



St. Louis, Besançon Parish Marks 175 Year Anniversary
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The Fleur-de-Lis can be found in many places within St. Louis, Besançon Church
It is one of the most well-known symbols to the French people

St. Louis, Besançon Parish in New Haven celebrated its 175-year anniversary Sunday, Aug. 22, three days before the feast of their patron saint.

After St. Louis pastor Father Louis Fowoyo celebrated Mass, the parish observed the occasion with a lunch in the Besançon Hall, which was built in 1948 and rededicated in 2018. The children of the parish marked the anniversary with bubbles and sports at the academy playground.

Father Fowoyo said one of the outstanding aspects of the community at Besançon is its self-giving nature and self-knowledge. “What I like about the community is the sense of identity,” said Father Fowoyo, “because everyone feels that they belong to the parish. That is the life of the Church.” “The family should be the domestic church, but a parish also should be like a family.”

Father Michael Louen, pastor from 1908-1916, started St. Louis Academy—the parish school. The Sisters of St. Agnes initially managed an older school, St. Joseph, which opened its doors in 1900. The school reopened in 1910 under the guidance of three Sisters of Notre Dame, until a fire of unknown origin destroyed it Jan. 29, 1915.

Father Louen rebuilt, and St. Louis Academy completed a 10,000 square-foot expansion in 2018. It included the addition of five classrooms, six bathrooms, a cafeteria and three meeting rooms.

“What I noticed very uniquely about the school,” Father Fowoyo said, “is that almost all the teachers have their children in this school. And if you have a school where the teachers have their children, they will be committed to that school. *Continued on pg2. . .*

Even the principal has three children in the school. And when people are committed to something, they will do it well.”

The church was built by French settlers in 1846, while the area was still under the jurisdiction of the Diocese of Vincennes. For a time, the area was also called “New France” by the settlers, before they shortened it to Besancon. The fleur-de-lis, a well-known symbol of the French, can be found in many places within the church building.

Initially a log structure, the church was replaced by a permanent brick building built by a man named Frank Sallier. According to records, C. F. Lomont and Joseph Dodane financed most of the project.

The first resident pastor of the parish, Father Grevin, did not arrive until several years later, in 1864. Later, the brick building was covered in cement-mortar to give St. Louis the appearance of stone. The cement-mortar was repaired and sealed with cement paint in 1998.

The church’s name comes from St. Louis IX, king of France from 1226 to 1270. The only French king to be canonized a saint, St. Louis is the patron of France and is held in high regard by the French people. The city of St. Louis, Missouri, is also named for the 13th century king.

“As we are happy every year, on Aug. 25, to celebrate the feast of St. Louis,” Father Fowoyo said during the anniversary Mass, “let us recall and try to emulate him in his virtues as he strived to follow Christ while he was on earth.” Elaborating on the saint’s childhood, Father Fowoyo gave some context on the time period in which the monarch lived. “Up until the 18th century, France, like in many other parts of Europe, was under the leadership of kings and emperors. Many of them who were not constitutional monarchs reigned supreme with absolute power. They determined the life of the state and talked like gods. They were referred to as the ‘supreme’ or ‘imperial majesty.’ Their words were orders to be carried out.” “As a result, there was a tendency for them to enslave their subjects and spend recklessly. The character of each determined the way he or she ruled their people. Some were nice, others were tyrannical.

“Among the good ones was Louis IX, who was also referred to as Louis the Pious. He was the son of King Louis VIII, who died before his son was old enough to be king. His wife, Blanche, the mother of the future St. Louis, served as regent until the son was matured enough to be king. The mother brought him up in the way of the Lord and would always day to him, ‘I love you, my dear son, as much as a mother can love her child—but I would rather see you dead at my feet than that you should ever commit a mortal sin.’ Louis was a man of great faith in God and would never allow any injustice in his kingdom,” Father Fowoyo emphasized for parishioners on Aug. 22. “He was never heard to speak or do any evil thing to anyone. His passion for justice made him transform the feudal system into a highly organized royal court of justice.”

