Welcome

To Our Feasibility Forum





October 3, 2026

The Parish of St. Felix

For more than 160 years,
St. Felix Parish has been a steady,
faithful presence here in Wabasha.

We are in a season of renewal and our facilities
must be preserved and updated to
reflect our needs today and future vision.

Having completed phase 1 projects,
St. Felix wanted to understand what campus projects
would be feasible for our community to support.

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Feasibility Study Methodology

- **Case for Support** explained the needs and opportunities of up to $6 Million in project work
- **Outreached to 42** individuals or couples with a long history of supporting St. Felix
- **Interviewed 20** for feedback and asked approximate gifts
- Applied giving best practice formulas to our parish's **calculate giving potential**, applying:
    - Gift multiplier on annual giving
    - Participation rate based on recency

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The Case For Support We Tested



A Parish Growing in Faith and Participation

St. Felix is home to 550 families with Mass attendance growing annually. In recent months, parishioners have stepped forward in new ways: more Eucharistic ministers, more readers, more volunteers caring for the church. Twelve young women now gather monthly for a mother's Bible study. Baptisms have increased since Father Tom arrived, as families find a pastor who is approachable, present, and eager to welcome them.

29% Increase
in Mass Attendance
from 2023 to 2025

St. Felix is a parish in **renewal.**

As Deacon John shared:

"People here care about our faith and the faith of our children and grandchildren."

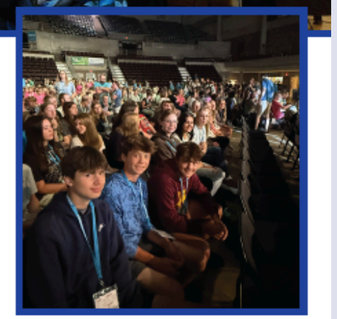
That spirit is alive and growing.

A Community Rooted in Service and Hope

St. Felix is a parish where people show up for one another—at funerals, at school events, at parish gatherings, and in quiet acts of service. We see this hope in the commitment of parishioners who visit the homebound, in our dedication to keep our Catholic school thriving, and in the many active committees and parish groups:

- 3 teams who visit to 10-12 homebound parishioners weekly
- New St. Elizabeth Ann Seton widows group monthly gathering launched in 2026 *(photo to right)*
- Anticipating 95 students expected enrolledment for '26-'27 school year with a strong preschool class
- Numerous active parish groups support all aspects of parish life: Parish Councils (Pastoral and Finance), Social Concerns Committee, Knights of Columbus, Serra Club, St. Joe's, 1891 Financial Life Ladies Group, Quilters Group, Church ladies who serve funeral luncheons, Contemporary Choir and Traditional Choir
- These groups have connected the parish across generations for common goals such as fundraising for everything from youth activities to our Winter Coats for Kids drive as well as helping pay for the phase 1 parish and school renovations
- Social Concerns committee has co-sponsored event on Scam prevention at Faith Lutheran, brought speaker on Catholic Social Teaching to St. Felix and sponsored an informational event for various Wabasha help agencies







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Phase 1 - Complete!

$570,000 Invested since 2022

Included:

- Church boiler & sound system updates
- Church main entrance repairs, brick repairs, fascia painting & security locks
- Structural repairs in the attic
- Sidewalk replacement & foundation repairs
- Gymnasium roof & brick repairs
- New fencing for the school playground

Phase 2 - Campus Interiors, Utilities & Accessibility

Estimated Investment: $2.5M

- Accessible 3rd Street Entrance
- Bluetooth Hearing Assist Loop
- New family/gathering space with bathroom in back of Church
- Church plaster, painting, pews, flooring
- Adoration chapel & music room
- Lighting upgrades
- Heating & cooling for the auditorium
- School bathroom updates

Phase 3: New Gathering Space

Estimated Investment: $2.9M

- Large open hall, seating for 70 persons
- Accessible meeting space connecting church & office
- Serving kitchen
- Multi-pupose meeting room
- Additional restrooms & storage

