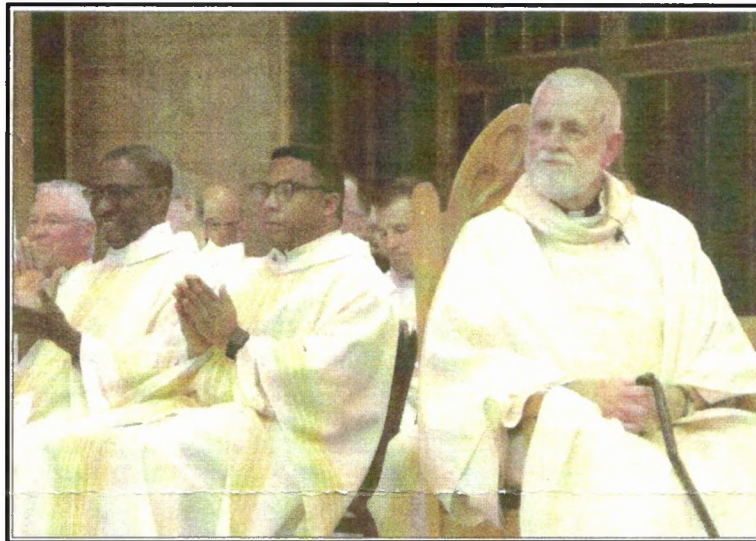




Celebrating the Joys of Priesthood at Golden Jubilee Mass

TODAY'S CATHOLIC August 21, 2022

Photo and Article by Eric Peat



Fr. Sullivan is congratulated by nearly 30 priests at his Golden Jubilee Mass

A few days before his Golden Jubilee Mass celebrating 50 years as a priest, Father Bill Sullivan opened up a box that had been sitting in storage for quite some time. Inside it were all the cards he received at his ordination to the priesthood back in 1972.

"I always told myself, if I ever get to my 50th, I'm going to read them all again," said Father Sullivan. "So, I did just the other day, and all the memories just came flooding back."

These memories from the last half century--along with many of the friends and family members who helped make them--were at the forefront of Father Sullivan's mind as he celebrated his Golden Jubilee Mass **on Aug. 7 at his home parish of St. John the Baptist** in Fort Wayne. *(New Haven, editor's note)*

"Just your presence blows me away," remarked Father Sullivan to begin Mass, as he greeted the nearly 30 priests and hundreds of lay people in attendance. "Thank all of you for gathering today. In a very special way, I'd like to thank Bishop Rhoades, my brother priests, my family sitting here, and each and every one of you."

Indeed, represented in the congregation were former parishioners from each and every one of Father Sullivan's priestly assignments. But the connections extended even beyond that, as Father Wayne Jenkins, a classmate of Father Sullivan at Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Cincinnati was present to proclaim the Gospel.

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President's Message. . . .Barbara Gorney

Father Tyrell Alles is the new priest at St. Louis Besancon. Mary Jane, Gene and I met him at the Archives. He is very interested in the history of the church and the historical society. He was given the Windows book and told a short history of the church. We showed him the books and pictures in our collection.

The family histories that Gene has worked on are in the process of being bound at HF Group bindery (formerly Heckman) in North Manchester, Indiana. Thirteen have been copied and bound. The books are green with gold lettering. This is the same style as the cemetery books. Gene has researched many of the families that are associated with Besancon. He has permitted the copying and binding of these stories and facts for the Besancon Historical Society Archives. I am copying the loose pictures and the pages that are double sided at home. Then a copy is printed at Office Depot and this copy will be bound into a book for the Archives. The books are being printed/bound with the money in the BHS banking account. The Society also has a savings account.

Jonathan Cushing and his wife inquired about the Gremaux history. He has started his research and asked to come to the Archives at Besancon. I met them at the Archives and they researched the Gremaux, Urbine and Cayot families. He used his cell phone to take pictures of the pages he wanted. Isn't technology great! No wasted paper from the printer. For just starting his research, he has gathered a lot of information. His Polish family immigrated to Chicago and Jon found out that the name was changed from the original name. Most names look and sound something like the original but not Jon's. The Polish could not get jobs in Chicago because of their ancestry. So they looked in the phone book and found a name that was a single family. No one else had that name and that's the one the Jakuszek's decided to use as their family name. So Jon has the name of Cushing!

