

Holiday Historic Walking Tour

HOW THE TOUR WORKS:

- Tours are free and ongoing from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.
- Open to the public and all ages.
- Please be respectful of these privately-owned historic homes and buildings on the tour, and the personal possessions, furniture, etc. that are inside them. The owners would appreciate if tour participants refrained from sitting on the beds, visiting closed off doors/sections, or any other disruptive actions.
- While there will be guides at some locations, most of the tour is self-guided.
- No reservations required.
- You are welcome to drive or walk the route.
- There is no particular order. Feel free to visit just one or all of the locations.
- For further details call Downtown South Bend, Inc. at 574.282.1110.

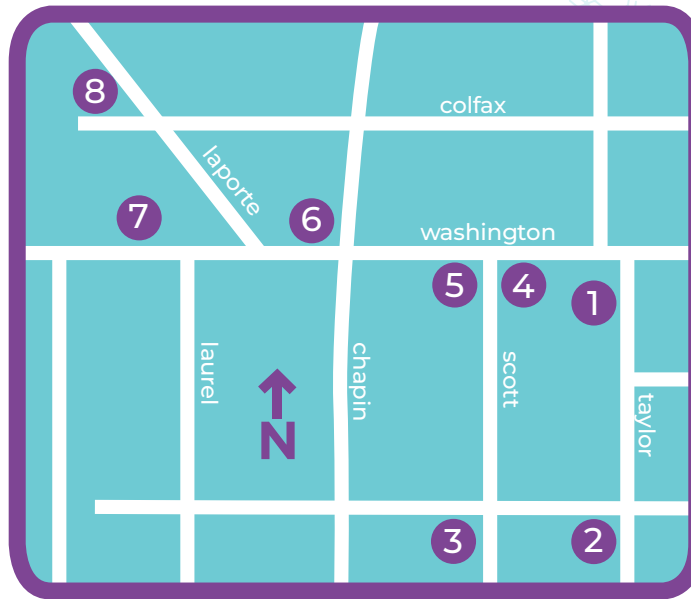
This tour is one of over 50 holiday events taking place in downtown South Bend.

For a full list, visit DowntownSouthBend.com.

8 St. Paul's Memorial Church

1001 West Colfax Avenue
574.234.6940 • stpaulsmemorial.com

St. Paul's is aglow and this historic gem is ready for the holidays. Completed in 1903, the church is designed in the 15th century English Gothic style. It was a gift to the congregation from Clement Studebaker and his wife Ann. The church windows and skylights are stunning one-of-a-kind art glass works created by Germany's Mayer and Company. Each window throughout the church tells a biblical story with a series of 13 windows portraying the life of Jesus. St. Paul's also contains one of the largest pipe organs in South Bend, which has just been beautifully rebuilt by Berghaus Pipe Organ Company of Bellwood, IL, with front pipes freshly covered in gold leaf, and a sound quality no one who has been a part of this church in the past has experienced. The ancient baptismal font dates from the 12th century and is believed to have been created by Roman marble workers; it may be the oldest baptismal font in the United States still in use. The Wesley Pulpit, located inside the sanctuary, is an exact model of John Wesley's original pulpit located in the City Road Chapel in London, England. Visitors will be serenaded by holiday music on the new pipe organ from 3 to 4 pm.



Celebrate

DOWNTOWN
for the
HOLIDAYS



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West Washington
National Historic District

Sunday, December 14, 2025
1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

TOUR INCLUDES

Tippecanoe Place

St. Patrick's Catholic Church

St. Hedwig Church

The Oliver Inn

The Warner House

The Castle of South Bend

Private Residence

St. Paul's Memorial Church

For more information visit
DowntownSouthBend.com
or call 574.282.1110.

1 Tippecanoe Place

620 West Washington Street
574.234.9077 • tippe.com

Tippecanoe Place mansion has a rich and colorful history. Built by famed industrialist Clem Studebaker from 1886-1889, the grand home has four main levels totaling 40 rooms and 20 fireplaces and is the embodiment of everything great wealth in the late 1800s could suggest. The 26,000 square-foot mansion was designed by Henry Cobb and built by local craftsmen. Work on Tippecanoe Place was completed in 1889 at a total cost of \$250,000. The massive walls are made of local granite fieldstone, and the many broad porches are paved with tile and supported by stone pillars. The mansion, however, was to be more than simply a monument to the architecture and craftsmanship of the period. It would serve as the setting for many lavish parties, weddings, and balls.

