparents

I worry my husband will no longer be with me and I don't know who I will manage only own we were told when the new change of priest happens we will have Mass every other week

AI technology Marriage (aging) morality -lack of lack of children

become less independent

Less priests to be our shepherds. More lay people need to step up to help and lead in the community.

elderly priests who help out wont large percent of parishioners will be gone

our kids are adults, close to retirement

We will have to more and more face limitations as we age, for example we love to take long car trips, that may become impractical-

not sure

shortage of priests merging of parishes

the conservative/liberal nature will be decided unwelcomeness will continua

many of us won't be here

AI

My parents will pass-my children will be raising their own children-will this community be more or less "churched"

more and more people (society) wants things their way so if the church stays in its traditional form (which I believe we need) people will step away from the church

my children will be graduated / out of the house my parents could be gone I won't be teaching at our school

I will not be working

I'll be 75 my mom will probably die our grandchildren will all be out of high school or close well be married 57 years in 10 years

*grandchildren going off to college *retirement - farm succession *will next generation step up to continue parish traditions, dinners

Our kids will graduate & move out.

people culture leaders

deciding what to do with our farm as we get older harder to do everything need to decide where ewe go from here I'm a sacristan and chair of sacred worship need to step away to give mor time to my husband and home

work schedule will change work identity will change moving from one job to another

most of the very active church members will be 70+ years old we will lose our present priest

The church is growing older as its people-there will be less people to do all the work that needs to be done. Society keeps changing and it is acceptable to have multiple partners before marrying or not to marry at all

The good shepherd will raise all if we lean on for help and renewal. The call is ours but the Lord's. There will be more priests to handle the needs of the church.

my parents independence and more dependance on me

our faith will grow and continue to try to evangelize others

weekly Mass discontinued. Dependance on others for daily life. Independence less. No priest for parish

I will retire and a new exciting chapter will open

that we will have to travel to go to Sunday Masses

Churches closing. Christianity/Christians being slaughtered everyday

*I am close to retirement and that will be disrupting *as my children age and move away. I feel my life changing

I'll have children and will not be able to be also involved in parish activities and the young adult community

2 more kids leaving the home - technology and AI retirement

losing parents; family losing contact

I fear for changes in our town. Loss of democracy & how to remain peaceful.

smaller parishes. Some closed. Fewer people going to church. Maybe, this country going the way of socialism, things being more and more secular in life

retirement

Demographic data shows our state is aging.

*large portion of community will be over 65 and in need of special health services *evil intentions are out there

AI, age,

many of my kids will leave the nest I know there will be needed changes in my parish

I will not be able to be quite as active in church activates due to aging and physical activity

we will lose more of our constant parishioners from age/death will others pick up and help where it is needed

Will an American Pope lead to more liberalization?

retirement aging probably move our priest higher costs

the holy spirit will renew rebuild by filling hearts with fire creating ____

the structure of churches throughout the dioceses

our children will be teenagers or leaving home - different identity

I will be retired my parents will probably be gone or close to death my children will be firmly living their vocations - grandchildren will increase in numbers

getting older both parents will be deceased

With fewer priests, the need for involvement of laity is important, but this can only happen when the priests learn to give up their need for authority. We are all Christians together

I will be retired and spending a lot more time alone-my health may not be as good

my pastor might/will probably retire (we will be over 70 in 10 years, I hope he can retire) but I have fears of how the next pastor will run the parish

loved ones new and old family members uncertainty of what the parish family will look like

a new priest! More times for prayer (eucharistic adoration). Classes for bible lessons

Less people going to church. Keeping the parish open.

*loss *independent children out on their own

I won't be here we have grandkids very faithful thank God

elderly who are major part of our parish will be gone

I think that the parishes which are on a positive trajectory will improve - but parishes that double down on failed ideas (progressive theology, absence of the element of the sacred, etc.) will die

people will continue to age and new beings will be born

We will likely have a couple different pastors. Children in my home leaving our community.

change retirement

my age my income my wealth

my wife or me will pass from each other or have to move to assisted living or nursing home.

I will be 65! John now 14 will be out of the house, empty nest

who will volunteer

members will be older hard for some people to get to church

bad is good and good is canceliered bad their increases more every year

more technology. AI?

There will be fewer priests.

demographics

how AI is used - how parishes are managed including how priests adapt

smaller families the older people who are the back bone of the church will be in heaven

I don't believe anything will for sure change I don't think we realize that for sure implies we have some continue or no sot Niue

becoming older and not able to participate in church activities

health family grows older retirement for good change in priests

less younger people staying in our church as they move away for better jobs and family

some will be reluctant to come to church

75 now I have to look at life different and help the grandchildren with learning more about Jesus

I will probably lose my mom

our priest will be moved we will have fewer priests

*change in family - all adult children - possibly grandchildren *my kids will go on their own faith journey

less larger families community will struggle financially

More children in church, the elders will be dying-my body will continue to age, obese son may die

less members in church

*all my children will be grown and out of the house *I will be older *I will be a grandparent

church needs to be more accepting of people

hopefully priests will be allowed to marry and our parishes will become family centered. More families attending mass and sending kids to Catholic schools

our families health abilities

I may be leaving the world because of age. I will not be able to serve in my local church because of age.

Facing death in the family & friends.

age/health

our country school will be forced to merge with the city schools

parents will die our family farm will be sold children all grow up and move out

how the priest will conduct the masses

more technology - hopefully not taking away from people attending. Fewer priests to tend to needs of parishes

Family changes children grow. Loss of Family members / loss of leaders Church community; who will replace?

*I may not be here *ability to have the freedom to function in daily activities

Technology shifts

national debt will cause inflation, sharp entitlement cuts, or both. Greater sexual immorality and confusion in our culture

Personally, both my wife and I will be retired. How comfortably we can live depends upon how medical insurance is handled in this country. Our hopes are not high.

aging parishioners

life as we know it will change and is changing as I write. In don't love the direction it is going and fear for my kids and grandkids

very possibly may not be here on earth

looking around in the pews, there are many grey-haired people and not a lot of young people, so it seems we'll have fewer and fewer members. Our school needs updating and repairs which will be expensive

continued decrease in Mass attendance our priest

Our church will look different with so many baby boomers not being able to attend and needing more care that might not be there.

more automation to make life "easier" but not always better

even less young couples being married in the church meaning less baptisms and confirmations
more difficulties having enough financial support to pay staff and maintain our church properly

we won't have enough priests in America

technology and social media

ageing challenges in home dynamics of grandchildren growing and farm responsibilities aging in parish

*lukewarm Catholics that are still practicing will depart *zeal and growth will continue to grow in young Catholics

I know we'll have less Priests

many older parishioners who make up a majority in my parish will likely be gone this will change the look of the parish

it's very hard to predict this

less churches less elder people

another new pastor. Loss of more friends and family. Loss of civility in the nation

personal physical ailments aging technology advances the environment

aging priests/deacons will they be able to be replaced we need a larger church which is good but will we be able to afford it

Aging changes everything.

We will not have a real parish

growing older increased health problem will have to rely more on others in a good sense perhaps that will help my reliance on God

There will be more AI.

I will probably be dead. My spouse may be dead.

*going too modern, losing our sacredness *not enough Eucharistic adoration *not saying the rosary and meditating on it not serious enough

the loss or start of loss of an older generation

I'm afraid humans will lose ability to interact one on one. Technology makes relationships impersonal

*age *ability to get around possibly *teenage grandchildren *family movement to new areas
*moving out of church involvement *vacationing

college, possible a seminarian? I'll be 24. My niece will be driving

Move of the land will be owned by non-residents

smaller number of parishioners

likely many, everything. In other ways, nothing

more aged members or less members overall because of age (death

kids grown living own lives needs changes

*people dying, moving, downsizing etc. *retirement for many people or even older people
re-entering the workforce *cost of goods and services will increase along with taxes

churches will close because of lack of parishes support for school

More technology in learning about the church.

members

I think Hillview will become a ghost town not enough priest to run the church

smaller number of priest with greater responsibilities

retire loss of family members

reduced Mass times at our own church (I will be disappointed) but will make the switch I feel
that closing a few parishes to save our pastors is important

hide off to the world empty nest

we will all be 10 years older

age - 75 yrs old - health issues, finances, world economy, technology, etc.

My daughter will be on her own, starting her life as an individual.

We'll all be older and in a different stage of life

my age (ha ha ha)

fewer people financially supporting the church priests will be moved around communion service instead of Mass

we have too much food or whatever we need famine may come and ... will turn to Hard and pray we need to be humble and thankful

we will almost be empty nesters

parish pastors decreasing and deacons increasing supplementing the rolls in the parish here deacons can provide a service in place of the priest

Our church will be closed

Many of my home parish elders will no longer be around to serve in their multitude of capacities

generations will die and a new generation will come forward church leaders parishioners

we may change parishes (building) for circumstances out of our control

Probably a number of different priests. The one we have now only has about a year left on his visa.

my children will be starting their adult journeys I will no longer be in my child-bearing years retirement if we are lucky but with so many changes happening in the world who knows anymore

*masses will be less available *churches will be less available *population will age as far as congregation

everyone getting older

My increase needs of my children. I can only hope that they take the time to try to understand my need for them! I ideally plan to stay healthy, but am I really in charge of that?

the influence of social media and technology will continue to change the fabric of families communities including our faith community

Getting good attendance at OCIA this year.

loss of my home church St Peter's

health conditions which may prevent me from enjoying the life I know

population declining in rural area although we have had some younger families move in so maybe hope - parishes will need to rely more on volunteers Diocese should too

that our parish will close

Not learning the basics of our church and faith-to keep people strong to keep them coming to church and Mass

older ____ loss of traditions lack of leadership financial giving

Religion in general will just not be important.

my health

job retirement living in a different place

I or my spouse will pass

less families financial support less lay people stepping up

getting older and less able to do this

I haven't got an answer for this I just pray each day for a change

there is hope in our young people and they are the future of the church

not many priests parishes

I hope not combining churches

there will be less priest because there are fewer children in our families

will get older not be able

families that will find a ____ to faith and religion reduced Mass attendance focus on social justice and less on building a faith community increases polarization and political affiliation that is in conflict with church teachings

no one will be going to church

the number of parishes will decrease

grand children growing up not seeing them often

AI, lack of reproduction of generations

Churches will have less Mass times; parishioners will have to step up & become more active in services for the Church.

*people continue to flock to the newer more modern churches. We need to find a way to relate to and connect with these people! They are seeking Christ- we need to figure out how to "meet

them in the middle" *no conversation/communication due to overuse of phones/electronic devices

*fewer priests, fewer buildings *it will be harder to find support for parishioners in need

Might not be here, too many changes in the church already

we won't know for sure, but if we all pull together with deeper faith lives anything is possible

if nothing changes Crawford County will be a state park (the entire country)

my body will slow down will probably need care of some sort possibly of dying gets greater

we will get a different pastor

our volunteers who are older will have passed away and no one else steps up

probably death of my spouse

lack of faith in the revealed religion = less priests less catholic = harder to achieve salvation

hope will be diminished if we continue to remove churches from community businesses may

close priests may change but the foundation to all of life is God radical changes lay ministers

lead smaller churches single female priests married priests

My location & possible job.

Great question let me check my crystal ball

I may be out of my home - our parish may not exist as its own entity

More technology that elderly don't understand.

where will I live

Loss of my mother and other family and friends

less people in workforce more automation

fewer churches

death

a community with ministries to support all aspects in people lives

lots of older people will pass away and will the church even be able to keep going

*the students I teach will be different *where I am living will be different *my immediate family will be different - how we care or who is around

I think church numbers will drop a lot in next 10 years I only see who goes to church and it is mostly elderly very low numbers of younger families and only 40

Maybe won't be here-death-my church may close

decreases ability to do so many things as we currently do grandchildren going to college or even high school so many immoral practices being teaching

God will call me home! Grandchildren will be married hopefully with offspring-parish will fold

I'm not sure, Personally I'd like to get married someday. I got an annulment. I'm afraid more sick behaviors will I be made more "normal"

many of our current parishes will not loner be with us

*kids grow up, might even more out *AI *general societal instability/community decreasing

churches will class not enough support schools also as families are not having the children as our parents had any they are the ones not baptizing their kids of they have any only may walk into church at easter and Christmas

children married retirement

I may not be living here; lots more children and less seniors in our church

kids leaving home

Kids grow and move out start own families

*fewer priests *consulate parishes *greater need to evangelize the unchurched

at least 3 different priest in our parish the closing of small parish

will lose faithful parishioners, elderly. Who will take their place?