Barbara Gorney, President of Besancon Historical Society

MISSION OF
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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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Then it was Father Sullivan's turn to address those gathered. In his homily, he credited "two giants of this diocese" with giving him a firm foundation: Monsignor Edward Hession, with whom Father Sullivan spent his diaconate, and Monsignor William Lester, who served alongside Father Sullivan at his first parish. He also referenced St. John Vianney, the patron saint of parish priests, and the joys of ministering to others as a member of the clergy. "How blessed I have been, as my brother priests are as well, to serve as a mediator between God and God's children." "As a priest, each of us has been walking with you, guiding you, our brothers and sisters in Christ, so that at the end of our pilgrimage here on earth, we may be reunited with those who have gone before us in the Kingdom of Heaven."

Throughout his homily, Father Sullivan reflected on his different stops on his priestly journey. From St. Jude in Fort Wayne, where Father Sullivan first engaged in hospital ministry, to Bishop Dwenger High School, where he served as chaplain and teacher—though "my family disowned me" as a proud alum of rival Bishop Luers High School—Father Sullivan recalled key memories and events along the way. He recounted his travels from St. Joseph in Fort Wayne to St. Monica in Mishawaka, then to St. Thomas in Elkhart and finally to St. John the Baptist in New Haven. However, his church family continues to grow in retirement, as Father Sullivan has been active filling in wherever he is needed.

"I've been fortunate since I retired to go to 15 parishes to say Mass, and many others to hear confessions. Some of these parishes I had never been to before in my 50 years. Some of the priests I hardly knew at all, but now I know them a lot better. We have a fraternity that is very, very special."

Father Sullivan ended his homily by sharing a personal message affirming the sacramental life of the Church. He highlighted three sacraments in particular—the Eucharist, Reconciliation, and the Anointing of the Sick—and recalled various ways that each have touched his life.

"To sum it all up, if one of you were to ask me, 'Would you do it all over again,' my response would be a resounding, 'Yes.'"

At the conclusion of the Mass, Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades stepped forward to share a few words of gratitude to Father Sullivan. Describing him as "a gift to our diocese," Bishop Rhoades thanked Father Sullivan for his leadership, charity, and dedicated service, particularly to those less fortunate. "One thing that has edified me so much since I've been here has been Father Bill's devotion to the service of the poor, the sick, the disabled, the elderly, and those in hospitals and nursing homes," said Bishop Rhoades, "Father Bill, that's really the heart of the good shepherd, and I thank you for that."

Bishop Rhoades also commended Father Sullivan for championing Catholic education throughout his priesthood, from his time teaching at Bishop Dwenger to his continued support of Bishop Luers, and every stop in between. Bishop's final blessing captured the love of Christ that Father Sullivan so often shared with his parishioners.

"Father Bill, I thank you for being a truly exemplary servant of the Lord. I join my voice to so many who have been touched by God's grace through your priestly life and ministry. May the Lord continue to pour out his graces upon you, bless you with good health, and watch over you."

Following Mass, a reception was held at St. John the Baptist School. The words of his homily illustrating the reciprocal nature of his vocation rang true: "How fortunate I was to have ministered with you and having been ministered by you." *Used with permission*

Yester year. copied and submitted by Alyce J. Morow

DEATH OF GERALD WYSS

The End Comes After an Illness of Several Weeks *Ft. Wayne News April 14, 1896*

Last evening at 6:30 o'clock Girard Wyss died at St. Joseph hospital, after an illness of three weeks' duration. The deceased was 27 years of age. He was a son of Frank Wyss, a well known farmer of this county. A few years ago he came to this city and entered the county auditor's office as deputy under A. F. Glutting, where he showed to all who had occasion to come in contact with him an exceedingly obliging and pleasant disposition.

Mr. Wyss was engaged to be married this coming summer. About three weeks ago he was taken ill with typhoid fever and from the first was seriously ill. One week ago he was removed to St. Joseph hospital, where the necessary constant medical attendance could be rendered.

When a few days ago peritonitis developed, his physicians relinquished all hope of his recovery and last evening the end came.

This afternoon the remains were removed to Hessen Cassel, where the funeral services will be conducted by Rev. Father Oechtering Thursday morning at 10 o'clock. The various societies of which the deceased was a member—Father O'Leary Council, Catholic Benevolent Legion, St. Joseph Benevolent Legion and St. Michael's Union—will be present at the funeral.