The Besancon Historical Society is headquartered at the parish. According to its records, Father Julian Benoit administered for a time to the needs of the rural community at Besancon. Father Benoit is known to have laid the groundwork for Catholicism in early Allen County; he is credited with building the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne. The settlers of Besancon held Father Benoit in the utmost esteem. In fact, according to a record from the 1940’s, when the area above the church sanctuary was painted, parishioners insisted that Father Benoit be portrayed among the angels. *Continued on page 3*

This request for the priest's memorialization in the sanctuary mural became reality until it was refrescoed. Today, Father Benoit is honored in name by stained glass above the sanctuary.

According to the Besancon Historical Society, the parish had no priests for two years starting in 1878. From 1893 to 1894, two priests served the rural parish from the Fort Wayne cathedral.

The church became a stop on the historic Lincoln Highway when the early highway was routed past the front of the property in 1913. The nearly 3,400 mile highway stretched from New York to San Francisco; it became, in New Haven, US-30, and still passes in front of the parish property.

Lifelong parishioner Ellen Oberley has seen the close-knit community grow since her childhood. She expressed excitement for the future of her parish. "There's just so many new babies all the time, and the families are growing." Oberley said. "Now there's so many new families from other areas, too. When I was growing up, it was just— everybody lived right here. But the new families help our school to grow. "That's exciting, I think, to keep growing like that."

MISSION OF
THE BESANCON HISTORICAL
SOCIETY

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The mission of the Besancon Historical Society of East Allen County, IN is to preserve, interpret and foster a deeper understanding of the history, heritage, and other culture of the rural community known as Besancon, Indiana, generally located in Jefferson Township, Allen County, Indiana, and which has as its central focus Saint Louis Catholic Church.

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President's Message ... Barbara Gorney

I would like to wish everyone a healthy and happy new year. The last two years have been very trying. We had one meeting this past summer and have no projects at this time. We have not had anyone interested in seeing the archives which I am sincerely glad. I have had some inquiries about several families and have been able to check my records I have at home. My latest query was last week. I did some research on the Coulardot family and have included it in this message. There are several buried at Besancon. There are also some confirmation records. This is just the line that the query was interested in.

COULARDOT

Stephen Coulardot was born in Besancon, France 29 Jan. 1820. He died 2 April 1878 in Allen Co.IN. He was married 20 Jan.1851 to Virginia Lomont who was b.1835 in Besancon, Doubs, Franche-Comte France. Arrived in New York 13 April 1850. Died 7 June 1894. Buried in New Haven, IN.

Narcis A Coulardot (son of Stephen) 1872-1956. Married to **Louise M.Girardot**(1876-1962) 9 April,1898. He owned a general store.

Charles Stephen Coulardot Sr. (son of Narcis) b.31 Jan 1901 d.16 May 1972 in Angola,IN. He married **Loretta M Westrick** (1899-1997).

Obit in VanWert, Ohio newspaper-Wed. 17 May 1972. **Charles S. Coulardot** d. May 16, 1972. He was at Big Turkey Lake and taken to Cameron Hospital in Angola, IN where he died. He was retired from Tokheim Corporation. He was the father of Charles Jr. who was Deputy Chief of Fort Wayne police. Sr. was a member of St.Anthony's church, Catholic Order Of Foresters, and Turkey Lake Conservation Club. He is buried at the Catholic Cemetery in Fort Wayne. He left a widow Loretta, daughters Mrs. Robert (Betty) Groves of Monroeville and Mrs. Marcella Leuenberger of Fort Wayne, brother Clifford of Monroeville.

Charles Coulardot Jr. was born 28 June 1922 in Zulu, IN. He died 20 Dec.1997 at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne, IN. He is buried in the Catholic Cemetery. He was a Captain in WW II. He is survived by his wife Audrey, daughter Carolyn Fletcher and sons Steven, William and Jim and sister Betty Groves. In the Pharos-Tribune newspaper of 9 July 1979 Charles Jr. was named Law Officer of the year and was an honorary parade marshal in Jeffersonville,IN.

