

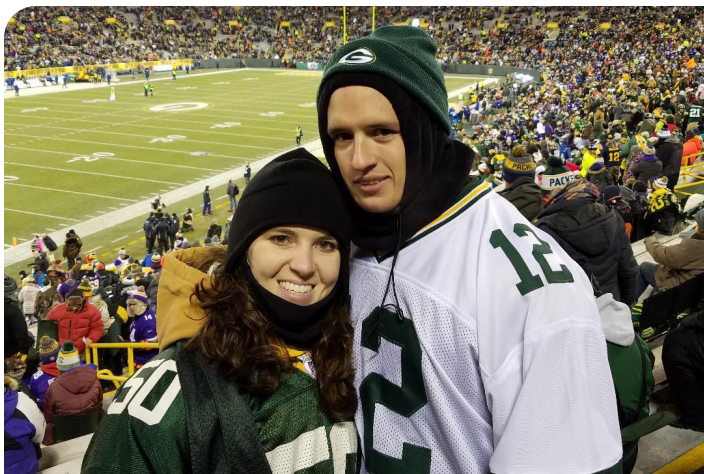


Hello We Are...



Matt & Marissa

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Our Hopes & Dreams

Early on in our relationship we knew we wanted to have a big family. We dreamed of a family where we could go on fun vacations, support each other in school, work, sports, and create traditions. We dreamed of a family, who even through the toughest times would remain strong and nothing would be impossible. Despite our fertility struggles, we stayed strong in our faith, we never gave up on these dreams and continue to look forward to growing our family.

To us, family means having someone to love us unconditionally in spite of any shortcomings. It means loving and supporting one another even when it's not easy to do so. Knowing that we have people by our side that we can turn to in times of need, or to get advice, or to celebrate with. We will offer a child this same love and support, a stable home, a safe and open community, and unlimited opportunities for their chosen life path.

The more we continued the journey of adopting our first child, the more we felt reassured this was our purpose. The same desire and calling we had adopting him is still present as we look forward to growing our family again. We will love the next child we adopt with the same passion and unconditional love and support we have with our first child. While we never dreamed of adopting early on in our relationship, we cannot envision our life without it.

Although we may not know how it feels to be in your place, we respect you and are grateful for you. We understand this can be a difficult choice, but in the end, we want you to feel that you can live and love as you choose. We want the best for you. If you select us to parent your child, every day you will be prayed for by a grateful couple and their family for your beautiful and unselfish love. Your child will always know their adoption story and just how much love and courage you had when making this decision for them.

Thank you so much for taking the time to read our profile and getting to know a little about us. You are in our prayers now and always.

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Our Values & Beliefs as Parents

FAITH - Our faith is the greatest reason we have light and hope. Our faith is why we love unconditionally, want to be parents, and is what inspired us to adopt our children. We both grew up going to church, and our faith is what led us to each other. We want our children to have Christian values that will lead them to be compassionate and caring people. We will teach them the importance of being honest, respecting others, and knowing the difference between right and wrong. Our children will attend church weekly, say prayers before dinner and bed time, and when they are old enough, they will attend religion classes.



LOVE - We believe love is what leads to life's greatest moments. Whether that is the love two individuals have for one another leading to marriage, the love between a parent and child, or the love one has for their profession, love brings us together. Love is always trusting. We want our children's lives to be filled with memories of spending quality time together, and celebrating their special occasions like birthdays, sporting events, and first day of kindergarten.

PATRIOTISM - To us, patriotism is pursuing freedom and justice for the benefit of the nation and its people. We want our children to love their country and its people. All people! We are surrounded by family, friends, and other people who we admire that influenced us during our childhoods who currently serve and have served in different branches of the military. We admire and respect them for their service, and we couldn't be free without others willing to serve. However, serving our country isn't the only way to show patriotism, helping our neighbors during a natural disaster such as a tornado and flood, the country coming together on 9-11, thanking our service members or helping a homeless veteran are all acts of patriotism.



HUMOR - We love the old saying, "humor is the spice of life". We believe in not taking life too seriously. We laugh easily and enjoy the simple moments of joy, peace, happiness, comfort, and entertainment. We want our children to have their own sense of humor to enjoy and share with others. We look forward to sharing these moments with something goofy someone said, a funny series of events, singing in the car, dancing in the rain, or watching our favorite comedy movies.



SELFLESSNESS - One of the smartest men to ever live once said "the only life worth living is a life lived for another" -- Albert Einstein. The only way any family, group, or country thrives is by selflessness. They support each other in their endeavors and help them back on their feet during tough times. We will demonstrate selflessness within our family and our community. We use our resources and talents to help others by volunteering for Habitat for Humanity, providing to others through the Angel Tree project at Christmas, and helping someone with a flat tire on the side of the road.

WORK ETHIC - We were both taught the importance of a good work ethic growing up and our parents have remained great examples to learn from. We were taught that one must work hard for the things that they want in life, and we hope to teach this to our children as well. We will encourage our children to actively participate in their sport teams by going to practice and attending all the games, and to do their schoolwork and their share in group projects.