SARRAZIN *Fort Wayne Journal Gazette January 26, 1911*

Mrs. Mary Sarrazin, whose death occurred in Chicago Monday, was 84 years of age, and a pioneer resident of Fort Wayne. The remains arrived here last night and were removed to the home of a daughter, Mrs. Frank A. Lazzarini, 625 Barr street, where friends may view them until Friday morning. Funeral services Friday morning at 8:30 o'clock at the residence and at 9 o'clock at the Cathedral. The deceased was a native of France, and came to Fort Wayne seventy years ago. She resided here until ten years ago, when she moved to Chicago to make her home with a daughter. Surviving relatives include three children, Mrs. Jane Lazzarini, Mrs. Carrie Meyers and Julian Sarrazine, a brother, B. Bright of Washington township; two grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

ALPHONSE LOMONT, 83, DIES AT HOME HERE

Fort Wayne Journal Gazette January 25, 1926, Page 2

Alphonse Lomont, 83, retired farmer, died early this morning at the family home, 502 East Jefferson street, following a brief illness. Mr. Lomont was born in France and came to Allen County with his parents when he was 5 years old. He resided in Jefferson township until three years ago, when he moved to Fort Wayne.

He is survived by the widow, Mary; three daughters; Mrs. R.J. Mourey, of New Haven, Mrs. Frank Moiro, of Los Angeles, Cal., and Mrs. Charles Burns, of Jefferson township; five sons, Charles and Justine of Jefferson township; Clem J., Ernest and Clarence, all of Fort Wayne; one sister, Mrs. Norene Lallow, of this city; 25 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren. He was a member of St. Mary's Roman Catholic church of this city and the Holy Name society of the St. Louis' Catholic church at Besancon. The body was removed to the Getz and Cahill funeral parlors. Funeral arrangements will be announced later.

ALLEN COUNTY DAMAGE SUIT IS VENUED HERE *Huntington Herald- Dec. 14, 1925*

Damages of \$10,000 are asked by the plaintiff in a suit venued to the Huntington circuit court Monday from Allen county, the title of which is **Peter A. Reising against the Indiana Service Corporation.** The complaint says Mr. Reising was driving his car on the "lower" Huntington road, just west of Ft. Wayne on a date just prior to December 10, 1923. The approach from the highway to the traction line crossing had been left obscured, it is alleged, the traction trainmen were negligent, resulting in a grade-crossing crash. Reising was severely injured and suffered both physical and monetary damages he says.

St. Louis Besancon 1868 List of Names in Register

Adam, (Rev.) A.	Girard, Jean Claude
Bacon, Samuel	Girardot, Alexis, Sr.
Bailley, Francois	Girardot, Alexis, Jr.
Begue, Jean	Girardot, Antoine
Berthaud, Louis	Girardot, Charles
Boissenet, Charles	Girardot, Etienne
Boissenet, Jeanne Baptiste	Girardot, Joseph
Boissenet, Pierre	Girardot, Jules
Boitet, Francois	Girardot, Louis
Boiteux, Francois	Gladieux, Celestine
Boiteux, Louis	Gladieux, Jean Pierre
Bowers, Carl	Gladieux, Lester
Cayot, Pierre Francois	Gremaux, Ursule
Chevillot, Pierre	Grisey, Pierre
Chevillot, Francois	Grosjean, Francois
Chevillot, Josephine	Havert, Theodor
Chevron, Francois	Huguenard, Felicien
Cochoit, Joseph	Huguenard, Jean Pierre
Collin, Joseph	Jacquay, Jean Baptiste
Comment, Joseph	Joly, Charles
Converset, Claude Francois	Lallot, August
Cramer, Florent	Lamboley, Eugene
Cunin, Francois	Lomont, Alphonse
Dart, Charles	Lomont, Claude Francois
Delagrang, Francois	Lomont, Francois
Didier, Alexis	Lomont, Seraphin
Dignan, Jean	Lorraine, Jean Baptiste
Dodane, Francois	Lorraine, Nicolas, Sr.
Dodane, Joseph	Lorraine, Nicolas, Jr.
Ducat, Felix	Losotte, George
Dupeyron, Jean Baptiste	Losotte, Jean Baptiste
Dupeyron, Betrand	Maire, Pierre
Dupont, Laurence	Maldeney, Pierre
Fevrier, Francois	Manuel, Joseph
Fevrier, Prospere	Martin, August
Fevrier, Venancius	Merillat, Jean
Fevrier, Severin	Mignault (Rev.) A.
Frane, Francois	Monnier, Alexis
Frane, Prospere	Monnier, Marguerite
Gallippoo, Joseph	Monnier, Jean Pierre
Gauthier, Jean Baptiste	Monnot, Eugene
Giant, Jacques	Monnot, Louis
Giant, Jean Claude	Monnot, Pierre
Giant, Joseph	Morel, Jean Baptiste
Giant, George	Mourey, Paul
Giant, Marguerite	Mourey, Jean Baptiste