Barbara Pio Gorney
President of Besancon Historical Society

Pastors of St. John the Baptist Parish, New Haven, IN

*Researched & Compiled by Richard H. Rosswurm, JD, PhD, Cincinnati, OH, May 2021
Born New Haven Jan. 4, 1940, St. John member to 1963*

Presented to Fr. Bill Sullivan as a thanks & farewell, to Fr. Nathan Maskal as a welcome, & to the parish as a remembrance of a significant presence of youth.

Sept. 1859 to Sept. 1861: **Rev. Louis Grevin**, stationed at St. Vincent de Paul, near Ft. W, had charge of St. John; 1st church opened.

Sept. 1861 to May 1873: **Rev. (Johann or John) Wolfgang Giedl**, B. 1838 Germany, D. May 1873 NH. Had Columbia City as a mission. 1st rectory, 1st & 2nd schools, 1st convent opened. Took ill in Nov. 1872 & had fill-ins until new pastor arrived.

July 1873 to Jan. 1921, also in residence until Sept. 1921: **Rev. Bernard Widau**, B. Sept. 19, 1840 Colsfeld, Germany, D. Jan. 1932 Ft. W. Ordained July 25, 1868 in Belgium for Ft. W. diocese, then to U.S. To NH from Winimac. 2nd church opened. To retirement at Ft. W. St Vincent Villa.

Jan. 1921 to Feb. 1926: **Rev. Michael Aichinger**, B. Feb. 20, 1882 Bavaria, Germany, D. April 30, 1957 Oxford, IN. to U.S. in 1898. Ordained June 1909. To NH from Auburn. 2nd rectory opened (Rev. George Moorman, Besancon pastor, supervised construction). 2nd convent opened. To Logansport.

Feb. 1926 to July 1939: **Rev. Francis P. Faust**, B. Feb. 19, 1868, Ft. W., D. Jan. 11, 1944 Los Angeles. Ordained June 1892. To NH from Logansport. To retirement.

July 1939 to 1964: **Rev. Wm. J. Ehrman**,* B. Sept. 17, 1894, D. Aug. 1983 Ft. W., Ordained 1922. To NH from Kendallville. 3rd convent & 3rd school opened. To Ft. W. St. Paul.

1964 to 1970: **Rev. Edward Roswog**, B. Jan. 19, 1909 Kokomo D. March 10, 1977 Ft. W. Ordained 1937. To NH from Monroeville. To retirement.

1970 to 1972: **Rev. Richard Urbine**, B. July 28, 1920 Ft. W., D. Oct. 30, 2000 Bourbon, IN. Ordained 1948. To NH from Breman. To Monroeville.

1972 to 1978: **Rev. Paul Miller**, B. Oct. 3, 1916 Huntington, D. Jan. 13, 2016 (yes!) Ft. W. Ordained 1944. To NH from Monroeville. 3rd church opened 1975. To Monroeville (yes).

1978 to 1986: **Rev. John Suelzer**, B. June 21, 1939 Ft. W., D. Aug. 24, 2016 Ft. W. Ordained 1965. To NH from Mishawaka Queen of Peace & interim at Ft. W. St. Henry. To Ft. W. St. Charles.

May 1986 to Aug. 1991: **Rev. Terry Place**, B. May 9, 1946 Ft. W. D. July 8, 2007 Avilla. Ordained 1972. To NH from Cathedral. To St. John, South Bend. *Continued page 6. . .*

Pastors of St. John the Baptist Parish, NH, Continued

Aug. 1991 to 1999: **Rev. Derrick Sneyd**, B. 1945 India, (living June 2021). Ordained 1970. To NH from Elkhart St. Thomas the Apostle. To Mishawaka St. Monica.

1999 to 2003: **Rev. Richard Hire**, B. July 1, 1944 Ft.W. D. May 4, 2017 Syracuse, IN Ordained 1970. To NH from Elkhart St. Thomas the Apostle. To Mishawaka Queen of Peace.

2003 to July 2007: **Rev. Paul McCarthy**, B. 1952 South Bend (living June 2021). Ordained 1984. To NH from SB St. Mary of the Assumption. To New Carlisle.

2007 to July 2013: **Rev. James Seculoff***, B. 1936 Ft.W. (living June 2021). Ordained 1962. To NH from SB St. John the Baptist. To Walkerton.

