

Matt + Anne



hello!



It's so nice
to meet you!



Our Note to You

We hope this letter finds you well. First and foremost, we want to express our deep admiration for your strength and courage. The decision you are considering is incredibly brave and selfless, and we are honored that you are taking the time to get to know us as potential parents for your child. We cannot begin to understand all the emotions you are feeling, but please know that we are incredibly grateful for the opportunity to possibly be a part of your journey. We promise to provide a loving, supportive and nurturing home where your child will be cherished and given every opportunity to thrive. Thank you again for considering us. We are humbled by your strength and deeply respect you and the decision you are making.

Love,
Anne + Matt

We tried to conceive naturally for the last five years. We underwent extensive workup. IVF with all the shots and hormones just wasn't for us, so we are hoping to grow our family with adoption.

We have so much love to give and we have always wanted to be parents. We are lucky enough to each have cousins who have adopted, so we were able to see firsthand how wonderful and special adoption truly is. We can't wait to share our life, values, spirituality, experiences and our love. Our cousins will be there to help guide us and our future child along the journey. We are also lucky to have a large, incredibly supportive family who lives very close by and are eager to help in any way they can.



Our Story



We met on Match.com in April 2012. We hit it off quickly by connecting over the love of travel and exercise. We took our time to really learn about each other's likes, dislikes, weaknesses and strengths so that when we married in June 2019, our seventh anniversary, we knew it was forever.

We got engaged at the Chicago Botanic Garden in October 2018. We were sitting on a park bench eating cherries and trying to see who could spit the pit the farthest. I asked Matt to hand me some more cherries because I really wanted to try to beat his distance. Instead, he handed me a ring and asked me to be his forever.

We got married at the Catholic church in our town. The reception was four hundred of our favorite people. Even our best friends from New Zealand were able to attend! We love 80's music, especially live, so we had a cover band to help us dance the night away Michael Jackson style.



We have been married for five years and have been together for twelve years.

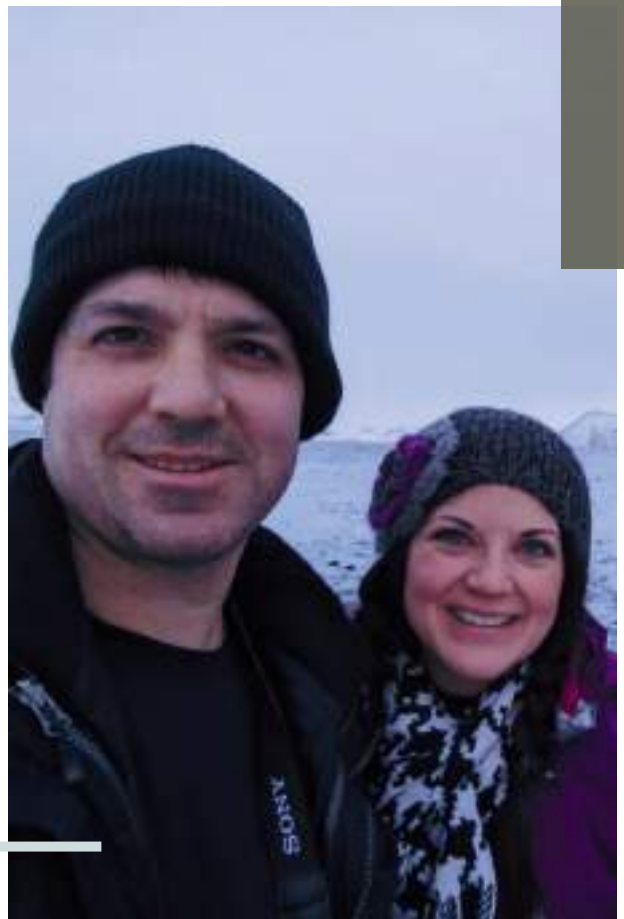
It's hard to believe that much time has gone by but it's easy when you are married to your best friend. Let's be honest, neither of us are perfect but we have found a good way to come back around to discuss our differences and truly try to see things from each other's point of view. This has really helped our love deepen and we hope to teach our child these same values.