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Pepe, Marc	Savio, Francois
Pernot, Constantine	Savio, Michel
Perriguet, Fred	Simonin, Jules
Petitjean, Jacques	Soignet, Jean
Pequignot, Francois	Sordelet, Jacques
Pequignot, Claude Francois	Sordelet, Louis
Pio, Justin	Stalder, Pierre
Pio, Marie	Stutz, Joseph
Reuille, Adolph	Ternet, Francois
Reuille, Jean Claude	Townsend, George
Reuille, Joseph	Urbine, Casimir
Reuille, Henry	Urbine, Francois
Richard, Christophe	Venderly, George Sr.
Rose, Maurice Sr.	Venderly, George Jr.
Rose, Maurice, Jr.	Verdey, Julian
Roussel, Francois	Verdey, Theophile
Roussel, August	Villemain, August
Roussel, Henry	Violan, Joseph
Roussey, August	Voirol, Florent
Roussey, Francois	Voirol, Jules
Roussey, Xavier	Voirol, Celestin
Roy, Alexandre	Voirol, Louis
Roy, Francois	

REVEREND JACQUES MARQUETTE

Reverend Jacques Marquette, a Jesuit Missionary priest arrived in America abt. 1666. Five years later, he founded a Mission on the Straits of Mackinac naming it, "St. Ignatius Loyola". The village of St. Ignatius and the church, St. Ignatius Loyola is still in existence and located along the shoreline of Lake Huron.

Fr Marquette along with Louis Jolliet on May 17, 1673 departed on a 3000 mile trip to explore and map Lake Michigan and the Mississippi River Valley. His map was the most accurate then known. Later, this opened up for more French fur traders and explorers plus the building of the "French" forts. The early history of Fort Wayne also experienced the "French" among the Indian tribes in the area as fur traders and commissioners of government affairs dealing with the various tribes.

Fr. Marquette died May 18, 1675 in route back to St. Ignatius. Two years later his remains were reburied at the Mission of St. Ignatius. Today, a memorial park is dedicated to this priest consisting of his remains and a stature of the Jesuit priest.

Editor's Note: The above two Articles, St. Louis Besancon Register and Rev. Jacques Marquette were in my "stash of articles". Have NO idea who submitted, copied them! Possibly Gladys Lomont?

Louis IX of France Famous Memorial

Submitted by Mary Jane Novosel from *Find-A-Grave*

BIRTH 25 April 1214 DEATH 25 August 1270 (Aged 56)
 BURIAL Cathedral of Monreale, City of Palermo, Sicily, Italy
 PLOT North of the Choir Heart and entrails only
 MEMORIAL ID 94637859

Louis IX of France--The Bones Speak

Submitted by Mary Jane Novosel

Louis was a crusader King, participating in two Crusades, the Seventh and the Eighth. In the Seventh, he was away from France for six years and found himself losing his army at the Battle of Al Mansurah, where he was also captured by the Egyptians. He remained their captive for some time while a huge ransom was raised. In the Eighth Crusade, he and his three sons took the Cross then headed to Tunisia, where they were to be joined by young Edward of England, the future Edward I.

Unfortunately for Louis, dysentery swept through the forces amassed in Tunis, and he was one of its victims, dying on August 25, 1270. His body was then boiled to clean it of flesh and his bones returned to France where they were interred at St. Denis, a royal mausoleum. His entrails, carefully removed before the body was boiled, had been sent to various places as relics. Seven years later, he was canonized, the only French king who has been declared a saint. A hair shirt and a scourge with which he beat himself still exist today.

In 2017, a relic of King Louis was taken from Notre Dame—a worn jawbone. Osteologists agreed it would have come from a man in his 50's at death (Louis was 56), and they also compared it with sculptures of the king's face which were thought to have been made in his actual image. It matched up. Lastly, it was carbon dated—and here, as in the carbon dates taken on Richard III's skeleton, at first the date seemed too early. However, the scientists continued their tests on tooth isotopes and found that Louis has consumed a diet that consisted almost solely of fish. Exactly as in Richard's case, the high fish diet had slightly skewed the carbon dates. This happens because fish have less radioactive carbon in their make-up than land animals do. Adjusted for the heavy fish diet, the date on the bones now came out as the correct one.

That was not all the scientists found looking at Louis' teeth. The King was suffering from severe scurvy, which comes from a lack of Vitamin C. This would have caused him to feel weak and tired and have sore arms and legs. His gums would have bled and his teeth may have loosened; there may also have been hair loss. While scurvy may not have killed him, it certainly did not help his chances when he finally became sick with his final illness at Tunis.

