

# Ryan & Mary Kate



## Hobbies & Interests

Ryan: Football, golf, working on home improvement projects, biking, and board games.

Mary-Kate: Traveling, photography, home decor projects, spending time on Lake Michigan, cooking, and reading.

## Occupation

Ryan: Owner of Kalamazoo Lawn and Garden

Mary-Kate: Owner and photographer of Magnolia Birch Photography

## Education

Ryan: Bachelors degree in accounting from WMU

Mary-Kate: Montessori certificate from ADMTEI

## Religion or Belief System

Both: Roman Catholic

## Pets

One Bernese Mountain Dog named Arlo

## Children in Home

We have no children in the home.

## Our Story

Begins in 2015 when Mary-Kate was working as a teacher in Grand Rapids and Ryan was going to school and working in Kalamazoo. Although most people dream of meeting their significant other at a little coffee shop, or bumping into each other on the street, God had a different plan for us. We met online in December of 2015 and soon after, met for dinner at an Olive Garden. You could say we hit it off immediately, as Ryan drove all the way back to Grand Rapids the very next day to continue the conversation.

Then in 2017 Ryan popped the big question and we were married less than a year later in 2018. Since then Ryan has become owner of his family's business. We have settled down in the country like we had always dreamed, and decided to build our home on some beautiful acreage where we could grow our family. Mary-Kate is now a photographer in the local area, and we have also added an addition to the family, with our dog Arlo. He is the sweetest little thing, that just loves being with family.

## What Brought Us to Adoption

For many years we have dreamed of growing our family and settling down in the country. We have always envisioned our lives full of children, and welcoming all the laughter and joy they bring. We have walked the road of infertility, and very quickly realized that God was calling us down the path of open adoption. God has only continued to confirm and show us just how gracious He is in leading us to CSSW, and allowing us to meet incredible families who have also walked this journey. We have never been more confident and at peace that we were always meant to grow our family, through the gift of open adoption.

## Our Hopes, Open Adoption & Relationship with Birth Family

We are genuinely excited about open adoption. We hope to have a healthy and happy relationship between the child and their birth parents.



These individuals have met all requirements of the State of Michigan and Catholic Charities Washtenaw County to become adoptive parents, may fit your situation and are waiting to welcome a child into their home. If you would like more information about this family, please email [pregnancy@ccwcwashtenaw.org](mailto:pregnancy@ccwcwashtenaw.org) or contact Melissa.

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