Aug. 2013 to June 15 2021: **Rev. Wm. Sullivan**, B. May 14, 1946 Worcester MA (living June 2021). Ordained 1972. To NH from Elkhart St. Thomas the Apostle. Retirement.

June 15 2021 to ?: **Rev. Nathan Maskal**, B. probably 1991 Ft.W. Ordained June 2, 2018. To NH from Granger.

*Candor compels me to note that in published lists Ft.W.-SB Bishop Kevin Rhodes included Fr. Ehrman as having 8 credible allegations of sexual abuse (some while at NH & some while at St. Paul) reported after his death. Also Fr. Seculoff as having 5 credible allegations of sexual abuse (all some 40 years earlier) reported in 2014.

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Parish Buildings

A 1st church 1859, then 3rd convent 1949.

B 1st rectory 1861, then 2nd convent 1921, then 3rd school 1950.

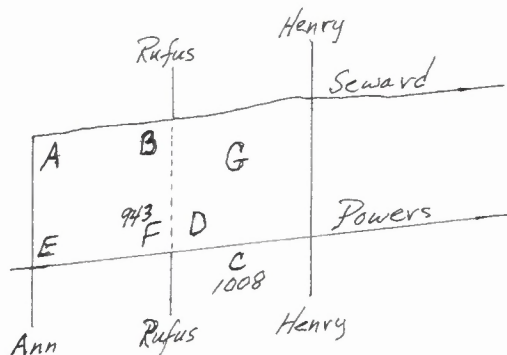
C 1st school 1864.

D 2nd school & 1st convent 1873.

E 2nd church 1877, then community center.

F 2nd rectory 1921.

G 3rd church between 1972 & 1978.



French Migration to Allen Co. with Emphasis on Alsace

Zoom Presentation by Martine Copeland Nov. 10th, 2021

The Following are M.J. Novosel's notes from presentation from ACGSI's Website, & and be seen along with all slides: www.acgsi.org

Occupations: Mostly Farmers, Wine growers, Cheese makers, Laborers, and the Professional trades: Millers, Carpenters, and Weavers.

Emigration Pattern: Seine River to La Havre—then by boat to U.S., 6 weeks to New York or 7 weeks to New Orleans. The space on ships, 16 x 16 feet and 5.6 feet height. By decree of 1855.

Motivations for Emigration: “Push”/ “Pull”

“Push”=Economic, between 1825-1855 many crop failures

“Pull”=Catholic priests in France talked of the U.S.

Religions: Mostly Roman Catholic & 2 religious minorities ; 1) Amish after being in the U.S.(converts) and “Swiss Amish”, also in France, and Mennonites,2) Protestants

ALSACE 17% of French emigrants of Allen Co.

Rhine River is EAST side of this region, and part of Charlemagne's Holy Roman Empire. VERY Catholic, in 1648 Alsace is seated to France, 1870 into Germany from the Prussian War. The origin of the emigrants within Alsace may be France, but maybe listed as Germany due to this annexation of 1870.

2 Major Symbols of Alsace: 1) Costumes-“Elephant Ear” hats of women, Wide brimmed hats of the men. 2) Storks—almost extinct in 1970's but Alsace brought back. Storks are seen in and as the Emblems of Alsace.

Some immigrant names from Alsace: **Lothamer, Chardon, Gerardin, and the most famous in Ft. Wayne, Charles Louis Centlivre.**

LORRAINE 14% of French emigrants of Allen Co.

Places of Origin: 1) Moselle-the German speaking area, 2)Meurthe-et-Moselle, the French speaking area.

Some immigrant names from Lorraine: **Heckbour, Pierre, Napoleon, Aubry, and Pievert/Prevert, and Urbain/Urbine.**

FRANCHE-COMTE 66% of French emigrants of Allen Co.

4 Departments, majority from the area of Courachon

Known for all the Churches with beautiful colored tiles.

“Fleur de Lis is the Symbol of the Kings of France, not the country itself.”

