Church windows on tour

Stained glass, organ music to be featured

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Tour-goers will assemble at St. Joseph's Cathedral, 412 North St., at 2 p.m. This historic Catholic church has had three homes; the present Gothic Revival structure was completed in 1895.

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The wife of President Zachary Taylor was a founder of St. James Episcopal Church, 208 N. Fourth St., the next stop on the tour, said Director Rachelle Caze deus, chairman of the event. The Gothic revival structure was completed in 1910. Here, window-watchers will see a creation of Easter lilies, heaven, and the angel of the Resurrection. The flanking windows depict the Garden of Gethsemane.

First Presbyterian Church, 763 North Blvd., is a Gothic structure built in 1926. The stained glass windows over the entrance feature an ascension scene. The observer window-watcher will find a variety of Christian symbols atop each side window. In addition to the traditional cross, dove and lamb, there are biblical allusions such as the rooster, harp, hour-glass, star and shepherd's crook. Visitors will also tour Dunham Chapel at First Presbyterian, which was built in 1897. Its windows depict favorite scenes from the Bible, including "Let the little children come unto me" and the Garden of Gethsemane.

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The walls of the cathedral are 90 years old, made of oak and were acquired from an old Methodist church in Minden. The doors were custom made for the cathedral by scientists from the United States. The stained glass windows feature another scene: the crucifixion.

Dunham Chapel at First Presbyterian, left, St. James Episcopal, above.