

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.



Celebrate

DOWNTOWN
for the
HOLIDAYS

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

For a full list, visit DowntownSouthBend.com.

9 CIVIL RIGHTS HERITAGE CENTER

1040 West Washington Street
P: 574.307.6135 · crhc.iusb.edu

Housed in the former Engman Public Natatorium, this city-owned building first opened in 1922 as the largest indoor swimming pool in the state of Indiana. Yet, despite having the word "public" engraved on the front, for thirty years the Natatorium barred African Americans from entering. Today, as the Indiana University South Bend Civil Rights Heritage Center, the building remains to teach the history of segregation in South Bend and the ways that its citizens continue to work towards full civil rights and social justice for all.

10 ST. PAUL'S MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

1001 West Colfax Ave.
P: 574.234.6940 · www.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.

11 THE CHALET

831 West Colfax Avenue

Built in 1903 on Market Street (now Colfax), the Chalet was built by a man named Keefer (whose name the subdivision the house is built on memorializes) in the Swiss Chalet style with a steeply pitched and overhung roof, decorative fascia elements and copious windows (64!). It was originally owned by a Studebaker executive named Howard Kaufman. Mr. Kaufman was an active parishioner at the St Paul's Methodist Church just up the street and sold the home to the church for use as a parsonage in the 1910's. This was the first but not the last time the home would see duty as a religious building. In the 1920's, the church sold the home to a former executive of Stephenson Mills and built the parsonage adjacent to the Church (still extant). Over the next 50 years the home changed ownership several times (at least 4), most notably to the head of the Democratic National Party in the 1950's. In the 1980's, the house once again returned to religious service as property of the Sisters of St. Mary's who used it as a meeting space, halfway home for unwed mothers and more. In the early 1990's the home was remodeled into a bed and breakfast with 2nd floor closets converted to bathrooms and, sadly, the large carriage house along the back alleyway torn down. The home is largely still in the same configuration today. In 2013, Paul Hayden of Indiana Landmarks purchased the property out of foreclosure and began the process of restoring this masterpiece to glory. As the Chalet makes its way through the teenage years of its second century much work is being done by the current owner (steward really), Andrew Elegante, to modernize and weatherize the home with the intention of seeing it through another 100 years.



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West Washington
National Historic District

Sunday, December 9
1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

TOUR INCLUDES

Tippecanoe Place
St. Patrick's Catholic Church
St. Hedwig Church
Oliver Inn
Gemini Apartments
Taylor House
Downtown Oliver
Stadium Mansion Block
Larkin House
Civil Rights Heritage Center
St. Paul's Memorial
United Methodist Church
The Chalet

For more information visit
DowntownSouthBend.com
or call 574.282.1110.

1 TIPPECANOE PLACE

620 West Washington Street
P: 574.234.9077 · www.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. 1, 8, 15, & 22. 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 South 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
P: 574.232.4545 · www.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 GEMINI APARTMENTS

(Formerly Washington-Colfax Apartments)
617 West Washington Street

The beautifully rehabbed Gemini Apts have the charm and character of the 1920s with all the best updated features. Gorgeous, original hard floors are featured in every apartment, as well as separate living and dining space, storage, one spacious bedroom, and unique historic characteristics. While rents are continually rising throughout South Bend, the renovation of these one bedroom units provide an affordable, quality housing option. The apartments were built in 1925 and are an example of multifamily housing that you might find in Chicago. Gemini consists of two 3.5 story buildings with (60) 1-bedroom units. South Bend Heritage saved the buildings from complete deterioration and is currently finishing final renovations.

6 TAYLOR HOUSE

724 West Washington Street

Prominent South Bend architects Austin and Shambleau designed this bungalow styled home in 1904 for James N. Taylor and his family. Mr. Taylor was the secretary with the Indiana Lumber and Manufacturing Company which may account for the fine materials and craftsmanship of this home. The exterior of the home has a sweep style roof, cedar shingles separated by a quarter round bead, single hung windows with diagonal paned transoms above and Classical Revival front and side porches with Corinthian columns. The interior is a blend of Colonial Revival and Prairie style elements with a traditional colonial stairway, red mahogany pocket doors and trim in the dining room, a Prairie style parlor with quarter sawn oak trim and four fireplaces. Anne Mannix and Rich Williams purchased this home in 1994.

7 DOWNTOWN OLIVER STADIUM MANSION BLOCK

929 West Washington Street

Built by George Swygart in 1892, this Gabled-ell Queen Anne home transports you to a simpler time. Renovated in the 90's, this home displays beautiful historic charm w/modern conveniences. Located in the first neighborhood in South Bend to be listed on the National Register of Historic Places, stop in and enjoy some holiday cheer! If you really love this home, it could be yours, as it is available for purchase.

8 LARKIN HOUSE

1016 West Washington Street

Built in 1907 this house shows the impact of the Frank Lloyd Wright-designed house at 725 W. Washington. The basic rectangular structure is classical but additions to the design, the heavy beam ceilings, beveled window glass and veranda-style porches, relate much more to the mission-prairie style. The house was owned over the years by several prominent families and was even used as the Post 51 of the Knights of Pythias for a period of time in the 1970's. In 1979, South Bend Heritage Foundation purchased the home and began extensive renovation. The home was purchased in 1985 by its current owner, artist Alan Larkin, who has continued to undertake restoration inside the house, as well as landscaping and restoration of the beautiful gardens.

