

THE DREASLER FAMILY

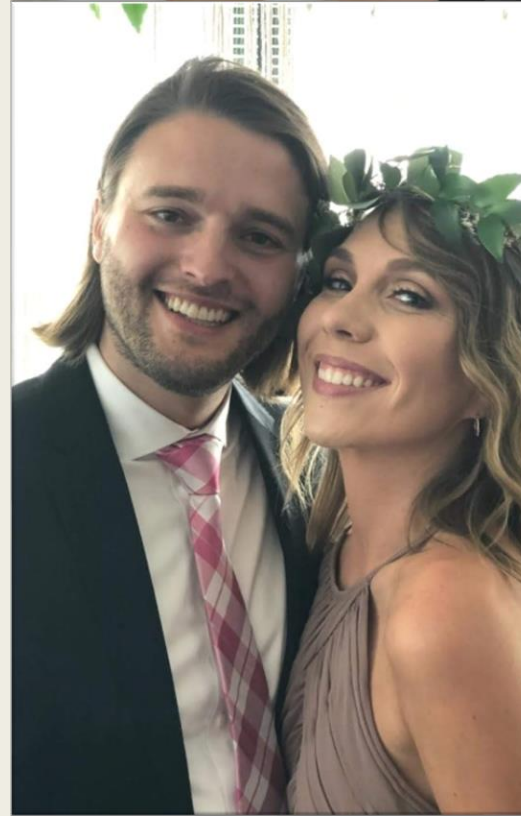


Thank you so much for viewing our profile. Although we do not come close to understanding your thoughts and emotions at present, we hope to share a bit of our lives with you as you consider and pray about the home that God has in mind for your child. We too, will continue to cover you in prayer and ask for our Lord's guidance.

Jonathan & Meredith

About Us

- We will have been married for nine years this July 5th. Jonathan and I met when he was coaching my sister's high school soccer team. He was too shy to talk to me. I finally sent him 100 of the best Chuck Norris jokes on Facebook, and the rest is history! We were married at the University we both attended, St. Ambrose. I have always lived here in Davenport, but Jonathan is from Quincy, Illinois. We visit there often, as his family still lives there. Jonathan is a cybersecurity manager at a company named RSM. I was both a reading and Kindergarten teacher for five years at St. Joe's and St. Paul's. I loved both schools for different reasons, but St. Paul's held a special place in my heart because I attended that school as a child from Preschool to 8th grade. My decision to stay home was not an easy one, but I am committed to staying home with our children full time. My own mother stayed home with my siblings and I as we were growing up. I want to be there for my children as they take their first steps, blow bubbles in the summertime, read their favorite bedtime story, or even scrape their knees.



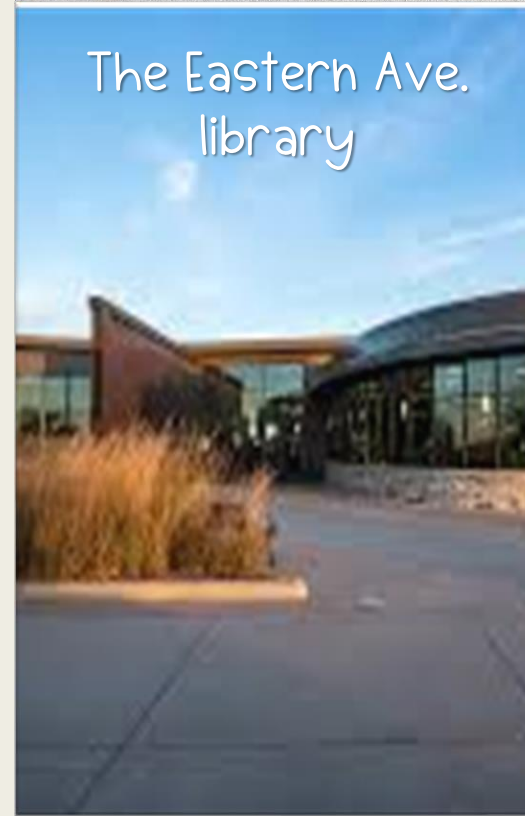
- Five years ago, we moved right across the street from where we were living previously! As you can imagine, that was kind of a funny move. We rolled a lot of big bins right across the street. Totally worth it! We now live at the end of a cul-de-sac. The house has 4 bedrooms and 3 full bathrooms. The living room and kitchen are connected in a spacious open floor plan with a large vaulted ceiling. We have a sliding door leading out to our newly renovated deck. The basement is a walkout and is fully finished. We love going for walks in the evening. There is a beautiful walking path near our house which takes you near a pond filled with baby goslings and ducks during the springtime. If you follow the path you come across a public library, a large playground, and a new baseball/softball complex. We join my parents often at the Outing Club, a local pool and dinner club where Jonathan and I had our wedding reception. They have a beautiful new zero depth pool which is wonderful for children to play in. Jonathan was a lifeguard and swim instructor, so I feel very confident in his ability to teach little ones to swim. Our children will also attend swim instruction classes.



Our Front
Entrance



We enjoy decorating for
each holiday.