Retirement - no job - more Facetime

no religious siters around few priests

average age of parishioners increase without new young families

some ...parishioners and friends will pass away

we'll be getting a different priest

*parish will keep aging, not young people stepping up to keep things going

I'm optimistic that things will improve

many of us active senior members will be gone. Who will step up and take over their roles?

fewer priests/parishes less income for operational expenses of parish diminished leadership pipeline with local parish

grandchildren will leave the nest

aging meetings need for them

we will lose our current priest

Nationality of Membership

hopefully nothing bad!

older grandchildren will be young adults and fear they will not have the spiritual background to take all of life's difficult times

my parents or mother in law or anyone close to me will likely die in that time retirement may be in that time

Hopefully, the end of my life.

*parishes working together to support a central office *cut of number of masses at parishes

there are too many parishes in the city with such significant property and I doubt we can maintain the status quo personally I may need to move closer to my children as I age (currently 73)

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Health. Change in family dynamics

fewer catholic our age. grandchildren may be Lutheran

death?

less involvement with attending Church because of wanting to do something else

cost of living health

The need for confessionals. Hoping that priests will be allowed to marry-will strengthen the church

hope towards traditionalism

I don't look that far into the future

I will be growing older with medical issues. I will be supporting my family members and parish the best I can. I hope I am not alone for the rest of my life.

kids will leave/older new stages of life

I fear that mass will become less important *too busy families trying to survive

my kids will be older and thinking about college/moving or teaching young kids in catechism class

the population birth rate is low where will the people come from to manage volunteer at church and other community project

the way AI will be used in everyday life

We will all be 10 years older!

being able to do what I do now

the priest will be able to get married the deacons will have more power to do things in the parish fewer churches

who knows

I would surely hope more young adults will hear the calling and step into priesthood and sisterhood

I truly don't know I anticipate that for a city the size of Marshfield perhaps 4 churches will be difficult to sustain financially

La Crosse cannot maintain 6 parishes

there is a decline in fertility since the shots. We may face loss of growth due to no babies being born to be raised. Since so many marriages failed during covid there may have to be a loosening of annulment rules per se, in order to allow families to be rebuilt. We may need to offer something to help the hearing impaired head phones in pews

stores closing down family moving away economy

some parishes will close or merge with others priests will continue to struggle with the increasing downwards put on them the church will experience tremendous growth in number but even more so in vibrancy and zeal for the lord

no priests maybe lay persons

my grandma the family matriarch will die my sisters 5 oldest kids will become adults and move on to the next phase of their lives possibly having their own kids

I think there will be an increase in families coming to IC.

*my health and husband's health as we get older *not owning our family farm *family growing/getting older and will we be able to attend all of our grandkids activities? *the church and the priest we will have

all kids will move out, spouse older, retirement, ???

the uncertainty of my employment status

Getting a new priest. Also the technological advancements will be far greater. My fear is the evil they will bring and the tendency for people to worship those things like a false god.

small family farms will not survive

transition to not working and how to connect with community and groups to stay productive moving forward after a divorce

we will (god willing) be the older ones attending Mass

will lose some of the strong leaders of our church

Relocation of dairy herd. State of farm.

new priests, change of churches, people having religion in their life will be minority

loss of solid members of the parish increase in those who desire to live an authentic catholic life without finding a place to land

Fewer people supporting the church.

The type of population surrounding our current location

siblings aging , no longer going to be able to live independently

many more will pass families get older and younger people do not stay looking for life and fulfillment elsewhere many of these small parishes will need to close because of lack of people and friends to keep it all going

I will have less ability to volunteer because of my age we don't have many young volunteers to take my place to help our priests

people will travel to a new church farther away to have more people at Mass

We might die in the next 10 years and I don't know how close our family will stay together

loss of elders

less priests probably our pastor leaves

people

My husband's health will change and hopefully not deteriorate fast

maintaining 3 parishes - many of the PCCW ladies will be unable to assist like they do to really keep service going

Mass attendance will not grow without substantial change.... Outside of catastrophe

will we have a priest in town churches will close

I am 70 now, in 10 years I'll be 80. Loss of health or decline in health and independence

some of my siblings (or me) will die

*less priests, parish closings *I will lose family to sickness and death *I will still be a practicing catholic

aging and loss of core parish members loss of parish groups/activities due to no volunteers loss of commitment

I am sincerely hoping that the political unrest that has led to a resurgence in youth for I increasing will continue these 25 plus youths are out future

we will pass maybe or ___ unsure hopefully more embracing and loving to all whom we meet

Our ability to access a priest when needed. More reliance on deacons.

I will depart this life

aging, health issues, affordability

if more people stop coming some churches will have to close

The age of people attending church will be older.

I foresee combining many parishes with one main religious leader. It will be run by administrative people and using more deacons if available

*my husband and I will be in older age and less independent

pastor will likely retire how long can he handle all the responsibility

I will be 10 years older so I will be in my middle 90s, right now I am healthy

Different priest. Turnover for CCD teachers.

will I be alive what about my ____ will it be at war or will my children and grandchildren ____ on like we did what will education be like

we will lose many of our older parishioners small catholic schools have attendance to remain open loss more younger people if some things don't changes

How the body of Christ grows and supports itself

the radicalized or polarization in society and will that impact the parish It seems like the world is becoming more divided

society needs the catholic church to regain its morality

the need for confession when there are not services/sins to confess

parish structure, the number of churches and/or parishes

my immediate family will probably not all be here in 10 years

Grandchildren will grow & hope to go to college.

the change for the next ten years some things is important is family and the church I hope to stay in my home as long as possible

people who are vital to our church now will die; others will step up

loss of health loss of loved ones loss of financial stability loss of our priests due to age death or infidelity

politics who do we believe is telling the truth. Politicians need to represent their constituents not the party that is in power and be afraid if they don't

I will probably be dead need new choir all members elderly

many active members of the parish will "age out" of ministry roles

I will more on, leaving my home of 40 years. Ever hopeful because of my free and open relationship with my love and Savior, Jesus Christ. I truly feel protected and in sync with the Holy Trinity and Blessed Mother

our children and grandchildren growing up and away our health and the health of family and friends changes in our church passing of family and friends our own living arrangements

I will be ten years older

less TC and media more communication

*sister and priest shortage will be worse before it gets better *kids from broken families have kids and a cycle of challenges continues

Technology/AI will have even greater influence on society and not all of that will be good.

Breaking up society

I personally may not be able to do things hopefully with the young families that have joined they will want to participate in more events

the generation that is the core of our volunteers, committees, musicians, etc. are ageing out. Often without passing on the history to the younger generation. The "this is the only way" has not many getting involved *how do we grow and pass on without losing our history and traditions. Change in what makes this parish unique

I am most concerned about the lack of families not coming to church and the religious education and direction they received

child(ren) in school

moving

I will be elderly. Will I be alone?

I think we will be closing some of the churches

inability to be productive

things in the deanery will get better after all the recent Eucharistic revival activity and I believe less people will make more of an impact for Christianity

School closures for Catholic church or combination. People are not sending children to Catholic schools (lack of interest, economics/tuition/affordability). Less parishes

my husband and I will retire from our careers my husband's parents are getting very elderly and will need care will we need to continue working for financial reasons how to balance with carrying for family

many of our current active parishes will have died or will be disabled but from our young families and young family moving into our area (love of Jesus and the church new vitality will reenergize our parish

Family: children will move away. Church: loss of pastor

families having fewer children

things will change - good and bad - that is history

no more cash. Kiosks for churches. One will probably close

maybe more of the younger ones will understand what it is like until the church

we know nothing for sure - only God knows that!

our health will decline and we'll be more dependent on our family friends and faith community
AI will significantly impact us

The goodness of Charlie Kirk will expand.

in 10 years I'll be 94

*how much AI will become part of everyday life *women should be allowed to be deacons

*priests should be allowed to get married - more young men would pursue priesthood if they
are allowed to have a wife and kids

older clergy, church participation decline, not as much giving

I will be retired my partners (at least one of them) likely to pass the country is changing -people
are seemingly becoming more hateful

My mother will probably be gone - I will probably move out of my house into a smaller home

Division in church, politics, etc..

new attitudes

our priests will all be moved again

parents will encourage children and grandchildren's to get involved in our parish

we will age and based upon our current demographic in the church, we will be smaller still

*more emphasis on technology and less care and concern for the human person

Many of the things we take for granted now will be gone or changed

Fewer priests so less options for Masses or parish activities if consolidation

*people will die, our friends our leaders, our people who leave the church *pastor and priests
will be reassigned *changes in the church structure and liturgy

possible death either myself or my husband not being able to live in my home

*family structure *focus on what's important

we will have a change of priests

will have grandchildren children getting married health continue to degrade

Death (I am 83 years old)

*We will all be older. *Nothing stays the same. Learning and praying to accept those changes gracefully

changes in leadership/pastor at church I expect more people will go elsewhere

sick or death hard to accept catholic school be lost young families moving away from catholic faith many don't have camaraderie with other church goers

New priests, closed parishes or merged parishes-will we still have fair elections?

society, kids being influenced by social media

parish will get smaller village will also be smaller

my age

jobs people do it seems like people need to work more hours to stay middle class this give less time for some other things like volunteering. Also running their children to so many events away from church related activities

retirement less of family members do to health

getting older closer to retirement age our retired priest is getting older

I have more than likely will not have my parents who are my rock. My grandkids will become older and becoming adults

an aging community where by fewer people will be attending Mass

I won't be here or with children

getting SSI - grandchildren - another wedding in family

life will get harder due to higher cost for everything AI will take over more jobs

fewer church goers and churches closing

almost everything

I will be one of the elders society changes will cause the church to change

our priest will age and we pray they join Christ's true church before our time is up

Hi tech and elimination of truth, acceptance, and knowing.

how our parishes will be structured ____ Mass times

The younger generation with young kids will continue to travel to traditional parishes and flourish, while Moden parishes will die out.

*AI *Big government *loss of caring for one another

many of our elderly will be gone and my age group will now be the "older parishioners" *losing some traditions that build community due to younger people not learning/participation in certain ministries and activities

everything. As we get older nothing stay the same

surely My life will never be the same in 10 years to come ; I won't be younger as I am now; retirement will be upon me.

people move rot different areas no longer come back going to other churches

I will probably be gone

technology continues to advance and both good and bad will happen because of it

1/2 our committed church goers will be gone

unfortunately more division if things keep going the way they are now

the full scope of our small parish and our school will look much different I fear

Losing my Mom as she ages

I may not be here or in capable of contributing participating (may be diminished

I for sure will be less active at 92 instead of 82.

ultimately people will be united. Come together to renoun their faith

death of my husband, he has cancer

children grown and on their own parents much older -still here?

*I will die or be elderly *Income limited to give help *spirituality of priests may not be good *we have to rebuild, bring them in - get 6 week crash course for joining the church, get people to go to confession, baptize them

Remaining healthy

only Sunday mass

More involvement with younger families. More babies at Mass now

living status/residence in same local time

negative fearful situations

*many of our older people will not be there or able to do things that must be accomplished

Many of the stalwart leaders today will be gone or diminished in 10 years. We hope the belief in our school will not diminish.

*people will be born *people will die *work force will need to adapt (AI) *Jesus won't change and this is where our focus must be. We don't feed our parishioners solid catholic teaching

Fewer opportunities to participate in parish activities because the youth are not staying in the parish. Family members leaving the church

we will get older and will not be available to teach the grandkids about God and the church

more of the parishioners that are leaders will need to stay back as they age

retired - other family members - brothers die

next generation will be in charge

generational shift as boomers age

Politics-Dictator for president

Number of priests/members-lack of involvement-how can churches continue without younger members

more secularization of the community less reliance on God

I will be gone age churches will be closed/consolidated

Retiring—new stability/purpose; the next generation taking charge; the local church community.

so much I just don't see the pace of life slowing down just accelerating

more technology

there will not be a religious program strong enough to have our children attend classes becoming the parents will lose insight

I'm an optimist who sees change as part of life leading to growth.

AI.

only thing for sure is change

retiring and moving to a new community

I will for sure have lost my mom and possibly my husband. I just keep praying that it doesn't happen close together

I will be almost 80 years old - my abilities will change

the church losing its strength to serve our members not meeting the needs of our young as many of the New churches are

our parishes will not survive with parishioners being non-denominational churches or people not going to Mass

my own health and that of spouse as we both retire U.S. economy on shaky ground natural politics are reaching a boiling point AI is very scary

Get money and home

loss of parent *loss of innocence of grandchildren *loss of current parish priest

more deacons and priests needed. Lay people doing more

Our society

I will be close to 90 less independent limited driving etc.. Grandchildren having children etc..

My husband and I older-will we still be able to be on our own? What will the church be like?

