

MULTIPLE CLASSROOM  
WING ADDITION

Grand Island, New York

**Owner / Client:** St. Stephen's R.C. Church**Area:** 6,500 square feet**Cost:** \$ 300,000

The 6,500 square foot, one-story addition to St. Stephen's Parochial School on Grand Island was completed in 1991 and comprised six new classrooms. The original design called for only four classrooms, but when actual bids came in under budget, it was decided that the alternate cost for two additional classrooms would be accepted.

The new classrooms included a science lab, a computer room, a pre-kindergarten, a kindergarten, and two general classrooms. Also incorporated was a toilet room for the physically handicapped.

The science lab features four student work stations and a teaching lab desk. Both pre-k and kindergarten classrooms have attached toilet facilities, storage closets, and countertop sinks.

Special planning and design consideration was given to allow for increased natural light within the classroom with views of outdoor spaces and natural outdoor settings.

Outdoor playing areas were also planned to enable children the opportunity to play together, use their bodies, build muscles, and test new skills. Using imagination and releasing energy are two important activities seen in these areas.

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