

# SAINT BARTHOLOMEW ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



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Inspired by its growing congregation and the need to consolidate its worship and educational functions, Saint Bartholomew Roman Catholic Parish hired RATIO to create a master plan for its Saint Columba site. The master plan called for the construction of a new church, administrative offices, and space set aside for a future gymnasium. RATIO secured the commission for the new church following a design competition, and the design process began with a re-examination of the master plan and the goals of the parish community. The new, 900-seat church design incorporates stone materials found on existing campus buildings and a soaring roof structure with generous natural lighting and stained glass. Consistent with the parish's desire for an inviting and welcoming presence, the entrances and narthex have open views to the surrounding landscape and to a new, contemplative courtyard located between the new church and the existing school.

**Saint Bartholomew Roman Catholic Church**  
Columbus, IN

YEAR: **2002**

SQ. FT.: **21,000**

COSTS: **\$6 million**

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