*main age group in our parishes *many will have either passed away or moved closer to their children or a warmer climate

Clergy numbers

I have not the foggiest I have hopeful dreams and imagination

young and old will be sharing their faith through different venues i.e. podcasts interactive online

my daughter graduation from HS and leaving home and going out of town to a university empty house no children old couple

The diocese will have many more priests that will retire than are going to be ordained.

Passing away of many of our older parishioners who keep us grounded in our faith.

I will continue to age into my 70s and my son will be in his 50s. I think about this and it makes me sad and anxious. Life without my mom.

We will have a different priest and things will be different in the Church.

I'll be married with a family or back in a religious community my siblings will all be married (or ordained to the priesthood) pastors will have moved around we'll have gone through two more presidents of our country

where I be living job may be restructured different pastor at MMOC

My mom is 77 and will not be with me much longer-she still lives in Milwaukee so it is hard not seeing here

people will no longer be present either by passing or choosing to leave relationship that were once meaningful and important this will happen by choosing to no longer associate white people that don't think the same loss of relationship

*a world less connected *because of phones and social media and AI

unless there is a terrific revival lots will be lost need a Charlie kirk to step in

my kids will be adults

Only God truly know what will happen I expect miracles I expect God to bring more people into the faith and begin to fill our pews again because this trend is now beginning to happen across the nation and in Europe Especially with the new project of starting a catholic high school in Prairie Du Chien this is part of the revitalization

increase cost of things and fear of what our kids and grandkids will have to face in their life

*Less and less people have the value of faith with the church *more and more people will suffer from cancer

retirement

Grandchildren growing up, what church interactions will be available for them. I will be in my late 70's in 10 years and expecting age related decline and health issues to be a challenge

where my children are

aging changing downsizing

with the shortage of priests I'm sure many more things will be changed as far as priests being able to preside at different church meetings and other church related things law people will have to fulfill some these priestly duties

Priorities; family growth.

more priests will retire then are coming in

*more fear will be dying as I get older *I will be getting less mobile (?) *my kids live far away and will probably visit less. *I am blessed to live across from the Cathedral so I will always be able to easily get to mass

parishes in rural area will be smaller or consolidated with larger ones

aging having to consider moving from family home more grown grandchildren

friends and relatives not alive

Everything under Question #1 will continue to change because there is no one to stop it except Divine Intervention

my husband and I will have more difficulty driving to our children's homes and grandchildren's activities that will be very difficult for us

*St James has a younger members for the most part we are missing some _____ needing to be built *we need new young families *we lose families to the Cathedral and May Motehr . *the parish as a whole may need help and direction *we need involvement which we are trying to do

less family life/real experiences because of the youth sport programs like soccer which ignores family tradition. The demand too much of family time

god willing if I'm alive I'll be 10 years older our facilities will need maintenance we likely will have a different priest and principal my son man or may not have a family then

I probably will be passed on.

priests will need to be shared or vocations greatly increased

a large % of are parish won't be around to support the parishes

all the younger people are not ___ to continue to volunteer and keep church fundraisers going. I run annual rummage sale and all my helpers are elderly and I can't keep it going

more deaths of family and friends, decreased health

my health is declining, will I live another 10 years?

Climate. Loss of parents.

on my way to heaven???

I may not be here in 10 years

I will become an adult I will learn to do different things I will go to high school

Retirement-Grandbabies becoming your men and women-loss of loved ones

Have daughter who says she says I can't die cause she won't have another to be with her sister
do not communicate

loss of mentors parents

Catholic School education-it will become more like public school

I probably won't be around in 10 years

physical ability will decrease with age

churches will get smaller because the people are older

I will probably pass within that time. My husband will probably pass within that time

pastor more anti catholic views in society

AI

Our faith (Catholic) will be persecuted & slandered for holding key truths.

my home will probably leave it

I will be older maybe sick or unable to do things family members and friends sick or dead

Kids getting older, going to college, moving out-job changes?

more priests from foreign countries - smaller parish will close

elderly church members will have passed and a lot of economic support

population shifts conics conditions age increase health decrease

our religious education program is not existent there aren't any small children in the parish or
parents are bringing them

my health may deteriorate due to age may have to change my living situation

family and friendship wide changes possible care changes technology AI

It is quite possible that my previous parish will close because of the lack of parishioners/young
people.

How do we do things-Mass friendships-how we treat each other

I will be older family will/might pass on (I hope to be around) preparing for the end of life.
church will probably see more change

Kids will be graduating family will be changing

shortness of priests would be nice to have 2 Masses

Lack of priests. Unwillingness to allow married purity.

*we are a farming community *houses/development going up on farm land *how much farm community will be left?

Aging- health decline. More from current property to something smaller.

More people leaving the church. Fewer priests.

the face of the catholic church and how it will respond to the will of its people

the loss of parishioners who are staples of the parish

retirement passing of parent passing of the guard (sort of speak) we need to get the young to step up

grandchildren will be out in their own having more time with them in 10 years I may not be around for those I love

loss of our parents - slowing down physically closing of buildings

the way people interact with each other (AI other tech) work an individual's purpose - automated jobs

We need more teaching on the bible!

1. church will need to embrace technology and use technology to reach the people of parishes
2. visual church

I will likely die.

people will live longer

Communication. Losing faith by the general population?

closing our parish school

we will all age people will pass away names and faces will change in the church

Age is catching up-how active will I be? Probably different priests

influences of outside factors

as a body we will assume people/stranger are not catholic/Christian rather than assume they must be Christian they will assist the growing awareness that we need to be an evangelizing church on mission

there will probably be any church picnics any more I don't know as I'm eighty already also I don't know how long I will live as all the rest of the people here today because of aborting and birth control there will be less children to keep the chaotic religion going

I plant to retire the church will be changing it always does the church probably with be smaller I hope not less money coming in

my kids will be adults my parents and family business

we will loss more members if we do not welcome other religions we need to open up so we get more mixed members to come to Catholicism

fewer parishioners fewer priest less funds to support parish school

older an loss of dear friends and family

children will be grown and moving out and likely choosing a life partner who may not practice the same faith

the generation of people financially supporting our parish will be gone

With much hope and prayer our son, recently married, will have a child before I'm gone

Hard to say. Demographics of the city of La Crosse. However our parish has had a rise in birthrate and baptisms

older kids! Where will my place be?

St. Anthony Athens St. John's edger Holy Family parishes will be joined

We will change.

my daughter won't be living here I'll be older

religion will look different the catholic church will look different

I will have increased difficulty being active

unsure - maybe more foreign priests, women priests?

I will retire from corporate world leaving the company I have been with for over 34 years-once I leave corporate world, my ability to serve our parish family will increase. There are so many needs in a small town. Just a visit to a person homebound makes a different. I am hoping to do this more.

a few of the Durand Deanery churches will close (hope not) if younger parishioners don't step up some ministries will end (fall festivals, CCWs

depends on what happens to the catholic church women become priests

possibly more parochial schools will cease to exist church picnics (a wonderful community event) will likely start vanishing

we all will be older more older people less younger ones fewer ___ more have nuts

Aging population, low birth rates

mine and my wife's health will get worse and one of us may pass ways. The same with my wife's brothers and sisters

I feel like nothing is for sure except change is constant likely to see further declines in practicing faithful absent change

I'm 85, don't know, had a great life

fewer priests I wonder how synodality will take hold and give us change it will be how each of us grows in our own faith and then how that shoes in parish life

possible closing of our church

getting older - lots of aches, pains. Less parishes, less priests

we are all aging and will need to cope with life differently

family husband and I will need more help as we age parish leaders will have to step forward because most of us are getting old (fast)

we may not have democracy as we know it

That there will not be enough priests to take care of our parish and then they will have to take care of several parishes-will there be Catholic grade schools at our parishes?

we will all age! 2 kids likely in college. Parents and in-laws will be older

The members moving forwards proper liturgy will increase because it is necessary. Teaching of heaven, hell, death, Judgment, and focus on salvation will cause many to 1. Leave 2. grow closer to God

may have to consolidate our 3 parishes

my wife and myself along with family members and friends are getting up in the years. There may be more losses in the next 10 years

the united states of America seems to be as a whole on a very morally corrupt path 10 years from now I fear where we as a society will be perhaps godless

church attendance of older folks will go down. Will there be younger people to fill the void? If no, church closures are coming

probably fewer priests

More family members and loved one will be lost family & community will continue to change; parish life—especially visually—will look different.

increased technology (AI) in our daily lives

Uncertainty regarding health/independence as I age-will have a different priest, we've had our 4 years so far-more family and friends passing

smaller parishes as older members i.e. or move to retirement communities and no new families to take their place Do Not like going back to Old Catholic Masses Priest with back to congregation, latin Mass and all the chants

fewer churches and priests

age will make me change things I do in my life

parents not able to live independently/will not be here. *I will be retired *we will hopefully have grandchildren *my sister will not be here

social media and AI

lay people will have to take on more responsibility of ministry and administration

our family will grow additional kids nieces nephews retirement

the church will have to change and become more unified in speaking on truth the members of the church will be more dynamic Catholics

sharing a pastor with another parish cost of upkeep of building and grounds

full retirement, health issues

church renovation (yay!)

Family, health, technology, job, leadership at the church.

my health

we are all getting older and it may be more difficult to stay active in our parish if we have our parish yet

*parents passing away - siblings, heaven, children *dementia/Alzheimer's *church - volunteers who will step in the shoes of baby boomers

my father will no longer be here husband will become more dependent on me

parishes close - pastors leading 3-4 parishes - schools close

many strong members of our parish and community will have passed on. My health will probably change as I age and more help will be needed

my parents will pass away retired not sure what I'd do with my time

maybe less vocations, parishes combining

I might be dead

*shrinking rural feel *taxed out of area

*increase in conversion to Catholicism *increase in vocations to consecrated life *more engagement of the catholic youth in parish life and church ministries

Probably fewer parishioners attending mass and giving financial support. Different church dynamic with Hispanic population.

*don't make any changes

My husband & I will both probably lose our parents. We will both retire soon.

my health

technology declining age of parishioners

both of my in-laws will probably not be with us in 10 years

don't know for sure fewer children fewer farmers

I am of an age that I probably won't be here in 10 years

probably lose members of the family. Change to the priest again

Almost completely new rotation of parish staff, large loss of stationary members.

aging population in our parish more worldly influence challenge to ____ intensifies away from God

family - parents-most likely get older/pass

we will lose our priest Emmanuel he's a wonderful person that we have at Lima HR

steadfast faithful (and financially supportive) parishioner will die there will be changes in the pastor new hospital will stand next door

we will have a child in school

Church's will become smaller but I feel those that still attend will become stronger in their faith

parents abilities children growing older and being more independent

depends where the shepherds lead the church

fewer children. Loss of community. Loss of connection or continuity across the generations

deteriorating health. Watching children, spouses and grandchildren make different faith decisions than I did

if we do not connect and lead our youth we will fail!

shortage of priests which could mean less access to them when needed

I am at an advancing age-I know I won't be able to stay in my home. Where to, then? I've always been involved in music ministry since a teenager. I will need to stop at some point-my playing will deteriorate, I'm sure.

retirement death of my mother perhaps siblings

I will be of retirement age. Not sure if I will have a place of worship.

new members will likely be more converts than cradle Catholics

my sister will not either so family will be exiting work force stepping away from leadership

that the church will lose more people

our environment the loss of volunteers the loss of our way of life like democracy

my granddaughter will have graduated and probably moved away from Marshfield my husband and I will be close to 70 our remaining children may be out of the area by then

retirement passing of parent passing of the guard (sort of speak) we need to get the young to step up

Hopefully we will all find Christ as center of our life

less active in the liturgy because of age and illness

the # of priests available to cover all parishes further of our parish

may have to sell house because of aging or health issues and cannot take care of ourselves

*retirement *aging family members/death or health challenges

CCD classes so small I might not even have to teach

my friends siblings or even myself may pass on to the next life

people who are vital to our church now will die; others will step up

I don't know AI is a huge concern I feel there is a demonic piece to it

*church closures, dwindling members will make it financially difficult to keep churches open

fewer members by death

full retirement possible loss of family

*my children will become adults *we will lose many of the men and women who were willing to lay down their lives for the good of our country

the continuing degrading of morality

smaller church - current trend plus demographics. Parents will get older and have increased needs

I will be approaching retirement

fewer priests will take time to rebuild

at 80 my health is going down and there are health problems in my kids and family I don't like to see my family suffer but there is meaning

Influences of Social Media & AI

More and more parishioners will pass.

some church will be closed

We are all getting older and becoming more settled & buried in our beliefs and habits.

technology will grow faster fewer priests hopefully more deacons (male and female) to assist
how will AI affect church

how our faith is shared and what that will look like for parishes and priests - the role of families will either grow ever more important and fight and exists

certain people, often leaders, will not still be with us - this can be parishioners passing away but also priests retiring

the need to consolidate our parishes

I will not be around to see changes-I hope for my kids and grandkids it will be OK

?

not sure if I will be here in 10 years

our daughter will be an adult her father and I will be empty nesters

technology advances/AI more buildings less farmland new leadership an empty home

no school and maybe no picnic

*smaller parishes join together then grow stronger *new deacons and lay people involved in parish life

our kids will be moving out of the house

family dynamics - aging - loss of those we love

change in office personnel. Administrative assistant/bookkeeper retiring. Who will take her place? People all work full-time. This is part time position without a high wage

membership will decline considerably young people do not care about church

The continual decline of people to any church. The greater division between the rich and poor.