Today Tippecanoe Place, the restaurant, indulges clientele in grand cuisine and noble wine - all within an atmosphere of unparalleled ambiance at the heart of the South Bend business and social scene. Join them for self-guided tours of the mansion throughout the day and make reservations to attend Sunday Brunch with Santa Claus December 14 & 21.

2 St. Patrick's Catholic Church

309 South Taylor Street
P: 574.287.8932 • saintpatrickssainthedwig.church

It was the dream of the people living on the west side of the Saint Joseph River to have their own parish from the day Father Edward Sorin had urged them to settle there. In 1858 a small brick and stone structure was erected on Division and Scott Streets. The Gothic style extends its beauty to the inside of the church where the pointed arches blend into the groined ceiling. In 1992, a renovation of the church building repaired and restored the slate roof and other exterior features of St. Patrick. The spring of 2004 marked the completion of renovations that repaired, cleaned, and restored the original interior artwork of the church insuring the beauty of St. Patrick for future generations.

3 St. Hedwig Church

331 S. Scott Street
P: 574-287-8932 • saintpatrickssainthedwig.church

Saint Hedwig Parish, founded in 1877, is the mother parish of the Polish Catholic immigration to the South Bend area at the turn of the 19th century. The first parishioners - mainly factory workers at Oliver, Singer and Studebaker - constructed the original wood frame church, which was demolished by a windstorm in 1879. The present brick edifice was completed in 1883 in the Romanesque style, with colorful stained glass windows. It is the oldest church building in the city of South Bend.

4 The Oliver Inn

630 West Washington Street
574.232.4545 • oliverinn.com

Step inside for an enchanting glimpse of Christmas at the turn of the century. The Victorian romance of this home reflects the lives and times of one of South Bend's most famous families, the Olivers. James Oliver built the house in 1886 as a gift to his daughter, Josephine Oliver Ford, "for a \$1.00 and love." This beautiful one of a kind, Queen Anne home was designed for entertaining. The downstairs rooms are spacious and inviting with its seven fireplaces and original Waterford crystal sconces. The Oliver Inn is a great place for a weekend getaway, visiting out-of-town guests, or an intimate party.

5 The Warner House

710 West Washington Street

The Warner House was built in 1873 for David and Martha Warner and their family. David Warner was a highly-respected businessman who made many contributions to the progress of South Bend in its early days. After farming in the county for fifteen years he moved his family to the city, first owning a grocery business, then later shifting to the sale of agricultural implements. Mr. Warner also built and owned several commercial and residential properties in South Bend. Ownership of the Warner House remained in the family for three generations. The exterior of the home was designed in the Italianate style, and the ornate Queen Anne Victorian-style porch was added in 1890. The interior of the home boasts grand twelve foot ceilings, a gorgeous slate fireplace, and beautiful trim and woodwork made of rare old-growth poplar, much of which is in the process of being stripped of paint and restored. The current owners, Kerry and Karen Joseph, are putting lots of love and care into several home restoration projects. You can follow their progress on Instagram at @blueladyofthebend.



6 The Castle of South Bend

(Historically known as the Kizer House)

803 West Washington Street

The Castle of South Bend was constructed in ~1887 to 1890 by William and Elizabeth Kizer in the Romanesque style using locally sourced granite rock. Mr. Kizer was a noted real estate, insurance, and business leader in South Bend, helping lead South Bend's growth in the industrial era. The home was in the Kizer family until 1929, after which it was briefly used as a hospital and then converted to multiple apartments - a use which remained until 2012. The property is now under private ownership and working closely with Indiana Landmarks, the City, trades companies, and members of the local community helping make the dream of a fully-functional historical home and coach house a reality.

Please visit the Castle of South Bend, the new owner, and some of the team members who will be onsite. They invite you to learn more about the fascinating history of this unique mansion and important part of history in downtown South Bend.

7 Private Residence

925 W. Washington Street

Built in 1867 by Henry Swintz and family. Henry was a Pennsylvania-born Civil War veteran who worked as a wagonmaker for Studebaker Bros. after the war. He lived in the house until his death in 1907 and is buried two blocks north in the South Bend City Cemetery. Fun fact - the house wasn't always at this location - it spent its first 127 years on the 800/900 block of West Thomas Street, two blocks away! The house was weeks away from being demolished in 1994 before being saved, moved, and renovated at its current location by young Notre Dame architecture graduate Pat Lynch. When the nearby History Museum (and Studebaker National Museum) was expanding, Pat convinced the museum to give him the house with the stipulation that it be moved. The back porch and garage were added in 2005, and solar panels in 2017.

