

Dear Expectant Parent(s),

Thank you for considering your choices. We have yet to meet, but we admire your bravery in deciding to give birth to your child and make an adoption plan. We cannot fully understand how hard this decision will be or how you are feeling at this moment. We will tell you our story and maybe that will help you in making your choice. Please know that no matter what you choose, we wish you, your child, and your families all the best. We are Michael, Erin, and Francis and we thank you for taking the time to learn more about our family.



My name is Michael. I was born and raised in Detroit, Michigan. I am the middle child, between two sisters. I grew up playing with the kids in my neighborhood, was active in Boy Scouts, and played soccer. As much as I appreciated all the things a big city had to offer, I most enjoyed the times I got to go camping and be outdoors. On a few summer trips with my family, I fell for the mountains and open spaces of the West. After finishing college, I moved to Montana and have been enjoying Big Sky Country ever since!



I'm Erin, and I was born and raised on a farm in Ohio. I am the second oldest, the oldest daughter, in a family of eight children. I enjoyed playing outside with my brothers, sisters, and friends: building forts in the woods, swimming in the summers, and sledding in the winters. I was also in many activities: 4-H, Girl Scouts, softball, choir, just to name a few. After graduate school I moved to Montana for a job and I ended up finding my home, my family!

We met at a work event about 10 years ago. We became friends first and had a lot in common: similar values, similar college degrees, being outdoors, grew up only 4 hours apart from each other, rafting, and college football. After a few years of friendship, we fell in love. We have been together for now for 8 years, married for 5 of those.

Family is extremely important to us and was a huge part of



our upbringing. We knew we wanted to have children, we were eager to extend our new family. Less than 2 years after marriage we were told we were infertile. In the beginning, infertility had caused us sadness. From this experience we grew to accept the path laid for us, our love for one another deepened, and further strengthened our faith in God. When we learned about Catholic Social Services and open adoption, we knew it was the choice for us because it is one of the most holistic approaches to adoption.

And this is where our son Francis enters the picture. We were placed with him when he was one day old, and he is very energetic and loving toddler! He is constantly exploring, learning new things, observing the world around him, and there always seems to be a lesson for us to learn with him along the way. Francis' favorite food is bananas, he is fascinated with trucks and drives them around our living room and backyard, he is quick to point out animals in a book or on a walk, he gets excited to go to the park, and he has a smile that melts our hearts. He would make a great big brother!



One of our favorite things to do as a couple is to go rafting. We enjoyed the adventure of white water and the serenity of calm rivers. Although now with a toddler, it's now the family float down a calm river. Our weekends are spent exploring Montana as a family, Michael doing some house project, Erin whipping up something tasty in the kitchen, church on Sundays, and dinner together as a family. We love being parents, it is one of the most important things we will ever do in life.

We have so much to offer as parents and would be honored to have the opportunity to show you. We are ready to open our hearts, home, and family to second child and its birthfamily. Thank you again for considering us.

In Faith and Good Will,  
Michael and Erin

