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**BUILDING
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Left to right: Fr. Reginald Samuels thanks parishioners filling Guyot Hall for donating \$50,000 toward a new electronic sign for the front of the church as diaconate candidate Charles Pitman unveils announcement. The Events Team decorated beautifully for the Kings' Feast, turning the hall into a royal lodge. Communications team member Jo Ann Zuniga-Berntsen and Deacon Frank Berntsen show one of eight new church designs for the Capital Campaign.

Parishioners Fill Hall for Kings' Feast

Pastor Unveils Successful Sign Donation Goal, New Church Designs

St. Hyacinth parishioners filled Guyot Hall January 3 to partake of the Kings' Feast Texas-style with barbecue and all the fixings in celebration of Epiphany.

As part of the ceremonies, Fr. Reginald Samuels, with help from the three kings – Will Dever, Charles Pitman and Paul Arrigo – unveiled the parish successfully raising \$50,000 for electronic signage to be placed in front of the church on Center Street.

The marquee is a gift from parishioners, who donated to the mini-campaign over the past nine months, culminating at the conclusion of the church's 50th anniversary year.

The new electronic sign will be implemented starting this month and soon will be catching the eyes of those driving by and informing the community of St. Hyacinth's events. Father Reginald and the Capital Campaign Team also shared color posters mounted on tripods of the new church architectural designs to kick off the Capital Campaign for the crowd attending

The Capital Campaign Commitment weekend is scheduled for March 12-13 with parishioners asked to pray and discern while making their commitments for St. Hyacinth in ***"Building Faith, Family, Future."***

Overall, very positive feedback was given by parishioners as Fr. Reginald and Campaign team members visited with the crowd and answered questions. All were glad to hear that the inspirational stained glass of Jesus the Good Shepherd and the Holy Spirit will be saved and incorporated into the new design of the church.

In fact, the stained glass will have greater visibility as the new church is built on half the parking lot facing Center Street. So drivers coming from the Deer Park Police Station side would be able to see the Shepherd while those driving in from the library side will see the Holy Spirit

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Please join us!

**JANUARY 21
PRAYER SERVICE**

All of St. Hyacinth Church's ministries, organizations and parish are invited to please join the Capital Campaign team for a Prayer Service at 7 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 21. We will pray for God's guidance and grace as we discern how to build faith, family and the future of our church.

The one-hour Prayer Service will begin in the sanctuary. Afterward, all are invited for light refreshments in Meeting Room 2. ***Hope to see you there.***

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OUR CAMPAIGN PRAYER

*Almighty God,
You have built Your Church
upon the foundation
of Peter and the Apostles
with Jesus Christ
as the cornerstone.
Let us continue on
that foundation by asking
the Holy Spirit to guide us
as we move toward
building Faith, Family
and the Future
of St. Hyacinth.
Be with us
as we work together
for a successful campaign
to accomplish these goals
You have set before us.
In Jesus' name, we pray.
Amen!*

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stained glass. Plus a cross and steeple will be more prominent toward Center Street so those passing by will know immediately that the building is a church.

The designs also showed a larger, more covered pavilion and a basketball court area for youths to play when the pavilion is not in use for church functions. A bigger barbecue pit and cooking area are also added as well as the St. Vincent de Paul offices and storage room so the facility will be multipurpose. The newer educational complex of classrooms will remain as well Guyot Hall with renovations including new flooring and an updated look.

The Archdiocese and Cardinal DiNardo see the need for St. Hyacinth, as the only Catholic Church in the city of Deer Park, to have a larger worship space. When the Cardinal or Bishops preside over Confirmation and other major celebrations under one roof at a main Mass, our church is standing-room-only and elbow-to-elbow.

We can share unity with our youths and families in the community by celebrating our larger gatherings of Christmas and Easter together rather than separating out into the hall. Our church needs room to grow just as Deer Park is growing with two new subdivisions and a new apartment complex currently getting permits from the City of Deer Park. Please help us in **"Building Faith, Family, Future"** at St. Hyacinth.