Total Number of Immigrants Inventoried: 1929

Emigrants Not Included in Genealogy 171

Emigrants of Unknown Origin, Included in Genealogy 196

Emigrants of Known Origin 1562

Yester year. copied and submitted by Alyce J. Morow

Philomina Nommay

Ft. Wayne Journal Gazette 11/7/1903

Mrs. Philomina Nommay, an old resident of this city, died Thursday at Dayton, Ohio, where she had gone to visit her daughter. She had not been in the best of health but her condition was not regarded serious. She suffered from a complication of diseases and after going to Dayton, she rapidly grew worse. She was sixty-six years of age and was highly esteemed by a large circle of friends.

Mrs. Nommay was twice married, her first husband being Theobald Didier. Her second husband was Frank Nommay, who died fifteen years ago. Mrs. Nommay leaves six children. They are Frank, Julian and William Didier, Mrs. Michael Vorndran and Edward Nommay, of Fort Wayne, and Mrs. Clem Eilerman, of Dayton, O. There are also three sisters—Mrs. Felix Perriguy, Mrs. John J. Reed and Mrs. James Field, of Fort Wayne. The deceased was a member of the Cathedral congregation.

The remains will arrive here this morning and will be taken to the home of Mr. Michael Vorndran, 1036 East Washington street and at 9 o'clock at the Cathedral.

Frank J. Loudier

Ft. Wayne Journal Gazette 12/25/1903

The many friends of Frank J. Loudier were shocked beyond measure when the news spread that he had died Thursday morning. His demise occurred at St. Joseph's hospital and was due to an attack of pleurisy. Many of his friends who know that he was ill were not aware that his condition was serious.

Mr. Loudier, who was forty years of age, was a native of Ohio. He was the son of August Loudier, one of the most widely known French residents of the city. Mr. Loudier was shipping clerk at the Berghoff brewery and he was highly esteemed and exceedingly popular because of his genial disposition and excellent qualities. He was a member of the Cathedral congregation. The Lordier is survived by his wife and a daughter two years of age.

The funeral will be held Monday morning at 8:30 o'clock from the residence and at 9 o'clock from the Cathedral.

FORMER WAGON CO. HEAD DIES Submitted by Gene Yoquelet

Francis Chauvey, Manufacturer Here for Sixty Years, Succumbs to Pneumonia.

WAS 82 YEARS OF AGE Fort Wayne News-Sentinel Monday April 6, 1925

Francis Chauvey, aged 82, manufacturer of carriages and wagons for over 60 years and former head of the Chauvey Bros. Carriage Works, died at 10:33 o'clock this morning at his home, 416 North Clinton street of pneumonia. Mr. Chauvey retired from active business five years ago.

He was born in Fleury, France, December 6, 1833 and came to America when seven years of age with his parents. The family moved directly to Fort Wayne and he had lived here since that time. He was a lifelong member of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception.

Surviving are one daughter, Mrs. William C. Ryan; three sons, Charles E., Joseph R. and Alfred E. Chauvey; four grandchildren and one great grandchild. Mrs. Chauvey died four years ago.

Funeral services will be held at 8:30 o'clock Wednesday morning at the home and at 9 o'clock in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. Burial in the Catholic cemetery.

Young Wife Dead Mrs. Frank W. Powell Died Tuesday Morning of White Plague

Fort Wayne News July 29, 1913

About 2:30 o'clock Tuesday morning occurred the death of **Mrs. Alma O. Powell**, aged twenty-nine, with of Frank W. Powell, of 1023 Pape avenue, of tuberculosis, following a long illness. Besides the husband, two daughters survive, Leona and Evelyn also the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jeston Banet., of Zulu, Ind.; five brothers, Bernard, Lewis, Jess, Arthur and Leonard, and four sisters, Lillian, Florence, Stella and Blanche.

Funeral services will be held Thursday morning at 8:30 o'clock from the residence and at 9 o'clock from the Precious Blood church, followed by burial at the Catholic cemetery

Friends of Besancon.....

THANK YOU to the following.

Richard Rosswurm (Bowers, Huth, Lothamer) for the list of St. John the Baptist Pastors.