Our Favorites



- Just getting in the car and driving somewhere we have never been
- Going to church together
- Apple picking
- Bike rides
- Tent camping
- Beach days
- Hanging out with our family and friends
- Backyard BBQ's
- Singing and dancing to 80's music
- Traveling (We have been to Iceland, New Zealand, Australia, Hawaii, and all over the USA)





We value and respect all of those who have fought for our country especially my brother who received a purple heart. We value health, integrity and an honest day's work. We value our faith, being kind and living each day to the fullest since you never know when it could all be taken away from you.

Meet Matt

Kind
Loyal
Respectful
Family Oriented



I am the Director of Infrastructure Support at a company that supplies baseball, basketball, and Pokemon cards to various stores nationwide. My office is only thirty minutes from our home and I am able to work at home one or two times a week. I plan to take a few weeks off when our child is born to be at home with Anne and bond with the baby.

I look forward to nurturing our future child's unique personality and helping them discover who they are as well as what makes them special. Whether it's supporting their hobbies, celebrating their successes or being there during the tougher times. I look forward to being their constant source of love and encouragement. My parents were always loving. They helped coach the majority of the sports teams I played on, and they attended all of the games, performances, and school events that I had. I felt very loved and cherished, and I hope to parent in the same way.

MATT'S FAVORITE THINGS

- Eating pizza
- Mixed martial arts
- Gardening
- Camping
- Taking photos with my fancy camera
- Board games
- Fishing
- Exploring all of the U.S. National Parks
- Hanging out with family and friends
- Chicago Blackhawks + Chicago Bears





In Anne's Words

Matt is kind, loyal, loving and family oriented. He grew up smack dab in the middle of seven kids and was known to be the mediator in the family. He has worked at the same company for eighteen years and still goes in every day with a positive attitude. He loves to run around and play with his twenty-one nieces and nephews, especially if it is a dance off. I fell in love with Matt because he is the type of person who gives his seat up on the bus so that the elderly or a pregnant woman could sit down. He has a servant heart and is always thinking of others.

Matt loves kids. His nieces and nephews love to talk smack about the Chicago Bears with him. They also love that he will play Dungeons and Dragons with them and be the first to start the water gun fight at the yearly Fourth of July party. Matt is kind and loves to teach things that he is passionate about. He can't wait to take our future child camping so that he can teach him or her how to start a fire without a match, bait a hook with a worm all by themselves or block a hockey puck while ice skating at fast speeds. I have no doubt that he will be a great Dad.

Meet Anne

Generous
Compassionate
Extrovert
Family Oriented



I am a nurse by trade, but I have found my calling in the admitting department for a prestigious rehabilitation facility. I travel between seven hospitals in our metropolitan area educating patients and their families about their new medical diagnoses such as traumatic brain injury, spinal cord injury, amputation, etc. I love helping patients see that they can still live a full life even if they can no longer walk or move a limb on their own. I will be able to take three months off for maternity leave then hope to transition our child to one of the reputable daycare centers in our town.

I am so excited to become a mother. I look forward to teaching my child to be kind and to treat every person respectfully because we never know what that person may be going through inside. I will teach that a smile and a kind gesture go a long way. My greatest prayer for my child is that he or she feels wanted, loved and supported at every step in their journey of this life.

ANNE'S FAVORITE THINGS

- Visiting my best friend in New Zealand
- Collecting magnets as I travel
- Meditation
- Being part of the live studio audience on the game show Price Is Right
- 80's music + Karaoke
- Morgan Wallen
- Netflix especially Emily In Paris and Bridgerton
- Running marathons + half marathons





In Matt's Words



My wife is a radiant soul, known for her kindness and compassion. She possesses the unique ability to brighten any room with her positive energy and infectious laugh. She is dedicated to her friends and family and finds joy in helping others, oftentimes putting their needs before her own. I fell in love with Anne because she makes me feel valued by giving me her full attention every time we talk, doing little things to make me feel loved, taking care of me when I am not feeling well and embracing my large family as her own. She always wants to ensure that everyone in the room feels special because in her eyes they truly are. I feel so lucky to be her husband and I love getting to do life with her.



Anne loves kids. Her first nursing job was at an extended care home for children with severe disabilities. She loved those kids as if they were her own. Even when she transitioned to a new opportunity in the rehabilitation field, she would drop Christmas presents off at the extended care facility for the kids. Anne loves playing card games with the nieces and nephews, taking them to the local amusement park for their birthdays and reading them books. I think she can recite the words to the book "Berenstain Bears Go To School" without even looking because she has read it so many times to our niece. I know she will be a loving, nurturing, amazing mother.