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Our Home

We love where we live, right on the edge of town, where we can benefit from the convenience of living near grocery stores, shopping, and the zoo, but not be in the middle of all of the busy areas like downtown. We love the friendliness of our neighbors, and there are many young families in the neighborhood that have become friends. There are always children playing at the parks, going on bike rides, playing ball, blowing bubbles, and drawing with chalk. We have easy access to parks, restaurants, and are just 10 minutes from Marissa's family which allows us to see them on a regular basis. Our home has easily become a place to spend quality time together, create lasting memories, and where we look forward to growing as a family.

We enjoy spending time outside playing with our son, doing yard work, and tending to the flower beds. Matt enjoys spending time grilling something for dinner. We also go on walks around the neighborhood pond, usually stopping at the park for the kids to play for a little bit. We even enjoy going on small camping trips with our extended family on the weekends.

Our home is warm and cozy. There are pictures of family and friends throughout the house and the open floor plan allows us to participate in what is going on in the living room while cooking or baking in the kitchen. Our house is clean and organized but there is always signs that our son is hard at play. We love our evenings together. This is when we are all home as a family and spend true quality time together. We read books, play with his toys, do puzzles, build blanket tents and forts, have dance parties, and play tickle monster. His laughs are so contagious, we truly feel the love between all of us. As the evening winds down, we end the nights with cuddles and family prayers before bed. We waited many years for a family and our time together makes the wait worth it. We are so excited to add another one to our family!

We love to cook and bake and often have family and friends over for playdates and dinner. One of our favorite meals to cook is homemade pizza, what is not to love about pizza! We also enjoy baking and will spend time as a family baking cookies, making snack mix, and really anything sweet. Our family, friends, and coworkers also get to enjoy our hobby as we will often take our baked goods to work to share so that we don't eat them all ourselves.

We love being parents and look forward to adding another child to our family. The new child's room will be right next to our master bedroom and our son's bedroom. The room is decorated with a crib and matching dresser and changing table. We will also have a book shelf and baskets for toys. We will use video monitors so that we can always keep an eye on the baby and can check in without waking them up. We plan to decorate the room as a nursery theme fitting for a baby, but also a theme that they can grow up with through their toddler years. However, we have this adorable little white bassinet, which the baby will use to sleep in our bedroom until we are comfortable and ready for them to sleep in the nursery.

HOBBIES:

Adoptive Mother: Going on walks, watching my favorite shows (This Is Us and A Million Little Things), playing with our son and watching him learn and grow, outdoor fires, socializing, pedicures, camping

Adoptive Father: Cheering on my favorite sports teams (Green Bay Packers and Wisconsin Badgers), keeping fit, working out at gym, playing card games, playing with our son, camping

PROFESSIONS:

Adoptive Mother: Accounting Manager

Adoptive Father: Doctor of Physical Therapy

EDUCATION LEVEL:

Adoptive Mother: Bachelors Degree

Adoptive Father: Doctoral Degree

PLUS:

- Both non-smokers



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Our Family

We first met in high school on a church youth ski trip. Matt had a friend that invited him along and introduced him to Marissa. Overtime fate kept bringing us together. We slowly started to learn more about each other and found that we had a lot of common values and interests. We both wanted a big family, to carry on family traditions, and were ready to spend the rest of our lives with someone else. We both grew up in households that were strong in faith, and it was important to both of us to find someone who shared the same values.

In the eight years that we have been married, we have learned a lot about ourselves, each other, and how to be a strong couple. We have also learned the importance of always being there for each other and supporting each other in life's journey. Our strong faith has really been the foundation to our relationship. Matt is dedicated to his family, his career, and his life dreams. Matt never gives up. He keeps pushing through knowing that he can achieve anything that he sets out to achieve. Marissa is selfless. She is always more concerned about her family, friends, co-workers, or even a random stranger's happiness over herself. She lives to make others happy and needs encouragement to think of herself occasionally. It is this feature that makes her a great mother.

We adopted our first child, our son Carter, in 2019. We are excited to see our son take on the role of big brother and can't wait to see how his loving and nurturing relationship will grow with his sibling. We look forward to them creating a strong sibling bond and being each other's best friend throughout life.

Family is really important to us and we hope through our traditions, vacations, and holidays that we are able to show our kids the importance of family. During the summer, we spend Sunday afternoons with extended family such as grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins swimming and enjoying dinner together at our aunt and uncle's house. We also enjoy going on vacations with extended family. While we try go somewhere new each summer, every winter we go to Colorado to spend a week with Marissa's family playing games, enjoying the mountain views, and going on drives to take in the mountain and wildlife scenery. It is a relaxing trip at the end of the year that we always look forward to and will continue doing with our family.

One of our favorite family traditions is how we celebrate Christmas. We start the Christmas season with decorating the inside and hanging lights on the outside of our house. Each year we shop for ten local kids in need so that they wake up with gifts to open on Christmas morning. On Christmas Eve, we start the day with family baking goodies and last-minute gift wrapping. We gather in late afternoon for our Christmas meal before going to evening Mass. Afterwards, we go look at Christmas lights throughout the city. We end the day with opening gifts and playing family games.

However, our traditions do not end there. Every Memorial and Labor Day weekend is spent at the campgrounds having fun on the lake, grilling, and eating s'mores around a campfire. On the 4th of July we spend time with family and friends barbecuing, swimming, and shooting off fireworks. We believe that traditions, vacations, and holidays lead to some of the most enjoyable time spent with those we love and some of the best memories to cherish forever.



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