



Joseph & Erin

Thank you for taking the time to learn about us. We hope you enjoy getting to know us a bit!

As you go through this incredibly difficult situation, we look at you with admiration and respect. We admire your strength and courage to consider adoption. The gift you are giving your child, along with a waiting couple is priceless. We have been praying for you and your baby for a long time and are so thankful that you have chosen life for your child, a truly selfless act. You have proven your love for this child and please understand they will always know that you love them.

You and your baby will continue to be in our thoughts and prayers.

Sincerely,
Erin and Joe



A Bit About Joe

Joe grew up in a large city in Minnesota and is the oldest child with one sister.

Growing up he was very active in Boy Scouts and music. Joe is a very talented saxophone player and continues to share his talents playing in the local city band.

He is an active member of the local Knights of Columbus council, parish council, city band, church usher, and local mentoring program. Joe also enjoys hunting, fishing, golfing, and playing video games.



A Bit About Erin

Erin grew up in a small town in North Dakota.

She is the 5th of 7 children and has 6 brothers. Growing up she was active in 4-H, FFA, music, yearbook, and other various school clubs. Erin enjoys cooking, baking, arts and crafts, golfing, spending time with family and friends, and successful hunting and fishing trips.





How We Met

Erin and Joe met in college at North Dakota State University in Fargo and started dating in the fall of 2010. At the time, both were majoring in Mathematics Education. Erin graduated in the spring of 2013 with a degree in Mathematics Education and Joe graduated in the spring of 2014 with a double major in Mathematics, Mathematics Education, and a minor in Computer Science.

Joe and Erin were engaged in the fall of 2013 and were married in the spring of 2014.

Erin has continued her schooling and received her Master of Education in the spring of 2022. She is currently a high school math teacher. Joe is the office manager for a local car dealership.

Our Wedding: May 2014





Our Wedding Party (L to R): Stacie (friend), Sam (friend), Natalie (sister), Ben (friend), Joe, Erin, Mitch (brother), Emily (cousin), Jon (brother), and Kim (cousin)



Our Home



We live in a three bedroom, two bathroom, one story house with a finished basement. We have many trees and a play set in our backyard.



Our Faith

We are practicing Roman Catholics. Erin has been Catholic her whole life while Joe was confirmed into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil Mass in 2012. Our faith is very important to us and we will raise our children in the faith as well.

Through our own infertility and pregnancy losses we've come to trust in the Lord's plan for us more and have grown in our relationship with Him and one another. He has led us to this point in our lives and we continue to lean on Him for support and guidance. We graciously accept prayers from friends and family as we continue our journey.



Joe's Confirmation
(L to R): Erin, Joe,
the Bishop, and
Joe's friend and
sponsor Jared.

What Erin Thinks of Joe

"I've never met anyone who can make me laugh the way Joe does. He always knows how to make me smile and brighten my day. Joe is consistently willing to lend a helping hand and always trying to better himself. Whether it is acquiring new skills or learning more about our faith, I love seeing his dedication and growth.

One of my biggest enjoyments is watching Joe interact with kids. Whether it is our nieces and nephews or our friends' children, he's not afraid to be silly with them and they love playing with him. When we were still dating, one of my nephews told me, unprompted, 'Joe is a good boyfriend because he gives you things and because he plays twister with us.' Little kids don't lie about stuff like that. I know Joe will be an amazing father and I look forward to seeing him playing that role!"



What Joe Thinks of Erin

"Erin is truly a gift in my life. She has an amazing personality that is fun, loving, and really tunes into my sense of humor. She is a favorite among the nieces and nephews, and I often have to relinquish my spot next to her in Mass for a nephew that wants to sit next to her. I am happy to let them have it, as she will make sure he is following along!

One of my favorite things about Erin is her sense of humor. I can have a quick wit at times, and she never backs down from the challenge. An example of this is the first time I brought Erin home to see my parents. She is unafraid to let people know she likes to eat peanut butter, jelly, ham, and cheese sandwiches. This is a sandwich with all these ingredients between two pieces of bread. When my father heard of this sandwich, he replied "I don't know how I feel about that." Erin wanted to make sure he had the opportunity to come to his own conclusion, and the next morning my dad found a lunch packed for him to take to work. Included was the sandwich in question, some other lunch items, and a note wishing him a great day. Erin brings this type of humor to all aspects of our lives, and loves to keep me on my toes!"