The Eastern Ave.
library



The Outing Club

Why Adoption?

Jonathan and I have been open to starting a family since getting married in 2014, but God seemed to have a different plan for us. Unable to conceive on our own, our daughter Lilly was born in the summer of 2019. We finalized her adoption in early 2020. Each day with Lilly is an absolute joy. She has been a quick learner from the start. She loves farm animals (any animal really) and soaks up new facts like a sponge. We read together, take walks most every day we can, make crafts, work on puzzles, create sticker books, work in sensory bins, bake, paint, play board games, and just play—she has an amazing imagination! I am homeschooling Lilly, so we complete our work each morning together. We are also part of a homeschool group. We take field trips together and participate in activities with friends often. Lilly helps out around the house with laundry, dishes, preparing meals, and cleaning up her toys. We have always wanted a big family and know that Lilly will make the perfect sister. We can't wait to add even more laughter and love to our home.



Our Home



These pictures give you a glimpse at the front of our home, our entrance, living room, kitchen & newly renovated deck.

The Backyard & Basement



Our house has an amazing garden bed. We usually grow strawberries, raspberries, and tomatoes. Jonathan's Grammy had the best strawberry pie recipe. We are going to try it with our fresh strawberries this year. Fingers crossed that we make it as tasty as she did!



Meet Jonathan

Father, husband, son, brother (two younger sisters), Catholic, Cyber Security Director, former high school soccer coach, lover of the outdoors, dogs, being on the water & adventure.

I am a people person. I enjoy getting to know others and working in new environments. Challenges motivate me to work even harder. I love talking sports with people, especially soccer. I have a rivalry going with our priest. We like opposing teams, but I finally gave in and gifted him a poster of his favorite team that I actually had in my room growing up.

Speaking of a challenge, for two years, I grew my hair out. Meredith didn't really like it, but I surprised everyone and did it for a good cause. I ended up cutting off ten inches and donated it to Wigs4Kids. This program gives free wigs to kids with cancer.



Meet Meredith

Mother, Wife, daughter, Sister (younger brother and sister), Catholic, teacher, lover of cooking, reading, decorating, dessert, family time, puzzles & teaching.

As I have chosen to stay at home to be a full-time mom and Lilly's teacher, I have also started to create teaching materials to sell online both for the elementary classroom and religious education setting.

Another love of mine is Disney World. I have been there too many times to count! At the age of three, I began dance lessons. I then danced all the way through College. I was fortunate enough to attend Nationals in Orlando for 8 years (high school & college). My cousins live in Florida, so it has now become a tradition to visit each year. I even have Jonathan hooked! We took my Grandma for her 80th birthday, matching t-shirts and all! It was a hit. We took Lilly last summer for her first time with both sets of Grandparents. She had a blast!



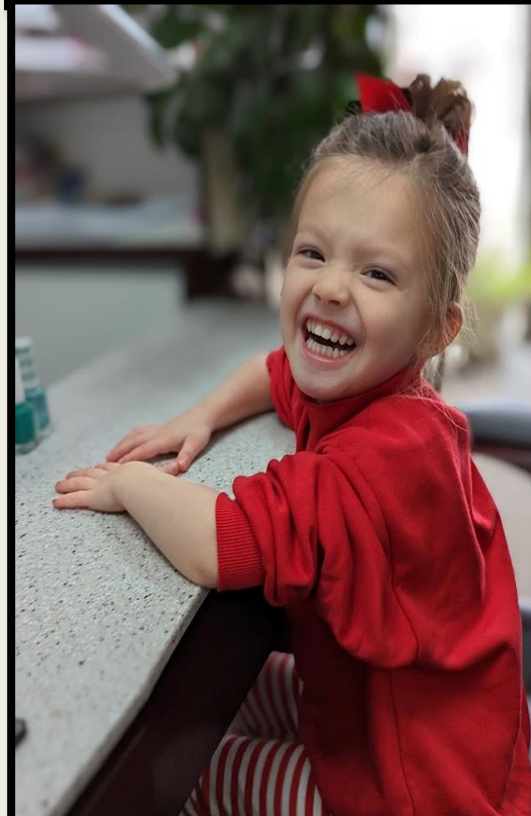
One of our first trips together 10 years ago. We were about to watch the fireworks!



