

# 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.

## 9 Washington-Dunbar Corner

146 LaPorte Avenue, Apartment B  
574.289.1066 · sbheritage.org

Completed in 1992 as a historic tax credit development in partnership with the Indiana Housing & Community Development Authority, National Park Service, Historic Preservation and City of South Bend, Historic Dunbar Corner was completed by South Bend Heritage Foundation as one of the first affordable rental housing tax credit developments in the City. The million dollar project includes the renovation of seven historic homes built circa 1898. The homes had fallen into disrepair and were absentee owned rental properties that were causing a negative impact of the neighborhood. Today, Historic Dunbar Corner has been combined with West Washington Homes to form Washington-Dunbar Homes within the South Bend Heritage rental portfolio. Historic Dunbar Corner contains 15 rental apartments ranging from one to three bedroom units.

## 10 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 throughout the day.



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West Washington  
National Historic District

Sunday, December 17, 2023  
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  
The Adler House  
Notre Dame Center for Civic  
Innovation  
Washington Dunbar Corner  
St. Paul's Memorial Church

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**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 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Sunday Brunch with Santa Claus at Tippecanoe Place takes place Dec. 3, 10, 17, & 24. Call for brunch reservations.

## 2 St. Patrick's Catholic Church

309 South Taylor Street  
P: 574.287.8932 · stpatricksb.org

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 · sthedwigsb.org

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

William and Elizabeth Kizer constructed the home from -1887 to 1890 using locally sourced granite rock in the Romanesque Revival style. 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 of South Bend, trades companies, and local community members, helping make the dream of a fully functional historical home and carriage 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 in downtown South Bend. Enjoy some refreshments; they look forward to meeting you!

## 7 The Adler House

1012 West Washington Street

Built in 1892, this Queen Anne Victorian home features a two-story turret, cedar shingles and wrap-around porch. It was originally the home of Samuel Adler who, with his brother Moses, owned a clothing store in downtown South Bend in the mid to late 1800s. The home had fallen into disrepair and was purchased in 2015 by local artist, Alan Larkin. Since then, the roof was replaced and one of the chimneys rebuilt/stabilized, as well as extensive interior work, repainting of the exterior, replacement of the curved-glass windows in the turret, landscaping and the addition of railing to the front porch. Many of the renovations have been in keeping with the history of the home while some elements, such as the kitchen, have received modern upgrades.

## 8 Notre Dame Center for Civic Innovation

1045 West Washington Street  
574.631.3249 · civicinnovation.nd.edu

Visit the national historic building known as the Notre Dame Center for Civic Innovation (CCI) as they host a children's gallery walk, as well as their second Holiday Market. Enjoy visiting Santa, holiday decor, art, and vendors as you sip on a warm beverage. The historic building was erected in 1925 as the Children's Dispensary, before it became the Hansel Community Center, followed by the Notre Dame Center for Arts and Culture in 2012. The Notre Dame College of Engineering's Center for Civic Innovation moved into the building in 2019. We collaborate to meet community needs and advance the greater good through research, innovation, and technology. CCI also houses Educational Children's Programming that offers the community an experience of inspirational education through literacy, art, and design thinking.

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