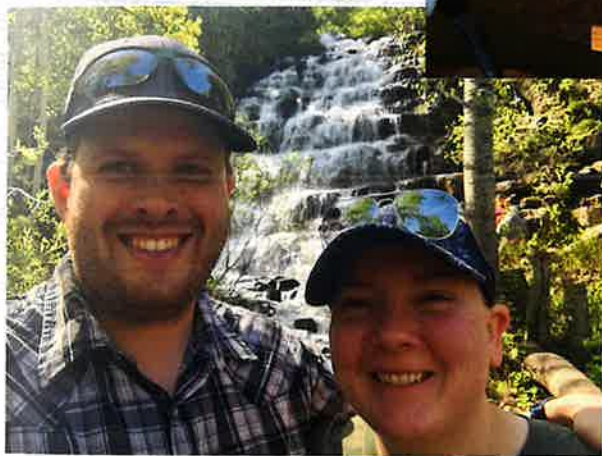


Erin with Chuck, Chuck, and
Chuck (Norris)

We enjoy going on vacation. Some of our favorite places we've been are Yellowstone National Park, Glacier National Park, the Black Hills in SD, and Acadia National Park.

While on vacation, we enjoy finding different objects or statues for Joe to pose with. It's almost like a scavenger hunt for us!





Joe's Family



Joe with his
grandparents,
Herman and
Irene



Joe's parents,
Kathleen and
Herman



Joe's sister
Natalie and her
husband, Griff



Enjoying a baseball game



Herman and Joe



Our Wedding



Family picture

Erin's Family



Siblings (B to F, L to R): Erin, Mitch, Anton, Wes, Andrew, Ben, Jon



Erin's Parents, Tony and Kathy



Almost the whole crew



Erin with her paternal Grandparents, Anton and Em



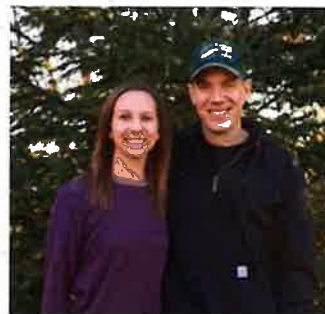
Sara, Brad, Ben, and Brayden



Lindsay, Andrew,
Liam, Logan, and Levi



Andrea, Wes, Clara, Harvey, Mabel,
Oliver, Wesley, and Chester



Jenny and Jon



Mitch,
Cayden,
Kinzlee,
Nikki, and
Adalynn



Anton

Godchildren

We have been blessed with the opportunity to be Godparents to four nieces and nephews. Erin is Godmother to Clara and Brayden, while Joe's Godchildren are Liam and Harvey. Joe is also Brad's Confirmation Sponsor.



Godparents Jon and
Erin with Clara



Godparents Jon and Erin with
Brayden



Godparents Jenny and Joe with Harvey



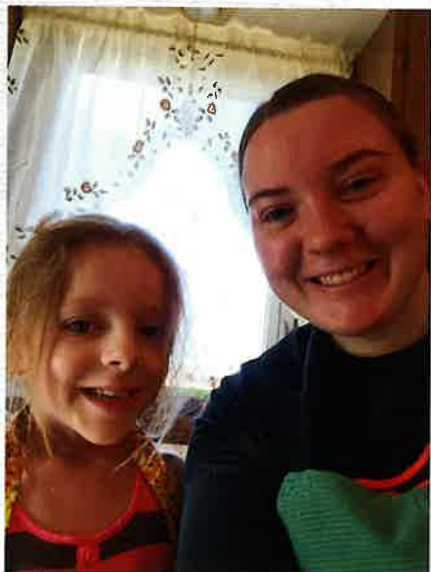
Joe with his
Godson,
Liam



Brad with his
Confirmation
Sponsor, Joe

Fun With Nieces and Nephews







Joe and his first deer.



Erin and her buck.



Erin with her two close cousins, Emily and Kim.



Erin with her close friend, Sarah, getting ready to bake Christmas cookies.



The smallest fish Erin has ever caught.



Erin with her mom (Kathy) and sisters-in-law, Lindsay and Sara, baking Christmas cookies.



Joe, Erin and sister-in-law Sara playing some Christmas songs prior to the City Band Christmas concert.



Waiting for the 4th of July parade to start.

Thank You!!

From the bottom of our hearts, thank you for taking the time to learn more about us. We'll keep praying for you and your baby as you continue this journey.