Aunt Amy, Cousin Josie, Me, Grandma, Mom, Sister Hannah, Cousin Emma

Meet Lilly

- Daughter, Granddaughter, Great Granddaughter, niece, Catholic
- I love figuring out how everything works. I am very curious and love making people laugh! Bath time is one of my favorite times of the day because I love the water. Last year I went to the beach for the first time and got to fly on an airplane and I loved both experiences! I love helping my mom and dad clean up around the house. Reading is one of my favorite things. I have a lot of fun books in my room, and my favorite spot to read is on my mom's lap. When it's warm outside, I love going for walks, swinging, blowing bubbles, swimming, collecting rocks, and drawing with chalk. I live close to my Nana and Papa, so we get to play with them often and we eat dinner there most every weekend. I have a lot of favorite foods like berries, eggs, and salmon, but recently I discovered that I love shrimp and steak too.
- My absolute favorite things to do right now are to play games using my imagination, to paint, to play outside on my bike, to visit the library, do puzzles with my mom and dad, watch movies and snuggle, bake treats together, play with my horse toys (I even know all the different breeds), and visit the playground.
- I love giving hugs and kisses. I want everyone to know how much I love them! When I meet someone new, I always ask them their name right away. I might even shake your hand.
- My name was chosen in a very special way. My parents chose Lilly because as they prayed and attended Mass, they noticed lily flowers everywhere. Lilies are the symbol for the Virgin Mary, innocence, and purity. Mae is my first middle name. This was my dad's Grammy's name. She was a woman with a strong personality, and I already fit that mold! Catherine is my second middle name. This is my birth mother's middle name as well.
- I've been a flower girl in three weddings now!



A Day in our Life

- I thought it might be helpful to get a glimpse at what a more routine day in our life might look like. Right now, Lilly is around 3 years old, so I'll share what our day looks like at this stage with the thought in mind that things are ever changing! As our day begins, Lilly eats breakfast, gets dressed and we usually head off to daily Mass. When that is finished, I love grabbing a coffee and we head home to complete our daily schoolwork. We take a morning walk if it is nice out, and she enjoys listening to the birds while in the stroller. She can identify quite a few of them now. We play a lot and enjoy the outdoors as much as possible. In the afternoon, we usually end up taking another walk to get some fresh air! In the evening, she eats dinner when we do. She helps to prepare most meals. After that, it's time for the bath which is truly her favorite time of the day! We snuggle to read several stories to her as she falls asleep. Overall, much of the day is playing, singing, reading, and exploring for Lilly! Jonathan does work outside of the home, but his new office is just five minutes away. My parents, brother & his wife, grandmother, aunt, uncle and cousin all live near us. We usually see my mom each day. It's wonderful having such a great support system nearby. Jonathan's family only lives around 2 hours away, so visiting with family is a large part of our life.



Our Traditions

- For the major holidays such as Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas, Jonathan and I have always celebrated both here in town with my family and with his family a few hours away. We have continued doing this with Lilly. For Thanksgiving, we enjoy baking up some of our favorite casseroles. Jonathan's family always makes his Grammy's famous pies – strawberry, pumpkin, and pecan. We also pick pumpkins to set out front of our house from the local garden center. We even celebrate her half birthday as it falls on Valentine's Day.
- For Christmas, we love putting up the tree together. Looking back, each ornament tells a story. We decorate our house with lights, bake cookies with family and friends, and we love seeing the Christmas light show with Jonathan's family.
- For Easter, we make a big brunch and hunt for Easter eggs! The Easter bunny leaves Lilly a basket too!





Grandma & Grandpa



Mommy



Aunt Jenny



Daddy



Aunt Kristin & Uncle Blake

MEET OUR FAMILY



Mommy



Aunt Hannah



Aunt Kylie



Uncle Johnny



Great Grandma



Daddy



PopPop



NanNan



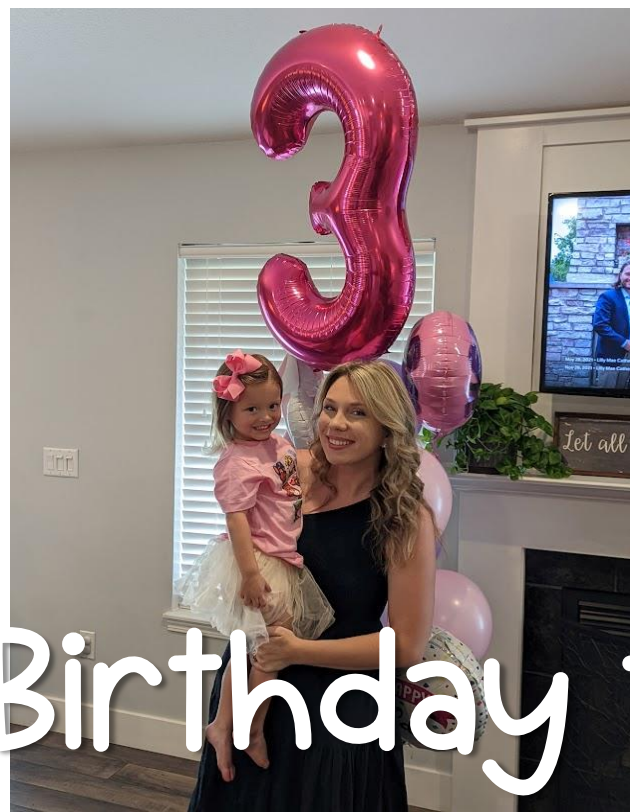
Daily Activities and Adventures



Summertime Adventures



Adventures in the Fall



Happy Birthday to Lilly!



- Thank you for taking the time to view our profile and to take a small peek at our lives. We hope to convey just a glimpse of the love we are able to share. Lilly has been such a blessing to us, and we know that our love for another child in our family would only multiply if she were to receive the chance to have a sibling or siblings. We are here for you, and we know that the deep love you have for your child is what brings you to consider such a decision as adoption.