



Saint Francis Central Catholic Elementary School Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston | Morgantown, WV



Sitting above Interstate 68 on a beautiful hilltop overlooking Morgantown is the new St. Francis Central Catholic Elementary School. This parochial institution for 475 students dominates the architecture on the hilltop, and is highly visible from Interstate 68.

The architecture builds on the farm imagery associated with a dairy farm that occupied this property for three generations. The building includes a silo, gambrel-shaped roofs, similar to barn roofs on the classroom wings and an architecture reminiscent of the stone house for the Pre-K classrooms, which sit free of, and in front of, the building itself. This architecture arose from the desire to reflect the history of the site while designing a building that would be at a scale and of a comfort level appropriate for 475 elementary students.

Included are pre-K thru 8 classrooms, cafeteria, a full high school gymnasium, a large library/learning center, computer, art, music, and all the other facilities normally associated with a progressive elementary program. Internal colors are bright and lively complementing the playful architecture. Classes began in January 2006.

Client:
Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston

Start:
June 2004

Completed:
December 2005

Size:
47,000 SF

Cost:
\$ 8.9 million