Phase 4: Office Renovations

Estimated Investment: $430K

Feasibility Study Findings

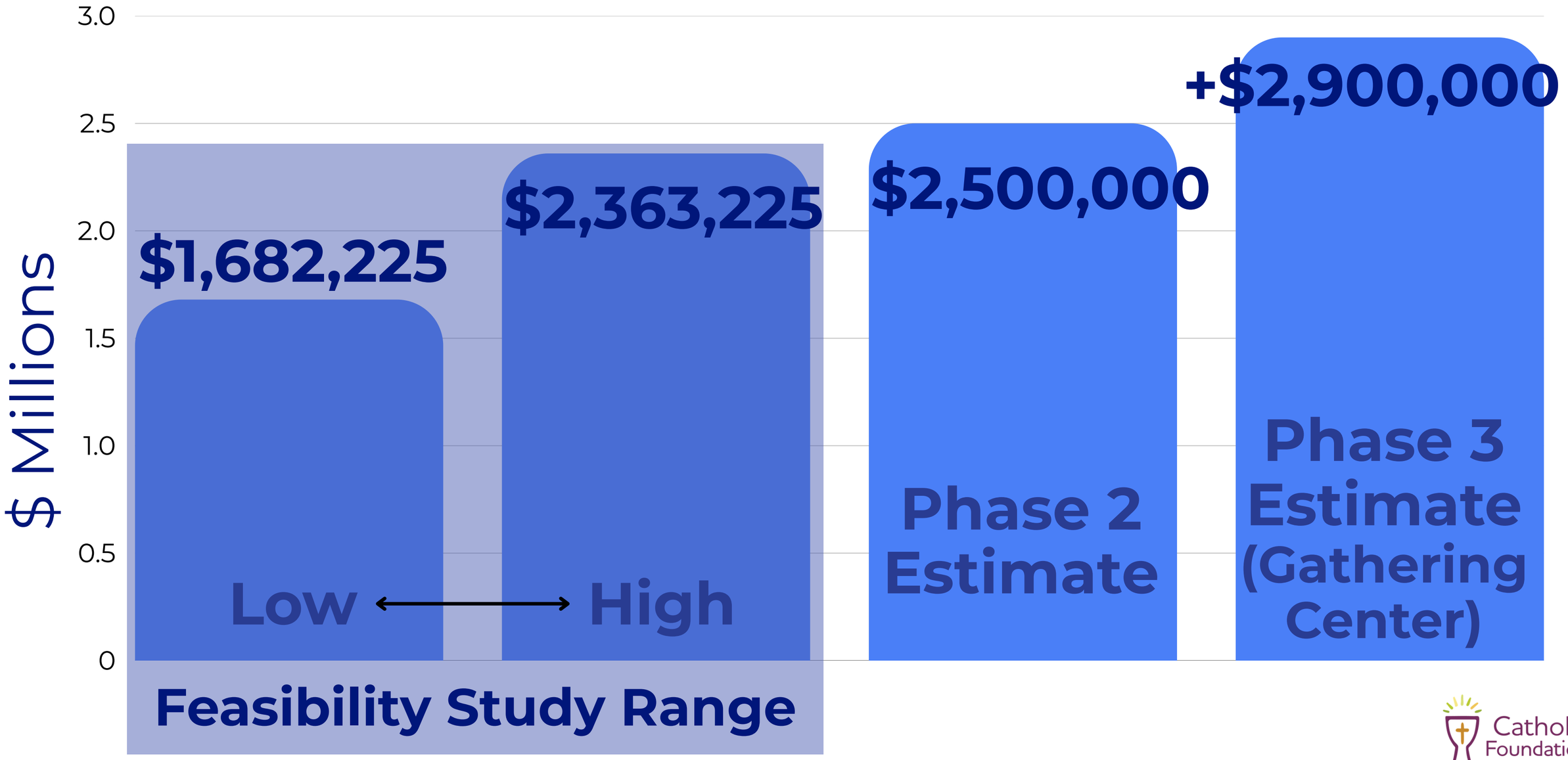
- **Strong connections to St. Felix**
- **Trusted Parish and Campaign Leadership**
- **Unanimous Support for Restoring Current Facilities**
- **Young Families are the Key to the Parish's Renewal**
- **Several Donors are Ready to Give this Year**
- **3 Year Pledge Period**

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Campaign Projection Summary

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Order of the Work

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1. **Next:** Subcommittee will recommend the **order of phase 2 projects**; e.g. school bathrooms or gym boiler first?