*physical capability *family lost (parents, etc.) will increase

communication among each other

I will be 10 years older stay with me lord costs of funerals seems to be discouraging some from the traditional funeral Mass and burial

Getting closer to end of life and I won't know what to expect

me

less priests and lower numbers are church will result in closing churches

the next generations are brought up different - depend on electronics instead of people shortage of people being there for each other

I fear it will get worse technology grips everyone and the youth need so much more than just dopamine from scrolling

I hope there is an easy-to-understand priest.

the number of students we have in our Columbus school system

Attendance will continue to go down because are no longer given a reason to attend
getting older and health being an issue

will be 84 and hope to still live in my condo but in evitable will be in a facility for assisted living
vision loss severely closes many opportunities

*family- new additions *retirement

less priests, less masses

getting older

less opportunity to grow in faith less exposure to our community

We will be a smaller parish-young people under 60 are slow and unwilling to volunteer-who will
help when all the baby boomers are gone?

we will be older and hoping to stay healthy but that isn't a promise

smaller church

we will lose even more of our elderly parishioners

Only God knows Trust, believe, hope-God knows everything

I will be retired

change in health, health of my children and grandchildren

*kids moving out, starting their adult lives *familiar faces in church

we'll all be that much older

less priests to meet our needs our parish finances are troubling and I'm not sure how we will
survive

Aging population-changes in health-different priest

there will be less priests *weekly financial contribution will decrease. *older parishioners will
pass away

Parishes will become smaller and less vital, less welcoming

priests will be lost at our parish we will be part of cluster if no resident parents

AI. Too much secularism in world and more to come.

*parents will pass *I will turn 80

the availability of priests to attend to lay people needs probably combining groups rather than individually

retire and more ____ a significant reduction in population as the boomers and xers die

all kids will have graduated

*I will have lost my dad. * I will have a 19 year old, not a young child that needs me.

We'll lose community members, most likely family members and probably priests.

I'll be 10 years older

I'm not sure how much I will be able to participate because of aging

change in music at our parish. No on to play for masses. This is true for other ministries in the church. Ability to care for myself and what that might entail

more losses people not caring I think more young people coming in less needed of older people

Increased Costs.

we will have various priest come and go our parishes will become older how will we keep doing liturgical ministries as elderly people have a hard time

for me personally will be close to 90 years will probably have different residence

I am 73 ____ I am healthy and very active I know my body will weaken

technology

most things -change is inevitable more technology (+/-)

aging effects

*family dynamics of life and death, birth, marriages *community, schools and churches being able to truly excel and flourish

I will be near the end. My strength will wane. Changes will speed up

many priests will retire or die and we could have an even greater priest shortage

Well I'll no longer be a resident of earth-hopefully will be praising God in a heavenly realm

our older ladies will need to admit that they need to teach and include younger women in their roles Ex. Cooking funeral meals or the program well resolve

this trend will continue unless checked in help/leadership from the church

hopefully we will see a growth in our tri=parish

I believe the Latin will continue to grow though very Minimally I think only now is the precipitate of change (I deanery needs to capitalize)

less people living a Christian life

Change of pastor-retire-lower attendance, continued loss of baby boomers

*family changes - more loved ones gone *personally our family will change, more grandchildren

*society/economy changes , good or bad

no idea

only God knows for sure

Aging-physical decline-mental ability declines-technology

les capability because of age our cold church will get more run down

less members no communication

more combined or charged activates and Masses with other parishes

To be honest, I have no idea

*earthly life will be done *family members growing old may be going or change of living arrangements

elders passing and becoming the elders in the church

I would guess that our current pastor will be moved. I know that I will be older and perhaps even less accepting of change-people I know and love will pass so hopefully we will have a caring pastor who can guide us through that

*aging parents, possibly their passing *son will be leading his adult life, God willing, will he live close or away from home *my and my husbands aging - retirement, God wiling

Loss of loved ones, friends, family members

change in leadership

We will either grow small or grow. I feel the younger generation are going to take the faith back. They are tired of being lied to and want stability in their lives.

siblings dying

I try not to "plan" like this, even in my personal life at my age-but I hope and pray our church leaders are open to truly hearing the Holy Spirit's leading and guidance forward!

parish school closes

I will not be able to provide music will someone step up

have to move to assisted living or nursing home probably have traveling priest

kids will be out of the house/out of high school

*we will lose several family members - some to old age, others for unknown reasons at this time

*our church will have lost several of our key members - both financial and service issues will be an issue to deal with

More changes in family aspects.

the young people will want to step up and get involved

At my age I live from day to day & thank the Lord every day.

Parents may need nursing home & will most likely die within 10 years.

different challenges could include what to do with parishes that have outgrown their space . .

.the church is getting younger and bigger again, which usually brings hope and hubris. Hopefully more of the former, less of the latter

will lose some health and ability to do something

Sacred Heart must merge or be absorbed. The structure has to change.

Retirement; children getting married (Catholic); peace in the world.

my parents will be older needing my assistant more and more

unless the church stops the insanity the diocese of la crosse will be smaller

Less priests. Less people attending church. Church less exciting does not draw people.

Non-denominal parishes continue to grow.

who knows what the future holds?

At 84 I am sure health will deteriorate and will possibly die.

my age already 87 I am oldest of 14. Times were different as a farm girl

I will be 87, and if alive, probably not teaching

the current active and supports parishioners will go away

either we will come back to being a democracy or we will end up being an authoritarian regime
at the pace of newly ordained, we will have significantly less people to lean on parishes

Hopefully leaders that lead us back to God

churches will merge priests will be spread thin

my children will be in high school or middle school culture in our country will either become
more prolife or not more hostile to us who believe in Jesus or not

people will come and go hopefully the church will grow from conversions

my husbands and my health we need to disperse our holding

younger people will have to take the place of some dying now

*kids will be married

how many different priests will we be getting. Some priests we will be having we won't
understand. Some people will leave the church and go somewhere else

I hope we have a different organist by then

The young adults will be our leaders. We need to understand their values.

aging brings new challenges

different priests

that with more church options we will lose more possibly Catholics are too traditional for people
and strict

parishes will close financial support of parishes with school will become more difficult

people, ourselves, kids get older. Unexpected joys and sufferings. Exterior factors: economy, job,
friends, family interactions. Interior: hope to be more virtuous than I am now

I and my wife will be getting older, be pushing 80 years.

Mom and some family members will be gone

less priests; not enough finding their calling

People overall will be less religious

everything if there is not change then we are dead

family members living in different places I'm not a fraud of a possible merger but feel for those threatened by it

hopefully community connection and growth no limits on what can be done thru us by the Holy spirit from Jesus no limits

some more grandkids will graduate high school married grandkids maybe loss of my wife or death myself

Not much is known—most is unknown. Kids will graduate/move out/start their own lives.

families will continue to change move be smaller and how will the chaotic faith continue to be relevant and with all the changes

*number of parishioners having very old parish will young people keep coming?

Leaders, both pastor and lay staff and lay leaders-new people, death and life

Our priest will leave and hopefully we will have another priest to take over

death probably

probably my stubbornness to change - okay now but it's getting harder to see the reasoning retirement

likely our parish will die

my ability to continue working. Especially for my parish

loss of parishioners

AI will surely change the world for better or worse buildings will get older straining small parish resources

I will probably be in heaven

Beliefs and traditions

I'll be older the remain independent health

Possible need to go into senior housing-assisted living, nursing home-lack of support from our children

my physical abilities will lessen (aging) more isolated between people

less priests for all the churches and activates

*there will be more people coming into the church *people will be more traditional *there will be new priests

I don't know the future only God does

all of our needs will change spiritually as we age who will carry out the ministry of the church obviously the priests can't be it all Trust in the lay leadership

I'll be 10 years older - how I look at things then vs. today

loss of reverence in the Mass I see more families taking children out of Mass to use bathrooms

less help for fall festival and funerals

retirement aging where to live my family will change hopefully married and family (siblings) aging will be funerals

priest will move on cost/expense to run church will go up

living conditions - nursing more/assisted living *less able to attend church in parish - on television

AI will continue to grow (for better or for worse). Families will continue to suffer because of poverty.

the PCCW will be defunct unless younger women participate parish finances maybe suffering

*loss of parents *children moving out *retirement, job loss/cessation

computer tech and AI parishes will be secular if something isn't done

how we regularly (daily/weekly) attend out fulfillment of obligations of the church. Sacraments (marriage, funerals) being processed outside of our church

fewer priests less outreach to the poor and homeless in our area

many marriages are not having children so who will be attending Mass

AI will have a huge effect on the young they will no longer have the ability to think critically

fewer priests and deacons Catholic school population down

personal-aging needing a caregiver - parish-loss of priests or at least having more responsibilities

Nothing is for sure/I don't know

My family dynamic will change with the loss of older siblings-our country itself will change and what will that look like

Parish life as we know it. Different priests; different bishop; new leadership/direction. Who will replace the previous pillars of faith?

only god knows

another new priest - multiple new priests

family, friends, our parish, our freedom

Constant turnover on school staff will continue, as well as great difficulty filling positions.

decline in health charges in ability to serve my church

possible death or illness for me or my husband great grandchildren more of our pets will die freedoms

less priests and churches Mass times

very unknown

kids will grow up and move away aging parishioners will pass away

how will the catholic church stay supported

social skills

as we have less priests what will happen will we be able to care for our church will our young adults step up to do councils

greater embrace of tradition it's what young Catholics want as I do believe rooms will support things like the Latin Mass more than it has

less masses will be given will have to rely on paying for services to the church rather than volunteering of older people

politics

we will be empty nesters for sure and probably grand parents

The amount of elderly parishioners that will pass

if we continue the church will decline to astounding low numbers the clergy top down are going against the teachings of truth this is turning people away already we are left with protest out liturgy with the exception of the real presents

Retire, get old

*at least one of my parents will pass *we will be empty nesters *my husband will be retired

closing of parishes

End of employment-loss of friends-disintegration of social norms/ethics

I will be getting older children will be moving away death of family members

I will lose my older brother and sister because of ages I will continue to pray for them and their children who left the church

my family will be all moved out my mom will have passed away I will be 10 years closer to the end if I'm still around

parish population. Less priests

*golden years are mostly brown *people are too busy, family unity

family structure will change, society

loss of my mother sister no new people to help keep the church alive community with no fire department

a shortage of priests will even further exacerbate the merger offerings in future. Something's got to give

kids will be out of the house and we will be empty nesters my parents will be living apart

our MACS (school system) is facing huge physical plant/building needs but many not willing to bring campuses together to make it more economical - need to resolve to be able to keep our catholic education intact. Many old parishioners will i.e., who will take care of the good work they do

*change is always hard, but change is needed *probably fewer priests *deacons will need to play a bigger role *lay people will need to step up and play a bigger role in the church

Closure/Regis.

old age

Family: I may lose family members. Community: disrespect for life may affect our community-mass shootings. Parish: members will come and go

my health and abilities what I can and can't do

age

technology will overtake society making it less Godly

that I probably won't be here in 10 years

Personally my health could age-age 69 to 79.

fewer rural perished need more lay people

Most of our original parishioners will be deceased or no longer able to attend church; my husband & I won't be physically able to volunteer to do the work we now do for the church.

new parish priests. Less opportunity for mass times/sacraments

Less priests to serve parishes-maybe less foreign priests as people have difficulty hearing them-Catholic Church and schools closing

I will be in a much more precarious position than I am now. Everything will hopefully be different for the better. My living situation, family and career will all be blooming.

getting older maybe a great grandparent watching our grandchildren finish college and getting married and having children

I am already old I likely will die in next 10 year I put my trust in my Lord the Vatican needs to be more true about bishops-cardinals problems lies

I and my family will be older my daughters will be 10 and 12 my dad and mother will be in their 70s and 80 technology will change things

less contact with certain areas of the community with which I am not involved

I'll be working full time (hopefully)

*boomers are getting older, parish will shrink *my kids will likely move away *church landscape will change (technology, population)

Move to a different parish.