Deb Lloyd (Roy, Roussey, Jacquay, Girardot) when updating her address & info, she also informed me of Fr. Lothamer's passing in 2019, obituary on Page 10.

Fr. Lothamer submitted Genealogies in the Chronicles: May 1997, & Issues 61,62 2016.

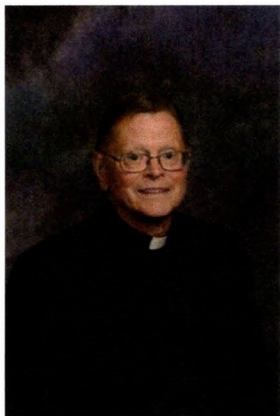
Kathleen McDonald (Lomont), writing a note about the passing of her father **James A. Lomont**, a member of St. Louis Besancon Catholic parish, passed away on May 10, 2021. He is survived by his five children: Kathleen McDonald (Findlay, OH), Christopher Lomont (New Haven, IN), Julie Rouches (Homer Glen, IL), Jacqueline Lomont (Sunnyvale, TX), and Suzanne Burkhart (Phoenix, AZ). A life-long resident of New Haven, James was born at home on September 23, 1934 to Gladys and Allen Lomont. (His mother Gladys was a founding member of the Besancon Historical Society.)

He attended St. Louis Academy and established himself as a farmer in Allen County, like his father and two brothers. James was a member of the Besancon Historical Society and served in the U.S. National Guard in 1957. He spent ten years in the country of Moldova, where he worked for Trans Oil Group, a grain exporter, expanding its operations and educating local farmers with modern agricultural techniques. In Moldova, he developed a strong affinity for Martha and Mary Convent, located 50 miles outside of the country's capital of Chisinau, where he volunteered time and expertise to assist the convent's building effort. He will be remembered by all who knew him for his kindness, quiet humor, and strong work ethic.



Above: James A. Lomont standing on the grounds of the Martha and Mary Convent in the country of Moldova.

Submitted by Kathleen McDonald, his daughter on November 18, 2021



Father James Lothamer, PSS, PhD, passed into the warm embrace of eternal love on November 1, 2019 on All Saints Day, at the age of 76. Born James William Lothamer in Coldwater, MI on November 9, 1942 to John and Helen (Cox) Lothamer, he was the second child of a family of 14 siblings. As a young man, he attended Coldwater St. Charles School before entering St. Charles Seminary in Columbus, Ohio where he received his undergraduate degree.

He completed his seminary training at St. John's Seminary in Plymouth, MI. Prior to his ordination to the priesthood, he joined the Society of St. Sulpice, a French order of priest teachers that conducted higher education for priests and lay ministers throughout the world.

Fr. Jim was assigned to St. Mary's College in Baltimore, MD, where he remained for 20 years of his ministry. While in his teaching and administrative duties at St. Mary's he took a sabbatical to the University of Toronto where he earned doctorate degrees in Theology and Philosophy.

Returning to Michigan in the early 1990's, Fr. Lothamer served as Pastor and Intermediate Pastor at the following Churches: St. Joseph, Adrian; St. Agnes, Fowlerville; St. John Student Chapel, East Lansing; St. Mary, Pinckney; St. Mary, Charlotte; St. Ann, Bellevue; St. Mary, Bronson; St. Mary, Morrice. Each parish brought new friends and relationships that he cherished and maintained. A three-year interim was spent in Menlow Park, CA, as director of a Sulpician Retreat Center for Catholic Priest.

A long life of servitude and involvement as a priest, teacher, friend, and family member, Fr. Lothamer led a life focusing on the importance of community, social action, and the mystical love of God. He was always generous with his intellect and resources, and his homilies are noted for the deep and powerful teaching truths that pervaded his texts.

Among Fr. Lothamer's loves were company, study, travel and family ancestry. Connecting his American family with their European counterparts through his language skills, he cemented family ties. He delighted in sitting in the French/German countryside sharing conversations and a glass of wine with his European cousins.