Welcome to Our Home

We purchased a four bedroom, two and a half bath home six years ago. We love that it is in a quiet, safe neighborhood. Our backyard is a decent size with three beautiful old trees that change into amazing colors in both the spring and fall. We love to hang out on our back patio around the fire as well as grow fruits and vegetables in our garden and we can't wait to do all of these things with our child.

Our suburb of Chicago has a great school system. Not far from our home is the community center which offers multiple classes for all ages such as swimming, gymnastics, art, karate, and ballet. The library is also just down the street. Additionally, there is so much nature surrounding our town. We have found multiple bike paths, family campgrounds and even a couple of big hills for sledding. We are lucky to be able to enjoy all of the seasons.

Our child will grow up in a home of unconditional love with many opportunities for education, adventure, creativity and wonder so that they can develop their unique talents and interests. Our child will be raised in the Catholic faith where he or she will learn to be honest, generous, kind, self-respecting and courageous. We promise to teach our child to laugh with life's joys and persevere through its challenges.

Holiday Traditions



Since we bought our house six years ago we have enjoyed decorating for the holidays. Anne loves Halloween and likes to turn our front yard into a graveyard. Matt is the Christmas guy. He loves to put lights all over the inside and outside of the house. We are so lucky to have most of our immediate family nearby so that we can celebrate every holiday with them. Anne's Mom's family is of Polish descent. On Christmas Eve her entire family breaks and shares Oplatki which is a wafer that symbolizes forgiveness and love. Matt's Mom's family is Irish so she has the entire family over for roast beef and cabbage on St. Patrick's Day. You better have green on or else you will get pinched!



Our Family

ANNE'S FAMILY

My parents are Tina and Leo. Throughout the year we love to get together for BBQ's, birthday parties and holiday celebrations. My youngest brother, David, as well as my parents like to go on road trips with Matt and I. We saw bears in the Smoky Mountains a couple years ago. My brothers, Bill and Joe, are twins. Bill and his wife, Katrina, along with their children Lorenza (9) and Eli (7) like to go with Auntie Anne to the local amusement park for a day of rides and games. Joe recently retired from twenty years in the Army. He, his wife Shawna and their son Jaxon (12) live in Tennessee. We plan to visit them soon.

MATT'S FAMILY

My parents are Pat and Rich. They love to take their seven kids and their respective families to a cabin in Northern Wisconsin every year. The week is filled with bonfires, fishing, canoeing and outdoor games. My oldest sister and her husband, Kathy and John, have eight kids. My second oldest sister, Mary, lives in Chicago. My brother, Rick and his wife Liefke, live in Orlando with their four kids. We love going to visit them in Orlando so that we can hang out at Disney World. My younger sister, Bridget and her husband Joe, live near us with their four kids. These kids love to challenge me to dance offs. My younger brother, Andy and his wife, Paula live one town over from us. They have two children who love to go to the Renaissance Fair with us. Last but not least is the youngest of my siblings, Mike. He and his wife, Alicia, like to go camping with us. All the cousins range from two years old to twenty-eight years old and are excited to add another!





Thoughts on Education

We attended private Catholic grade schools and high schools while growing up. We appreciated the smaller class size that we experienced because it allowed for an increased level of attention from the teacher. Our parents appreciated the standard of conduct that was expected from both the students and their parents as well as the faith based morals and values that were taught daily. We plan to provide that same caliber of education for our future child.

We value a college education but will be supportive of whatever endeavors and dreams our child has. We promise to provide opportunities for hands-on learning, to connect them to mentors within their area of interest, to keep an open line of communication and to celebrate all their achievements no matter if it is academic or not.



You Are Loved



Before You Go

We want to thank you for taking the time to learn a little bit about us. We cannot begin to imagine the emotions and thoughts you are experiencing as you consider such an important decision. Please know that we have the utmost respect for you and the love you have for your child. If we are chosen as adoptive parents we promise to cherish and nurture your child with unconditional love, compassion and encouragement. We are committed to providing a safe, supportive and joyful home where your child can grow, thrive and pursue their dreams. We will share their birth story with them because we understand the importance of family and understanding identity. We want them to know where their story started. We are open and happy to share as many pictures and stories as you would like. No matter what decision you make as you move forward, we wish you peace and strength.

with gratitude and love.

Anne + Matt