There will be less need for God as our physical needs are met.

losing elderly people in the parish

loss of physical strength, death

some churches in the area will close

development of AI

I think there will be a significant shift in the members who are leading the parish among the laity many people in significant leadership roles are getting older and will need help in completing the duties they usually fulfill our will be looking for someone else to take over this position

Politics-freedoms-grandchildren coming of age-our health probably declining-death of friends things will happen and that's life

hopefully we will have a different leader in our country

The only thing constant is change. I am a pessimist. So probably WWII? But I hope that the youth come around and re-embrace traditional values like hard work, faith and start families.

Further losses within the parish community assuming trajectory continues

AI inflations affordability

I feel I will be goes to heaven I hope. I hope our church will continue to expand as it is lately

Kids leaving home.

additional family members will pass away - health issues for my husband and myself will occur as our grandchildren grow and graduate our weekly activities and events to go to will change a lot as they move on with their own lives

Where I live, possibly my line of work, family members who are still around, nature of our life as a married couple.

kids growing and letting go myself and hubby older my parents maybe passing away

other parishes will have different parishioners and leadership we will have different priest

*aging *ability to be as mobile as I currently am and like to be *impact of AI

We will be the minority.

my parents will pass away I will retire at least one of my boys will move out of the house

My children will be adults and starting their own lives

consolidations of parishes-fewer priests

church office structure volunteers available

that with low involvement in people's faith and church community there will be the smaller church will be only a couple of large parishes and you will have to travel further

probably not having more Masses could our parish close

some parishes will probably be combined, some will just be closed

*deaths of parishioners who were the leaders *growth of young families and their input

larger community larger school larger parish economy views on marriage

older population will decrease younger population may not step in or participate with faith

Lack of priests and deacons and people stepping up to assist the parish

will lose family members as they age grandchildren will move away family will not be able to gather together as easily not sure of how the church will be structured in 10 years

I will be 10 years older. Already everything takes longer to accomplish and energy ebbs away faster. It seems like I'll have to give up on things I do that reward me.

my children will grow and possibly move away friends and parishioners will pass away my priest will most likely be moved

we'll all be 10 year older health will changes our grandchildren we be beginning life on their own

my beloved grandparents will all be dead and with it the glue binding my extended family together will dissolve without intention and renewal by the younger generations mi worried those relationships will gradually dissolve

fewer priests. Parish realignment

that we will not have enough people going to church to keep it open

deaths in the family and parish. Technology and our response to it

loss of our parish loss of sacraments I will be dead so it won't affect me

hard to say for sure

Catholic school numbers falling

There will be (has already begun) more connections to our youth to keep them connected to the church and their Catholic faith

Our priest will retire-our business manager will retire

Aging will mean reduction in health and more health issues

less priests, less volunteers from the young people

family kids will be grown and out of the house - parish change in pastors

people are coming to or back to Christianity

Communication-social media mostly

the older mothers and fathers of families will pass away and their children will need to be strong enough in their faith to be the new pillars of faith in the parishes

some churches. Close as they have already done

many in 60-70 age group will pass away - much of our active parish members. Change in priests

growing older - seeing so many wars and worrying we'll have more

hopefully a resurgence in faith and away from partisanship (driven by evil - acceptance of pornography gender change especially and minors

church life

another new priest less people coming to Mass less people involved in parish life

I believe classical education will thrive if Newman lets it I think Newman may lose enough size to retain a high school in less than 10 years catholic education in Wausau could easily be a memory

too many to list

continued loss of parishioners

how we grow old. Social media

personally I will be 10 years older. It is time to let someone younger than I be responsible

How we view and respond to the mission of the gospel priest always change and move

less and less people part of church - not seeing the need to be a part of

less Catholic school focus and probably fewer priests

Our church older people. How many will be here in 10 years.

the church generation will be old or will have passed I think the catholic church will be a thing of the past and the magi churches will be taking over

aging of current leaders requiring new ideas

Continued personal transition of farm business from my generation as leader to our children running our business and all of our livelihood in their hands. The changes that will come in our diocese, combined parishes-restructure of leadership

Physical decline-having to move from our home-may be difficult to be involved in a parish or attend Mass

AI is ? Too much porn for the youth it's so addictive needing strong men to lead their families
continue decline of my health

*may dad will pass *my adult kids will be married and moving an hour away

more deaths

more computerization I'll be 10 years older less community with our neighbors

likely our priest will change again parishes will have closed or merged still fewer youth in our parish sports over Mass

hopefully, Pope Leo can get us back on track

AI, it will be a mine field for disinformation especially for children and feeble minded

health abilities will continue to decline the parish will tringle family will continue to scatter my reliance on God will increase I will receive more help and do less

I will not independent

Shortage of priests. Less funding of schools.

I may be married and going to a new parish with new challenges. The parish has a majority population of laity over 60 years. Many of these people will die and not be able to be as active.

As we age we will slow down, possible lose mobility and freedoms

fewer clergy, deacon, sister, etc.

I won't be wondering fall drive I'll probably move at least ____

Retirement.

loss of family members in death

the number of priests available in the diocese

the ____ reset will be the change but the Divine rest will be the great hope

social /society decline D/T technology interpersonal relationship/communication

closure on merging of smaller parishes not enough priests to cover the parishes

We will all get older and this will accelerate the above

*not sure what will happen in the next 10 years. *we have a lot older people in the parish to go to daily mass and they are the only ones that go to church during the day. In 10 years maybe they won't be there

Losing more of my vision.

More people dying

I get that we need to have less churches open but 100 churches to close in 5 year so will we even have a diocese in 10 years good grief

I am aging so lots of changes probably. Friends ill/dying

online resources to build faith are so awesome wondering how this will look in 10 years being able to trust/discern truths in resources

Children will be more spread out (move away) than now

loss of my children as they move away they are who I celebrate my faith with

I feel a revival in most parishes happening

Possible new priest.

death funeral ___ and self

I'll have a new daughter-in-law

our children will grow significantly our parenting will changed

The number of parishes in our diocese

*downsizing our house *hoping American values will be renewed *grandchildren will face challenges we never saw as they get older

core people in the parish will age and not be able to continue their current roles

less people at Mass structure of parishes/ priest s

see above

more of my friends or family will pass

hopefully people's attitudes my friend will be gone

aging. AI and how the world will change

Health, where I will live

I really feel that parishes will have to combine, and even though we lose some identity, the end result being with God is really what it should be focused.

Children will be grown and moving away getting old

Becoming more integrated in Mauston and Wisconsin. I am teaching confirmation but see big need for youth ministry. I will be chairperson of parish council. I am a Lay Dominican novitiate.

*at 88 years old, I probably won't be here in 10 years to worry about it

only God knows for sure

*I will be got to my maker. My age predetermines that *when I am gone my family structure will changes well as the family view of religion

my aging loss of mobility health failing

*our older , generous parishioners will pass or be close to passing which will affect the financial stability. *society will continue w/ new technology and trends that don't teach or value sacred tradition *new leadership

old now- much older in 10 years

consolidations of parishes based on declining attendance numbers

don't know don't care I won't be here anymore in 10 years sure take and deaths

our children will not be so little

Politics look like it will change our ability to separate Church and State

probably my demise - although I'm looking forward to meeting Jesus and Mary

losing more of our elderly through death who have been supporters in maturity support and in serving in other ways

Aging. More secular world. More attacks on Christians- as Christians we are taught to love everyone but it's scary.

people are not moving into our community so our town is aging the whole community will drop in population

My involvement with the church

*parents will be gone *kids will be grown

I see less church's be able to operate

cost of living going up Taxes higher

Parents will be older—not able to maintain home. People in the parish will have passed. More AI will be changing things and hard to decide what is real or not real or true.

our pastor has 3 parishes and we may have become an oratory and have only Sunday Masses or have to go to Mass elsewhere. I thought some people thought of pope Francis as an Antichrist

our health and our participation in our parish family

not all parishes will survive because the older people will be gone and the younger people won't be there to fill the void. Priests won't be available to fill the space at the churches

The way the church communicates, money and young people truly struggling to live and afford life so priorities are not also funding the church-many church positions opening and not enough willing young people to fill those positions

*cost of living will continue to increase *young people seek a different relationship with their parish *less volunteering due to time restraints

our government

fewer priests churches consolidating we'll go down if young people aren't drawn in

I feel the majority of parishioners will age and pass away

Age- lack of family communication.

Fewer priests-division in country with politics seems to be pervasive in our church-radical traditional/conservative views scare me

more of my family will be deceased, possibly myself or spouse. I may move to a different state in retirement

different priests personal aging many faithful parishioners dying

*I and many in my age group may not be able to help in the way we do today due to aging, health, etc. *buildings and grounds will need updating *costs increasing for everything

the grandkids will grow up I fear their faith will not be strong enough

my husband or I may be incapacitated or gone grandchildren will be moving further away our car will die and need to be replaced

Some older family and friends will be gone.

The Latin Mass and its availability. Younger adults growing in faith - "focus"

both children will leave home unknown of my parents health

number of parishes fewer priests, my mobility, health, living arrangement, loss of family / spouse, govt country changes, changes in the medical field

not sure

CF Parishes will change and as I age I will become less involved an active in parish and community

church will close down catholic schools will not be

right now there seems to be a movement back to the church but will the church capitalize on the chance to get people to come back

our current priest will no longer be at our parish due to age the number of older supporting parishioners will have declined

*our church members will be ten years older *when I was a young man, I pulled the average age down, now at 60, some days I still feel I can pull the average age down

AI will threaten our basic humanity by trying to replace many of the things and jobs that are currently available. This will cause many people to be out of work and resort to drugs, sex, and entertainment to distract them from a basic sense of purpose and meaning in their life.

death moving

Closing of parishes & closing of schools; keeping a priest.

possibly fewer deacons for communion service priests not available for some sacraments priests available to school

loss of fellow parishioners to heaven

my mom will probably be gone and right now she is my support/friend to help me through tough times

my physical abilities to enjoy the gifts or nature from my creator -hunting fishing etc.. The leadership/service of our priests my residence retirement to the lake and transferring to a different diocese

further erosion of society and moral values church leadership people and adherence to church doctrine

only God knows for sure

I probably won't be here 82 years old possibly no priest or no church or pastor even our parish our pastor is 88

pastor will change kids will grow

there will be fewer people who are friends of mine the church will continue to jettison its dogmas and doctrines in an effort to be more with modern ideologies

I will lose a parent-we will lose a nun in our parish

Maybe our Catholic school will have to close-we might not have a full-time priest

that we still have St Florians. We love our church

Loss of parents-aging family needs

funerals seems to be decreasing with celebration of life and I do feel that funerals are so IMDT

parents will more than likely be gone composition of parish will be different

Many more losses of older members of our combined parishes

my physical health and my ability to participate in parish activities

*maybe our parish will not exist if we don't get the youth and young adults to come to church and participate in their community *losing our priest

loss of spouse family members health friends church

Technology. Less people attending mass on Sunday.

who leads the rosaries daily who will do the readings

less churches and priests. Are there any solutions

Technology, how the world evolves

will need new people on closures will be the result

Family structures-the world will become even smaller-how can we be sure? Change will always happen-AI

the people I see attending church are mostly elderly and I am concerned about how relatives few young people there are

That more parishes will be closed.

my grandsons will be grown and moving on

our health

My husband and I will be gone or in our 80's.

Society—lack of who to trust / what to believe.

the number of parishes in our community likely closing some down due to lack of priests or attendances

Growing old

How will my family and friends handle life's problems how will my husband handle things without me

how often Mass is available how Mass is affected in person virtual

technology /AI aging population

getting older less mobile

AI may take over too much healthcare insurance may not be available to those that really need it

technology - opportunity for outreach! Aging baby boomers (largest group to attend mass)

probably the combining of all city parishes under one pastor – therefore causing even more loss of identity

likely fewer priest fewer practicing Catholics fewer parishes

More consolidation of parishes

probably will be empty nest

Deaths of family members. Aging.

I will be older and not able to physically do as much as I can now

well in the next 10 years you will see less elderly in our parish you will see less people at daily Mass our parish may have a new priest and that can be a challenging change

the way Mass is said and how it would be for the better

Priests!

Less people in church because 70% of parishes are older people.

Parish structure. Change in pastors.

I will retire in 2026 my family is getting older will lose more of them

we must persevere and keep Jesus on the young. There seem to be more children attached to St Florian VBS and the bible ones on Sunday Morning

I won't be able to do things that I now do. Hopefully the church will grow not decline any more.