Fr. Jim was well loved by his large family. He knew each person from the oldest to the youngest and, as one nephew shared, "He was always nearby." Fr. Lothamer's life journey involved prayer, knowledge and heart. He will be missed by all who benefited from his ministry and presence. Fr. Jim is survived by his sisters, Susanne Colligan, Sharon Harrington, Rose Bonvillain, and Helen Malinowski; his brothers, Peter, Jesse, Timothy, Simon, Joseph, Patrick, Jerry, and Christopher. He was preceded in death by his brother, Jack; and his parents.

Fr. Jim had the following services; Rosary, visitations and Funeral Mass at St. Agnes Catholic Church in Fowlerville, MI. Also Prayer Service celebrated at St. Ann Catholic Church in Bellevue, MI.

Interment at the Riverside Cemetery in Bellevue, MI.

If desired, the family suggests memorial contributions be made to The Lothamer Family Burse of Zambia, checks payable to The Society of St. Sulpice. Cards may be sent to the St. Agnes Catholic Church in Fowlerville. Friends and family are asked to share memories of Fr. James Lothamer on his Tribute Page at www.PrayFuneral.com. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte. *Published in Lansing State Journal*

Facebook of Yester Year . . . copied and submitted by Alyce J. Morow

ZULU NEWS *Journal Gazette Page 15, December 19, 1912*

Mr. Frank Oberly was to Fort Wayne, Friday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Dodane and **Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ternet** were visitors at the **Berthand** home Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Emile Comment and children spent Sunday with Mrs. Comment's parents, **Mr. and Mrs. Jesten Banet**.

Geo. Wanderly and son, **Louis** were Fort Wayne callers Saturday.

The Gremaux bros., were buzzing wood Saturday.

Miss Ella Martin spent the weekend visiting in Fort Wayne, her friend **Mr. Jackway** accompanied her home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Monot and daughter, **Edna**, and **Mildred** spent Friday evening at **Geo. Townsend's**.

Miss Vilma Ternet spent the weekend visiting with relatives in Ft. Wayne

William Miller, Frank Parnin, Emile Pepe and **Emile Comment** were to Fort Wayne, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Begne have arrived from the Townsend property to the **Charles Favery** house.

Mr. and Mrs. Emile Ternet called at the **Jester Banet** home Sunday .

Mrs. James Perl same near getting seriously hurt last week on returning from a visit to her sister, her horse became frightened an on turning the corner, Mrs. Perl was thrown out of the carriage and landed on the hard frozen ground, luckily she escaped with a few bruises.

Mrs. N.G. Coulardot and daughter, **Hilda**, were shopping in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Louis Yoquelet and daughter, **Minnie**, of near Dawkins station, were Fort Wayne shoppers Saturday.

Eugene Comment spent Sunday with his parents, **Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Comment**.

Jennie Monnot and Ellen Townsend saw the "Madame X" at the Majestic theatre Saturday

Mrs. Celestin Gladioux and daughter, **Lucy**, were in Fort Wayne, Saturday doing shopping.

The stork made a trip to the **Geo. Yoquelet** home last week and presented Mr. and Mrs. Youquelet with a nice little daughter as a Christmas present.

Mrs. William Richard and daughter, **Maudie**, accompanied **Mr. and Mrs. Albert Bacon** to Fort Wayne, Saturday in their auto.

James Perl butchered his hogs, Tuesday.

Raymond Mourey had the wood buzzers Monday.

Louis Venderly shredded fodder Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Boitet, and son **Leo**, **Miss Mildred Holmes**, **Misses Laura and Mabel Boitet**, **Leslie Ternet**, **Bernard Snider** and **Louis Reuille** were invited guests at the **Werling** home near Gar Creek last Sunday.

H.S. Coulardot is having his straw and hay bailed.

Edward Dodane hauled corn to the Tillmens elevator and on the return trip corn cobs.

Frank Reuille was hauling tile from the Zulu Tile mill this week.

Mrs. Elisa Urbine moved her household goods to the home of her daughter, **Mrs. Frank Gremaux**, with whom she has been making her home for the past few years.

Roy Holiday has been employed at the **Frank Lothamer** home.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Bowers spent Sunday at the home of **Frank Lothamer**.

Justin Banet butchered some fine porkers last Monday for his own use.

Editor's note: excuse any misspellings, copied straight from newspaper.

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