Scientists are now hoping to obtain some of his preserved entrails and examine them for parasites or signs of the dysentery said to have killed him.

*The above was part of an Article from web-site:
 MURREY AND BLUE A great Word Press.com*

Link to the Analysis of Louis IX's Jawbone
<https://www.livescience.com/65778-crusader-king-louis-scurvy.html>

Friends of Besancon.....

Thanks to BHS member **Nancy Canull**, a very well-traveled person, who has spurred my interest in King Louis IX. (Looking forward to getting your traveling notes!)

ATTENTION MEMBERS, it's that time of year for dues, please try mail them in by mid February, with any updated information. Thank you.

The Books of 13 Families that have been printed so far:

See Barbara Gorney's President Message Page 2



Banet Begue Beauchat Cayot Comment Coulardot

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

BESANCON NEWS Journal Gazette January 3, 1914

Besancon, Ind., Jan. 2. **Mr. and Mrs. Michael Hammon** entertained a number of friends at a new year dinner and supper. The afternoon was spent in playing games and music. The following guests were present: Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Leonard Mr. and Mrs. Siack Leonard, Mr. and Mrs. Sheldon Dawkins, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Pedro, Mr. and Mrs. Clem Gerardot, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Yoquelet, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lomont and Mrs. J. Delbert English, of Akron, O. The Misses Edna Leonard, Mildred Miller, Frances Lomont, Nancy Leonard, Emma Voirol, Hasel Leonard, Viola Gerardot, Marquerite Leonard, Mr. Arthur Yoquelet, George Dawkins, Waldo Leonard, Clarence Yoquelet, Adrian Dawkins and Clifford Gerardot.

Mr. Jessie Lothamer and **Clarence Lomont** motored to Payne, O., Wednesday

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Henry and daughter **Virginia**, spent Sunday with **Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Bowers**.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pranger, of Fort Wayne spent Saturday evening and Sunday with **Mr. and Mrs. Edward Huguenard**.

Mr. Henry Werling and **Joseph Boitet** were New Haven callers Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. Leslie Ternet and **Miss Laura Boitet** spent Wednesday evening with **Mr. and Mrs. Edward Lomont**.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Lomont entertained the following guests at a New Year's dinner, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Boitet, Mr. Leslie Ternet, Clarence Reuille, Leo Boitet, Cyril Reuille and Miss Laura and Mabelle Boitet.

A watch party was given at the home of **Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Lomont** Wednesday evening. Progressive pedro was played and the prizes were awarded to Rev. M.P. Loven first; Mr. William Huguenard second; Mrs. William Huguenard, first; and Miss Rose Rorick, second. When the wee small hours began to approach New Year's songs were sung and dancing followed. A dainty lunch was served to the following guests: Miss Rose Lomont, Laura Roussey, Loretta Roussey, Marie Lortie, Catherine Lortie, Mabelle Boitet, Eva Dodane, Amelia Mourey, Cecelia Mourey, Florence Snider, Mildred Huguenard, Edna Mourey, Rose Rorick, Carrie Loven, Mr. Arthur Oberly, Elmer Oberly, Leonard Mourey, Bernard Snider, Jessie Lothamer, Joe Voirol, Herman Voirol, Emile Roussey, Frank Rorick, Frank Walket, Jay Rouck, Clarence Lomont, Joseph Dodane, Rev. M.P. Loven, Mrs. Lothamer, Mr. and Mrs. William Huguenard and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Lomont.

Mr. Clarence Cyril and **Cletus Reuille** spent Wednesday evening with **Mr. and Mrs. Edward Lomont**.

Miss **Mildred Huguenard** and **Edna Mourey** spent several days this week with **Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Lomont**.

ZULU NEWS Journal Gazette October 12, 1912

Celestin Gladioux thrashed clover last week and is very well pleased with the proceeds.

Mrs. Emile Comment was taken to St. Joseph's hospital last Monday, **Mrs. Louis Gremaux** is caring for her sister's children and household while at the hospital.

Mrs. Josephine Townsend and **Mrs. Eva Lash** and mother, **Mrs. Jane Neal**, of Missouri were visiting in Edgerton, Ind., one day last week.

Mr. Frank Oberly is erecting a fine new hog pen. Mr. Oberly will do the work himself and laid the foundation last week, it being concrete.

Mr. and Mrs. George Venderly butchered a fat hog last Monday afternoon.

Frank Gremaux was thrashing clover for his father and only has half of the crop out of the rain.

Arthur Girardot is working away from home this week, assisting his uncle in cutting corn.

Miss Lucy Gladioux is spending a few days with her sister, **Mrs. Louis Venderly**, and family.

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN!

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