The elderly who represent a large portion of our faith community will be gone or not able to support the Church community

Possible death of my sister or me.

church consolidations

no one knows

I will be older

parish assignments

availability of always having priests

number of priests

I'll either die or be 10 years older!

Emerging populations and spiritual needs of the population. Bath with older church members but also young

I will be retired , my father will likely have passed away

there will be less people protecting their faith especially the young

Death of parishes as Boomers die out-demographic changes

More changes. Change is a part of life. How we support each other during these changes is important. Listening. Having empathy. Teaching the faith at home. Look at the average age of those in this room. We will be even older in 10 years.

A majority of the parish will probably be dead. There are only a handful of parishioners in their 20's, 30's, 40's

parish will need to close. As a business owner, the financial long term viability to keep everything open is unsustainable. Parish consolidation must happen to remain viable

I will have a HS graduate

I will be dead maybe

I will be 85 years old and live in the country and feel it will be hard to go to church

closing of school

*Health *loss of friends, family members

Many of the people who are very active in the parish.

lots of parishioners will be dying esp. those that volunteer a lot

immediate family will hopefully grow possible merging of city and outlying parishes number of parishioners finances of praises

Family will change but no idea what that looks like. Don't know where our kids will go.

Retirement changes in life style?

people supporting parishes how will the older and possibly unable to financially support then parish

everything , nothing truly stays the same, except God's love

most of the kids will move out of the house many parishioners will pass away/parish size will decrease

What retirement will look like-the status of our parish-climate/health/air quality

more family members will be gone/die

my own aging I'll be in my 80's will I be alive healthy still in my home will my parish still be open vibrant or dying

everyone will be older but still keep their faith and go to church. Also bring their children or grandchildren to faith formation and church

I will be 10 years older I will continue to trust and hope in God so many things not so great with the present administration how will that affect our churches

less priests more clustering of parishes perhaps 2 parishes for entire city closing of catholic schools

Politics.

sadness that sacraments are not important, lack of education about Catholic faith

*I will retire and be 80!! *the environment will be even harsher*the church we know today will be radically changed *we will be a much older society *European/whites will be a minority?

5 parishes in CF will have to consolidate in some shape or form

shifts in responsibilities to lay people if given priests time to take care of spiritual needs of parish

10 years older, hopefully much more holy and ready for eternity. Who can know what the future holds? But I know who hold future. Demographic changes - I'm hoping the Gen Zs and Alphas turn around the millennials trend an return to the church and the sacraments

probably few persons attending Masses even fewer young people (parents don't come to church and don't bring their children perhaps fewer opportunities for sacraments fewer burials more cremations fewer weddings

Move into retirement-our children will hopefully marry-grandkids (hopefully)

More AI

2 of my children will be getting married, Son in 2026 and daughter in 2027 *my baby girl will be leaving the nest and we will be empty nesters

of course all current members will be aging (incl myself) and more people will pass away

retirement

the diocese will have to address fiscal realities as they relate to fewer parishioners

fewer priests, view of religion in our culture-less connection and overall importance placed

sad to say possibly less people going to church it seems to be starting already

retirement aging

probably less and less people going to church if the young aren't going now. And what other non-denominational church are packed with the younger generation

different priest

no confession

Old age. I will "retire"

ageing to except that

computer involvement and AI have to know what's real or what's made up news stories that are not based on fact or reality limiting ____ of ____ science and medicines in our current political agenda

unknown I am not worried about it

at my age I probably won't be here

more sharing more things on internet - good and bad

return of younger people to church, need for structure, older parishioners end of life, but no return of gen x

Less families in church-there are not many 25-45 year old people in church

With immigration changes probably not as many Mexicans. Fewer people staying with the church.

shortage pf priest unfortunately

*probably losing Father Laona, because priests get moved too much

I think smaller church will suffer because the young kids are not attending now why would they in the future so sad I'm praying for a change for young people to worship

aging limitation will continue

the catholic church will continue to ___ religion in less ___ to people

God's wrath! Changing the RULE He established. Replacing His church with the worldly Church of man. Allowing women to run it. It will close.

we need more activities to interest the youth

Will be older. With all the poor leadership in this country, who knows? Locally, our current priest will likely be different.

I will be older close to 90 will I still be able to drive to Mass if we our St, Jerome's is not open

in my professional life I suspect I will become parentless because I see my mom's health detreating

the leadership in our church groups the PCCW and the KoC

Less pastors-possibly some churches closing because of this

path of life will change as we mature changes are harder

the reliance automation or AI more and more

my death fewer priest leadership of bishops cardinals and the papacy

fewer baptized Catholics fewer priests to serve us

I hope that our church finds a way to include everyone and show love for all others as Jesus did

Growth in the area. Are we ready to grow? Bringing in new parish life. How do you grow with more parish responsibilities with no new clergy? Bringing in lay leadership

Family structure- aging parents, grown children, grandchildren??

Education of youth...hopefully more time and effort will be put into the program to retain membership after confirmation

technology will keep involving death and taxes will always be here

I do not know God surprises me

priests die off and no good plan for what to do next conservatives will take over the church and we will lose our leadership

I worry about how technology will impact my life and especially youth. The political climate in America and how some people are treated as criminals and not the creatures made and loved by God

will people move further away from God with new technology

who knows. Less Sunday mass offered, less emphasis on how to manage my relationship with God

1-2 priests at our parish

young adult growth

less people will be doing more work at our church I don't think I can do more that now I am getting older will the church be able to meet my needs

I'll be 10 years older, slower and less active.

the church will most likely continue to weaken

Nothing, unless we the people accept Christ, faith, pray and do God's will!

The beauty of chang is I don't know. I can only know what my faith and relationship will grow.

My ability to do this

my death but I still have gifts to share

will be less churches as not enough priests will be less doctors and other health care people

my life - my health family dynamics the world as we know it

fewer priests who will take care of current parishes and parishioners getting older

*the passing of many more priests (like Msgr. Hundt) that will greatly impact communities
*requirements for catechism teachers should be created *CCD curriculum for all parishes
allowing sacramental classes to be one size fits all and not different for students who don't
attend mass

Aging.

Less involvement in the church organizations

with dwindling nos of priests the change will be a shortage of priests result in sharing priests or
closing parishes if parishes close many people may not be willing to travel greater distance
fewer and fewer people will be attending Masses loss of income again

getting older and having to depend on others for care

children growing up going out on their own parish leader some will pass away

passing of my parents shrinking parish passing of ____ memory when people die, identity of a
parish

Somehow at the same time, it feels like the church and priests vocations are both rapidly
declining and rapidly increasing?

Members getting older & expiring.

End of life-country is in deep trouble-loss of self-sufficiency-evolution of parish life

Many of our key people in church will no longer be with us

less people working in unity

Kids will have graduated from school

How could I know? Seems like such a odd question

I will be 94 years old hopefully I will remain the same

retirement-more involved in church for me-possibly less priests-Catholic schools will increase
because I believe in time people's faith is going to return to where we were 50 years ago

Retirement. No children in the house.

church and people realizing that a spiritual life is important for a full life

AI

closing of parishes in CF

losing parish families and younger flocs

aging health challenges

people not getting married in church

demographics of parishioners, fewer priests, hopefully better educated & prepared lay people to help with various ministries

Things will continue to change as nothing stays the same. Hopefully, things will change for the better.

Technology will have an even greater impact-people displaced from jobs, the industrial revolution was nothing compared to the tech precipice we're standing on-faith, truth will become even more important to all of society-I believe we will continue to see a shift toward Christianity and growth for our churches

Smaller families; fewer people.

the church will be more robust, because of the good work of FOCUS and turning point *all the catholic Apps available to use for information of our faith

I will be out of elementary school and high school.

we'll get older

I will be older (into 80's) my wife will be older (into 70) finances

Hope I'm still here

I'll still be able to somewhat active in 10 years (90)

what the future will be like for family AI is big concern

*priests shifting *husband retiring *current pastor retiring *I pray mass continues in its beauty and outreach! *younger priests *bishop retiring *hard to know

*loss of another parent *my own retirement *growth of my grandchildren

all my grandchildren will be adults

loss of health more losses of families given our age total loss of independence

*if Latin mass comes back there will be more growth in the faith *CCD programs need to be revamped with better/more solid curriculum. Vetted catechist (they are the example to the student)

people should accept more admin of church and allow pastor to minister to people. Stability for youth

my ability to care for myself, wanting to be able to attend daily mass

grandkids having children me passing on

Everything; it is important to have traditions as a foundation but we as a church need to evolve to keep people coming to Church & knowing God; we aren't doing that now—needs to change.

more parishes working together

my wife and I ability to work and play like we have in the past

I am 73 my health will decline and ability to live on my own

We will likely lose our pastor

Members of the church getting older

more churches closing

I will probably be gone-our parishes won't get support financially, spiritually, etc.

fear of losing more people - rural parish churches might be closed

Changes to parishes. Numbers. AI.

AI will be a factor hard to deal with I probably will not be alive though possibly more people will fall away from the church

AI will alter everything increasing polarization and moral decline old faithful will continue to die and our congregations will be the poorer as a result

people will be different will the catholic faith accept those people with the catholic faith change with the future be more open pope Leo is moving slowly with time la Crosse is not

if we don't start caring more about being a people set apart we will be a very small church with continual decline

Increase in Christianity?-more young people are interested-we need to invite them

my life will in all probability be over within 10 years

deaths, stores, businesses and schools will be closed or change. Communities may become over crowded, maybe even less safe . Location of services, businesses may change. Centers of population will more secularization of catholic services - I.E. nursing homes

accept the fact that we are getting older and changes are coming like it or not

Many of the main volunteers and leaders in our church will have passed or retired

AI - Not good

population will grow in our area, expansion into real communities

*new pastor *older people who "run everything" will be gone or too tired/unable to lead committees *older people who help will be gone (younger not filling in) *as a positive/hoe ... seeing the energy , the joy, the excitement of the seminarians and younger priests

priests moving. It's tough when you see amazing things happening at McDonell high school with Father Kren and then you know he's going to be taken away and all he started is going to be gone. If a priest is "right" in a place and really impacting, especially young people, I wish they would look at that and not follow the protocol of moving every 3 years

can be a vibrant parish if the priests stays longer

Community will grow and have many newcomers

*our age will make the difference *can we stay in our home, drive a car, keep going to the same church?

real human connection, community will become more important vital! And there will be less churches to foster their connection and community

My mother will no longer be alive. She is currently 89 yrs old and living in an assisted living facility

church needs to grow ability for Catholics to grow in faith and to support evangelization

*probably will move into a new home that is age appropriate *family will be different - parents gone, children married *friends dying *church communities will for sure change - fewer priests, etc.

I will have to step up and help the parish grow.

health and ability will change for everyone

changes in family life deaths

Less priests

we will get older and have to learn to scaled down

I might not be on this earth after 10 years

*I'll be older, my faith will either grow, diminish or stay the same, I'll still be married to my wonderful wife *everything or nothing with my job *we could move and change churches again but I will always have my spouse *parents might not be around

Change will happen and I can accept it we must strive to improve thus this happens thru change

The parishes that do not address the young people's need for tradition will die out.

get older children having their own growing families

fewer young people following in their parents beliefs

the makeup of small parishes

*the 10% of our parish who we have relied upon for 90% of our "work" will no longer be with us due to age/death

My hope is that people will recognize that something is missing their life and turn to Christ, especially Christ in the Eucharist.

possible loss of spouse maybe ill health -life in nursing facility or with child

*kids will graduate *lth changes *parents/in-laws nearing end or passed

family member will pass

Fr. James will leave St. Olof the ability of my spouse to walk enough to go to church/Mass

the aging process losing family members of to health issues

my journey through life may come to an end and God will call me will I be ready

family...family dying moving because of age and not able to maintain my house

death of family and friends

many elderly supportive parishioners will pass. Inspired by the spirit campaign will be completed

hopefully our leaders will not be bullies we are all god's children no one is better

I will age, things will change

I'm older - might be dead *might have to move - can no longer take care of big house and yard by myself

Grandchildren will be 11 years old-probably move out of the area-lower church and school attendance

continued devolving of life

fewer priest for sure so less shepherds

more groups will be aging our and dying young families with many toddlers will have teens
population of immigrants will increase by birthrate hunger of holiness is on the rise healing of
wounds rising

retirement health finances

my in-law's and my mother are all advancing in age I'm afraid of what will be different when
they are gone I'm especially afraid of how my husband will handle it he is so close to them

church community as we know it

technology and AI will change skills needed in the workplace

loss of personal independence due to age unable to drive control my schedule my health due to
age new priest church change

I will be 25 and dad will be 55, we will have a new bishop and a new rector

*parents will die *kids will be adults * I will be retired *most kids moved out

there will not be enough priests and some parishes will close

The elderly will be passing on and less people will be part of the community/parish families to
keep things moving forward in a faithful/hopeful way.