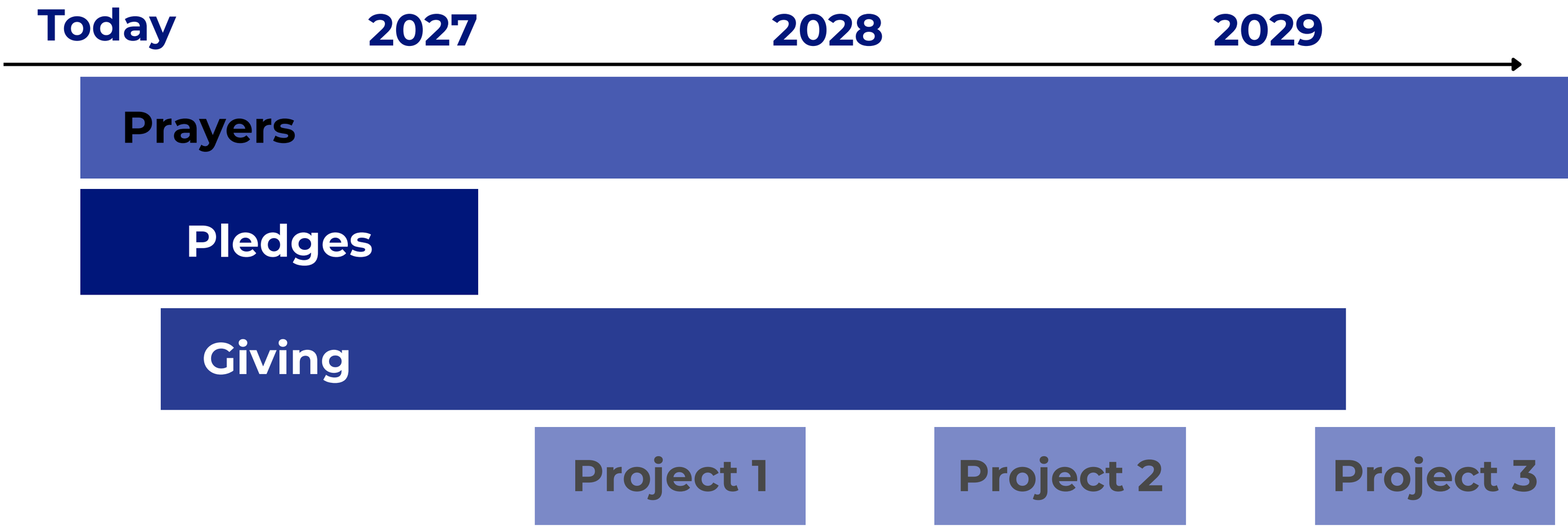
2. **Gathering Center** not today's focus, but still "on the table."



Pastoral & Finance Councils
Social Concerns Committee; Serra Club
Knights of Columbus; Mom's Bible Study
1891 Financial Life Ladies Group
St. Joe's; Quilters Group; Youth Masses
Church ladies who serve funeral luncheons
Contemporary Choir; Traditional Choir
Dozens of Youth Attend Camps & Events
Weekly Faith Formation for grades K-10
Monthly Youth Group for grades 7-10
Weekly Ministry to 10-12 Homebound
Fundraising for wide range of community, school and parish needs

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Our Roadmap


Today
2027
2028
2029
Prayers
Pledges
Giving
Project 1
Project 2
Project 3

Gifts Welcome This Year

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We Know You've Been Waiting!

- Checks written to: Catholic Foundation of Southern MN
- Qualified Charitable Distributions
- Stock/Equities
- Commodities, Grain, Gold/Silver

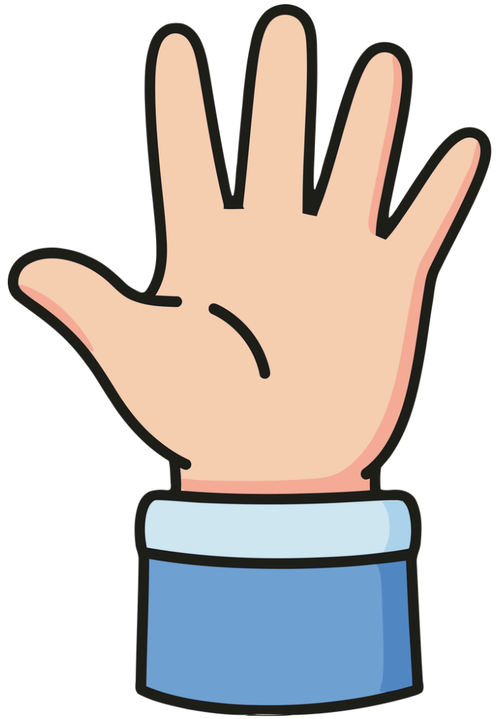
Your donations today will be:

- **Invested** in the market using a low-risk Catholic values-based strategy
- **Put to work** as soon as a the pool is large enough to start a project

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We Need Your Help!

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Would you be willing to...

- Speak with Others in Person (Fall-Winter)
- Make Phone Calls (Winter-Spring)
- Work a Booth After Mass (Fall-Winter-Spring)
- Stuff Envelopes (Spring)
- Coordinate Volunteer Scheduling (Fall-Winter-Spring)
- Prayer Committee (Now until campaign is finished)

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