I think women and lay people will do more in the church

the role of those who grow into their golden years

how people get along with each other

families fall away from church children don't grow in faith and are not taught morals different
priest

declining membership

the person who is the driving force for our parish is 80 years old

the youth we are putting through religious formation may be guiding the church are we giving
them the right tools no pastors they may change but community stays the same

as written above we are an aging parish will the younger numbers sustain our parish

Everything

We could see more political upheaval. The parishioners will change and priests

Many people will pass away while others will be joining community

I'll be dead or 10 years older

People are afraid to raise children so they opt to not have them lack of priests who understand the state of the people who have left the church or young people fears for their kids in this unsettling state of the world and its relationship with God

having to more and not for-sure place to go

I need to plan my funeral

More Amish in our area - smaller families

advancement of electronic technology - AI, robots

culture was against God's/religion is more accepted - culture norms that were very accepted 10 years ago have brought into serious question

if I live 10 more years and be able to go to Mass

*the influence of software, AI, homilies will be on the screens, almost everyone will be communicating via text

some family will lose contact with the rest

everything with AI you don't know what is truth or real

the churches will at the least not gain any more parishioners

If we don't pass on our faith, it gets watered down as time goes on - lukewarm Catholics

AI social media technology

We are elderly now so we won't be able to get around as well. We have good children who will help us. We are lucky!

as a senior citizen in my 80s I won't be here to give my guidance to my children grandchildren

need to have more young people carry on with CCD teachers and ____ in the parish

health issues

Technology and the impact of AI

unification of parishes - one "unified" name for Area 1 center location for parishioners
information churches

probably another change in priests again. Our staff and active parishioners are getting older.
Who will lead us?

Aging and death are reality

how much tv cell phone and Facebook have taken over scary easier to stay home watch church
on TV also save gas

death of secularism revival of spirituality (not neo Christian). We need more Gregorian chant no
guitars

the general structure of the church the number of priests the layout of our catholic schools

those who believe in the ____ church will begin to isolate and attend where feel welcome and
most churches that adapt to the world will lose people and slowly die

if we don't pray repent evangelize the great illumination warning ____ death violence hatred etc.
retirement coming up all kids out of school

more loss of quiet and physical mobility

Be more giving.

*I will continue to age and feel the effects of this *so will my husband *how we pass on the
faith *our parish

my health will decline

Assuming we have a more sane political administration: our pastor will retire-our parish's
elderly will pass on-the history of our parish will not seem as important to new parishioners-our
young people will need to decide which religion

*Technology and effect of religion +/- *political divide (both US and world) and its impact (+/-)
on Catholic

it may get t worse why do kids leave the church after their married

the loss of family and friends people aging active members or parish won't be able to
participate or keep activates going younger parishioners not stepping up

My living situation-I'll lose family and friends

hope our health is good

*aging. *less physically fit *lose family members due to age

the people of the area technology/communication

I will be 4 years from 40 in 10 years. No siblings left at home, what will that mean for my family?

Everything, I feel like change is constant.

consideration of moving from our home due to aging. Potential death of a spouse, friends. Fear of increased hatefulness turning people against each other

continued decline in the number of our priests (I feel)

kids will be out of high school and maybe on their own body slowing down as getting older

my husband and I will be empty nesters

hope people will come back to church also church will go back Latin no common in the land

kids grown, maybe in college or out of house, leaving empty nest-retirement-travels opportunities increased

Many parishioners will no longer be in the church because they'll die.

many of us will be dead!

1 the TLM will be the most attended mass in 10-20 years as these kids are keeping the faith and having lost of kinds 2. Traditional Catholics will still be persecuted but the hierarchy

I'm going to be moved out maybe have a wife and kids

my parents will pass away and I'll have to work out care of our youngest brother with special needs secular Carmelites are growing - people are hungry for authentic spirituality relationship with Jesus

Less mobility less energy who knows maybe my demise

less school buildings and churches

nothing for sure I know we won't move again as this is where my husband wants to live so I need to make the best of things

less priests; the need to focus on how we can be more receptive to all age groups.

we our family and friends will grow old

a smaller catholic church

I will likely be in dementia unable to care for myself will finances be gone

I will probably be dead small parishes will close our Gov and people are too proud

Less priests=parish closures-consider more roles for lay people

combine with other church less kids helping at Mass

*we will continue to see "Christendom" as we know it vanish in the world, the country, the community, and the catholic communities/parishes will become increasingly islands under siege or will wither out entirely

death loss of parents siblings independence

technology will continue to advance to a point in which AI will seem "Godlike" and destroy our relationships with each other and God if we are not careful

I may not be able to remain in my home due to ages or health issues

I will be older or dead.

how the USA is surviving

confusion devotion sacred

more dead people

perhaps more female integration/participation in liturgy or programs. More input

Our parish will grow older currently not enough young people stepping up

*AI taking over *kids growing up w/out knowing how to talk/think for themselves and being able to handle loss/disagreements *no one knowing truths to society

Consolidation of parishes

Our death, changes of life, perhaps move to an apartment or nursing more

our parish will be too old and be gone

people even loved one will leave because there isn't enough jobs

as we age probably will not be able to stay in our home

I do not know a crystal ball. No idea what for sure will change or be different except maybe my passing away.

unfortunately a lot of parish members will die and parish will considerably smaller

get younger more people to join church

hopefully have a new church

fewer parishioners attending mass. Combining of parishes because of lack of priests. Hopefully more well-educated deacons and women deacons

cycle of human life

AI-schooling, grandchildren, etc.

Things will change as how parishes are set up.

more evangelization endeavors, diminishment due to aging process, change of domicile

health gov't structure

Fewer people at Mass-my parents will no longer be alive-my grandboys will be old enough to make their own decisions about family, church, etc.

for sure is a new pastor

kids will grow up deeper faith life

A lot of our churches will lose their older generation. Evangelization will be a necessity to stay open.

The wellbeing of the family as we age

Yes—churches and school... how do we care for the old that don't come to church.

my guess is some parishes close it will drop off in a way at current attendance some places will maintain/float

many parishioners will pass away

I am already retired husband will retire sometime in next 10 years May move to be closer to one of our kids closest is 2 hours away one in California one in Arizona Where will we be buried

with the building of a new church we hope to bring families from neighboring parishes - they will need to feel welcomed

retirement losing my mother/death how 98 years my ability to do the things like take care of the house years perhaps my health

Less of some of the most dedicated parishioners

Lose my parents, become empty nesters, retire from job.

My ability to help with mission work, gardening. Extended family will grow, a great thing.

continual decline in resources that the parishes can use to build and develop

I am worried that more people will not follow their faith, not go to church, etc..

health and independent living will be different feeling more alone

I won't be here

church attendance

advances in technology good bad death aging of myself and family (siblings)

it's difficult to see my parents age 10 years then will be late 70s concern that practicing Catholics will continue to dwindle

my job. Retirement. More time to dedicate to helping volunteer at church

we won't be toting young children to Mass and hope they still attend

my boys will be old enough for CCD, which I am already dreading. I am worried they won't get anything out of it because it is a boring environment and "dumbed down"

I believe more parishes will have to merge. I like what is happening in the Chippewa Falls deanery.

less priests with retirements-key volunteers aging out of service ability

I will still be an amputee

my siblings, my friends, and I will be the ones raising the next generation of Catholics

not sure but hope and pray bring faith back to the people

*greater divide between those that have and the have nots *greater loss or fewer priests to serve us

more than half of our existing parish will be dead

parish will have less help as population is growing older

Children, parents, spouse and myself older

I'll be 80 so who knows if I'll be able to make it to church that's pretty scary as it happened to my mom and was really hard for her

people passing away close friends family moving away for jobs

the majority of people of our parish may not be alive in 10 years no young families who are active in the catholic faith

we/I will be older may have my own challenges in life

fewer priest

grandchildren getting married

MACS school buildings & facilities, less priests, everything

*size of our community there should be growth *will our parish grow worth the community or continue to shrink

I might be one of them

I think I will be living in a different place or be dead by then my stuff will all have been gotten rid of by my children

new leaders to take on new roles

my husband and I will be 74 in 10 years so not sure what our health will be like but want to keep doing things for and with our parish

More advanced technology- no all of us want this to happen.

Fewer, smaller, fewer parishes; fewer Catholic schools; not enough priests.

Bill will be retired-we will change health insurance-grandkids will be in school/sports/1st Eucharist-we will adjust to both being home

I'm not sure maybe less people less money for parish maybe more of each

realization of people that they need to find life meaningful

I'll be too old to continue doing all I do and hope others step up to the plate or our church will fail.

I will probably be dead probably shift to individual other than community of goodness maybe a holy pope

how things are done in the church we don't have the help with funds or parish council

Catholic burials/cremation

fewer churches fewer priests I want a priest not a deacon # of priests - we need to draw men into priesthood we need to let them get marrieds we need to allow women to be deacons

God only knows

hopefully the church can bring back the youth

*I am retiring and no longer need to spend the majority of my time working for someone else

At possibly my own death (I would be 94) I think we Americans will be struggling to recount our democracy

Be over 80 years old

a new pastor

our parish is growing , I hope my kids will grow up and serve their diocese and community.

More vocations

there will be more Catholics with a deep personal relationship with Jesus. More that we have now

some of our kids will be adults

family life community structure priest presence

loss of my husband -dementia everyone not exchanging viewpoints or being listened too

two of my five children will be adults

increase technology - less customer service - less person to person contact - more screen time

A new church and parish hall. Growth is parish life and a better way to minister to the needs of the parish family

husband just filed for divorce- lots of questions?

A large move to AI.

It's scary, with AI—can't believe whether to believe or not.

fewer parishioners = less funds

*aging *health

our numbers as Catholics are down & will continue to do so not enough priests to lead our congregations hope to see the churches view on same sex marriages more accepting & make those feel more welcome

things will get worse not better

political divide in church and govt is changing who we are as people church picks and chooses definition such as prolife is it just babies or human dignity

We will probably for sure have new/different priest

loss of family I ___ my own health &? Ability to paw fond each other democracy to common is m methods of communication that were once common are not obsolete or soon will be

change is inevitable. I think with social media and now AI, we are losing how we interact with people - not in a good way

- Artificial intelligence.
- Need martial law; everyone has a curfew

I may not be here. 85 today

choosing of local churches and parish's

too much emphasis on social things. Too many wants of things we really don't need

our life as a married couple will change as we age and have health issues we are now senior citizens

the elderly parishioners of rural parishes will be that much older and are in a last 4 cases and major support mechanisms for parishes

could I be considered to be ready for a nursing home or assisted living mom entered the nursing home at age 92 see loved to be almost 100 when she died

that the priest should be able to get married, that would probably help a lot

family traditions

wonder how society will be with the ongoing trends

for us alder folk we won't know the world due to AI

we will lose family members parents grandparents our children will marry and start families and may not stay close to us

Christion population will be decimated in the current trend continues

less interest in religion who will take over after we are old or die

a different priest and more changers that we may not like

Loss of Mass attendance

My children will be through the Catholic school and surrounded by the "real world" I pray they are strong in their faith to keep using well.

effects of AI cell phones immediate gratification on young generation

Priest will age-parents will die

We know your goal is to close parishes so be up front about it.

*friends and family will die *loss of abilities

my kids will grow, their families will grow; I will get older-won't be teaching-living completely by myself-kids graduated from college

how the church is being looked at will attendance get worst

our area churches will not all stay thriving so less people/families

having more flexibility with my time

Growth in my house & spirituality. Opportunity to encourage growth & leading in my parish

The loss of parishioners

I am 3 years short of 80 will I be able to love a dynamic meaningful life in my 8's and 90s

people will grow older children will grow and take on adult roles

Who can really know

children growing older

get older lose loved ones

Change of father. Retirement.

What will happen with the aging process.

my passing on the life after

see below

As happened many years ago with the different nationality & customs- people will reunite & settle their differences.

churches consolidations parishes closing and fewer parishes

we will have a new priest as our current pastor is foreign

less people going to church - no more young Catholics

Loss of friends-old age-illnesses

more parishioners who are over 65

grandkids grown up on their own hopefully cont. Being older hopefully mind in tact and family faith not enough in churches

probably less people in general

not enough support for 3 city of CF parishes, less priests, more divide among all people

the amount of parishioners I pray it will change of the better with more young families with children being home schooled or in catholic schools

hopefully our town continues to grow and our church will stay open

health grandkids work

people, buildings, institutions will age - division will continue

I will be retiring within the next 10 years and some point I will have to move to a more retirement friendly home

Our church leaders will be different- new pastor, new school principal, etc.

more people come back to church

*becoming a parent/having more children

no longer a neophyte

a lot of the aging church will have passed on

unknow, future uncertain. Children growing up, become teenagers in current world

we will have more young people in our parish! Our children are now married and having their own children and bringing them to church (happy face)

I will be aging & live independently.

as the median age goes up in our society we need in ore concerned caregivers and love they neighbors is his to happen only what deep soul searching and committing to their God give attributes

I will retired older or dead

*more small businesses lost *more homelessness in community

age health cages technology and how it will affect

will be 10 years older. Change will have occurred men will be born and die there will be war and rumors of war

Less people will be in churches because of age related deaths

retirement

we will lose parishioners mainly due to age and not have the same members of new ones to replace them - there will be less and less adults willing to teach the youth about religion - the mental health crisis continue to get t worse due to the lack of religion in families

some family members will not be with us relationships will change children will be at new milestones jobs will be different

we all age and will we be able to commit and handle all things in life

Need for more lay people to help with the reduced number of priests

job/work situation pastor family growing up/parents aging

because of the internet changes happen all the time no way to keep up AI is scary

There won't be enough priests

*sharing more churches together *fewer priests *will there be rest homes or someone to watch or help me in my late 80's *being ill and sick

priests parishioners

holy days will be meaningless celebrations of fun portraying nothing religious

death older population AI traditions will no longer be observed by many

We experience change every day! Everything changes- we will be fine.

Probably loss of my and/or husband's parents-retirement-kids getting married and having kids-daughter probably living overseas-probably some health changes for me and/or my husband-changes in the medical community

Hopefully there will be a reassurance toward religion and religious values

I hope the structure of the catholic church has a willingness to listen and change

get older can't do things that could be done in the past

I honestly don't know what to expect I will just continue trying to do my best to be as faithful as I can be the one thing we all need to have is a rock that will not change and that rock needs to be Christ and his catholic church we need to ask what is Catholicism what does it mean what has it always meant to be catholic that the most important thing the thy that will help up carry our crosses and get to heaven

if I make 85 years will lose my independence and don't know how or what will happened

people will age which means less people will help with staff that needs volunteers

most things in life change - w/out change there isn't growth and we are made to grow. My relationships, the environment, politics, this isn't something to be scared of

death

lack of priest or some churches closing

Retirement, health issues, family deaths

retired probably move away son in High school will be more independent all elderly parents will be gone

fewer opportunities to interact with aging parishioners ____ ____ includes

will I be here how strong our country will be how strong are church will be

technology is moving way too fast and feels forced

we need to have strength in our government, do not let our country be turned over to communism

my fiends/I may get married and leave this diocese. *vast changes in community/community structure

I don't know. My father, who was 96 and still bowled, always said to me the problem with growing old is you must keep making new friends. Now when I approach 80 I understand

I will be 10 years olde rand its likely I will need to more form my home and/or have major health issues

be indifferent yet needing more help ride to church glad we have a tv Mass

loss of spouse too old to live in my home losing family or friends more

everyone is getting older less people in churches people moving away

10 years older loss through death of friends family members

I'll be 80 and I won't be as mobile or able to do things I can now probable will have to move where cost +

loss of mother more churches that are closed will drive more people way

my wife and I will be leaving Wausau to live near our only son

less younger people loss of persons of faith loss of middle class lifestyle

I see consolidation of physical parishes

more travel to get to church more fund raising funerals government rule

I'm sure the parish will look different - how I am not sure which goes against what you asks (for sure) I will be older a retired or close to it

we adapt and grow in faith and the church will thrive or else

only God knows

Concerned about the future of our school

I have to leave La Crosse for school

Need to deeper the understanding of Catholic faith. Young people aren't engaging in parish activities.

we will be in official retirement more our neighborhood landscape buildings parking etc..

I will retire

lack of priests for sure a loss of many churches

Grandpa's farm, uncle's farm will change ownership. Move to new house.

The number of priests and parishes will go down. Parishes will close or consolidate. Catholic schools will have to adjust or possibly close.

no masses available weekly because of loss of priests hopefully allow priests to army and have female deacons

I'll be older; everyone will be older. More loss of loved ones.

AI will bring about some challenging moral practices. How will we discern the truth?

my grandchildren will all be young adults and time goes by too fast also I think technology is moving too fast I wouldn't mind a telephone with a cord on it

Women's roles in the church-- there has to be more leadership opportunities for women.

loss of the older generations in our parish that support the church

possible nursing home due to loss of sight or unable to care for oneself loss of siblings family due to age price of homes rental out of reach

I might switch parishes

New age churches continue to grow and take from our churches-next 10 years our parents and the older parishioners will be gone-will we replace that

marriage and kids Relationships with my family

Churches are too heavy with older people who will step up to keep church's viable

Support will decrease from family and friends. Mobility will make volunteerism decrease.

Memory will fail.

Consolidation of parishes. Fewer priests. Increase in maintenance costs.

Retirement. Changes to family once mom is gone.

I will not be here

decline in my health and involvement. Worry about future of parish

lower attendance in church will cause parishes to close

a new priest

how I live my life Healthwise technology

life

Kids will be grown-our marriage ages and changes with life-continue to grow my faith

I am in great health now, but if that doesn't hold up in 10 years I may be in a nursing home. Am I growing spiritually now to survive the cross of the future in grace

Health issues

I can't think that far ahead I'm 81 years old

our parish will change and or close so being combined with another parish retirement and the fear of how can we pay monthly bills relocating to a more handicap residence for retirement pray that God will give us strength patience and love to get us through this

Loss of family members

there will be a resurgence in church attendance as people are always searching for meaning in their life

declining health probably not be able to keep up our home moving

I'm sure some parishioners that I have known my whole life will pass away

losing older parishioners who are involved with the parish that will be lost thru death or old age. Who will step up to replace them.

size of families keep getting smaller more AI

not sure. I'm 77 and have seen many changes. I believe with more AI/internet exposure, people will get more isolated and less human contact

many things I'm sure there will be a revival of faith but will the church be ready for it? I will most likely move

Smaller sized families & less people; fundraising; day of rest; publish neighboring parishes' Mass times quarterly.

Age, health? Technology

getting older not sure where we are heading

*grandson will be 17 and driving *we will be 77 if we live that long

Illnesses-children with cancer-child in military (worried for him)

fewer parishes fewer parishioners fewer priests

people attending church

maybe more will come

If, the Hispanic community continues to live and grow in our city it will fare well! They need to be welcomed and empowered

losing people we love family changing

health will typically present different challenges facing the fact that death is a reality closer each year

Church may become more of a unifying center for people to discover and develop the proper (beneficial) relationships to God and others.

will be empty nesters more grandparent role children moved away

the final changes I see the future for churches

very real possibility of my entry into eternal life

closing of Many parishes not having a Mass close by

more older people in the area and less younger people

lack of priests will strain parishes and parish life. Activity will come to a screeching halt and will be hard to find a place to attend mass

Traditional families will still fly to the Latin mass wherever they can and modern parishes will continue to die out. The crisis in the Church will continue until we decide to change rather than continue to double down on current methods.

AI

priests will marry

Marathon Fr. Joe will leave get sick more lay ministry involvement and parish management music ministry will decline

I will retire in the next year or two I always been a busy person and enjoy my work

older members passing not enough young

churches will close I will most probably die

more churches closing

AI will be needed in the teaching world this can be a plus

decreasing membership-1 of 3 parishes may close

I may not be here some 78 years old and just had treatment for cancer

*more loss of family and friends due to age *more distance of family and friends *loss of income, insurance, Medicare

with lack of being heard and involved disinterest in parish grows parish feels more and more as not mine

Fr. Tom will retire, new priest-our children will be living in a different house-new church?

number of church's available to us

Good health now, future health unknown.

Marriages of our kids and developing of their families-parents health or passing-retirement

In 10 years I will have passed on

my health will likely decline

*age is a factor, may not be alive in 10 years *if we don't get better leaders in country, all the way to top, we may destroy ourselves. I have hope that we will ding leaders in next generation to offset some of this.

Will get a new pastor

technology so advanced elderly left out what grandchildren will face what grandchildren will face

change on pastor and deacon

less Catholics churches and priests if something doesn't change no one believing in the real presence of the Eucharist after the elderly catholic pass away

I will be a lot older, might be harder to get to church.

the people that surround me

new pastor merging parishes no resident priests

lack of priest God is not important priority in people lives

our church community has a lot of elderly that are very active

cultural turmoil as continuing polarization between good and evil who wins

*our immediate family will grow and hopefully stay close to each other *unknown what will happen to our parish family - it's been difficult since not feeling like we are a parish anyone cares about

With hope and prayer she will to light with Jesus

I think mass attendance will decline more

I'll be ten years older, or dead.

The elderly are passing away. Hopefully the 45K churches will not be around.

*2/3 of my kids will be moved out and on their own - possibly married with children *all the nieces and nephews will be grown - starting families and we may not get together as a family anymore with my siblings

I may not drive therefore no way to get to Mass as often

another change of priest

active members growing old and unable to help as much

less people attending church

I see growth happening in the church now. I see that continuing.

Either my husband or I will likely die and whoever is left will have to adjust to being alone.

Might not be able to get to church or get around as well as today

more death more health issues changes of church leadership)from priests all the way to pope
Athens as a village may be struggling. Loss of the value of our home.

*new pastor *less members

I will retire-sell house and move-might die because of illness-my health is changing as I got older
many of us seniors will pass away or move to a community close to our children they live where
their jobs are mostly urban

We will die

I will be older and change will be harder for me to accept

*church attendance will go down *fear of God will be increased *there will be great revival of
the church

*total number of parishioners *priest at certain parishes / number of priests *financial situation

Probably I won't be here. I am now 87.

huge ___ of death I each and this meeting ___ ___ and may will the ___ ___ will ___ the church
and what will ___ the ___ - ___

The challenges of keeping believers coming to church.

national values conflict lack of consensus on core ideas need for leadership which is dynamic

AI. Cost of living, less healthy.

we anticipate have to move to a smaller place-we anticipate needing the help of our children in
the future and that they won't be able to help

more AI use for good

catholic schools will grow

Many elderly—big part of our population; technology; swings between Popes' ideology.

No doubt my death will happen as I am now 88 years old and have some problems which be
hard to last

kids growing up and Leamington live life on their own

getting older what's next

youth are so much different -technology need to be entertained how can we keep up with this
for our church

an openness to gay Catholics and their lifestyle

Community size. Loss of members to protestant denominations.

the number of priests will be less

in about 10 years I may not be alive or healthy. our church will continue on a pathway to mission

Elderly parishioners will no longer be with us.

I will be gone, will all the things I worked for be lost

my health

I will hopefully be looking down on my family with my parents

*whether or not our parish will be open or closed *a priest

as I age I may not be as active in the church as I am now but it is the succession planning for us at this age 60+

Not too many things are for sure: smaller household of immediate family, aging

Who knows?

death of three parents and numerous family members

the fear of AI taking over where church should be

the size of the church

children married and grandchildren - I will be retired

My husband and I are raising our 5 sons in the Catholic Church, current ages 10-16. In 10 years they will all be grown and out or almost out of our house.

Baby boomers - demographic passing away and more in assisted living/nursing homes/how do we support that as a parish command. Who steps up to fill the shoes of all those volunteers? Does it mean a change to what we do as a parish?

younger parishioners will step up to fill void left by older parishioners

less people coming to church lack of priests

having a priest

I'm going to get older, maybe not be regarded as someone whose work and contributions are valuable. I'm going to see changes in the last place I know of that has some continuity or has had, the church

size of families so less people for church

parishes will change/be combined children will grow into adults

we will have much younger populations deciding what changes they want that the older population may not want to go that route

only God knows for sure

odds are our church will lose due to loss of parishioners passing away I'm one of the younger one I will be 82 or deceased

My father's living circumstance-caretaking of parents-we will have a different priest-increase in domestic church families

probably a new pastor as the current one retires

the way our young people receive the sacraments

retirement, health changes

Loss of personal freedom- too much social media directing the thoughts and actions of individuals

family dynamics changing losing members by death gaining new sons and daughter in laws more grandchildren

I won't have any more babies. Kids now are between 1 and 8. I love these sweet young years so much, even though the growing up is exciting too, I will really miss them

The passing of our parents or becoming less self-sufficient.

Loss of Good health death of Mom sons all move on Less access to church

I don't look for any changes unless people realize how important religion is in our life

*technology will play a bigger part in worship *more parishes will combine with 87 priests to 159 parishes

most of our parishioners will be gone. No youth to follow us as parishioners set on council

Aging population