

Laura








# Hello!

Thank you for taking the time to get to know me. I am excited to continue my journey through adoption, and I hope it is a journey I can take with you.

I always envisioned starting a family in the traditional sense--finding a spouse, getting married, and having children. It's been my dream. But life doesn't always work out the way we plan.

I've known for years that I am meant to be a mother, and I have been thinking about adoption since I was 23. Though I never envisioned taking on adoption as a single parent, I know in my heart that this path is a journey God is calling me to take. And so, with blind faith and and hopeful joy, I am preparing both my home and my heart for a child I already love.







# About Me



Education: Bachelor of Music in Music Education (K-12) and Piano Pedagogy, Master of Music in Music Education

Career: 6-12 music teacher & community college adjunct piano instructor

Religion: Roman Catholic

Hobbies: Reading, trying new things, playing piano, singing, learning new languages



Students describe me as: Spunky, go-getter, passionate, nurturing, fiery, headstrong, independent, caring





I have two beautiful godsons, Joseph and Joshua, pictured left. They are the sweetest little boys, and growing up far too fast!

Below are the youngest children in a family I nanny part-time. I have been working for the family for over 5 years, and it has been such a blessing to watch the children grow. In many ways, they have become a part of my family as much as I have become a part of theirs, and I love them dearly.

It is partly because of my time with my godsons and the children I nanny that I am certain about my vocation as a mother.

The other part stems from my time as a teacher. I currently teach vocal music to grades 6-12 in the local Catholic school system. I also direct the school's musical and help coach the dance team.

I have always known I wanted to be a teacher. Growing up in a family of teachers, it seemed like the obvious choice! It was a logical choice too, though, because I was always helping my peers. Between my love of teaching and my love of music, I can't imagine another career.





# Meet my family

I was so blessed to grow up in a small, tight-knit family. My parents made sure that as my brother and I grew up, we would understand the importance of love, faith, and having fun within a family. As a result, my parents, brother, and I talk on a daily basis, often eat meals together, and attend Mass as a family whenever possible. It's a special bond, and I hope to have the same kind of relationship with my own future children.

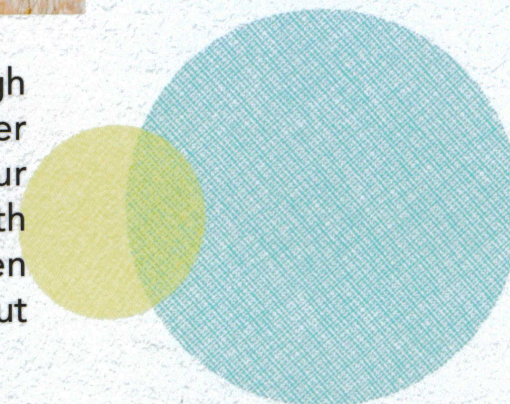
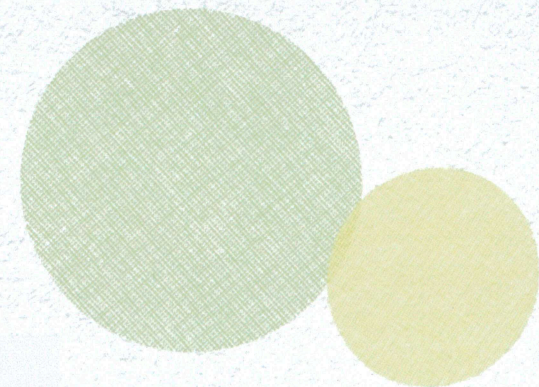
My mom and dad have been married for over 30 years. They have had both good times and tough times, but I have witnessed the love that carries them through the years. They are an inspiration to me and many that know them.







My parents are both teachers, though mom is retired now, and my brother works as a technology wizard for our area's schools. My entire family, both immediate and extended, have been extremely supportive of me throughout this adoption journey.







## *Extended Family*

Every year my mother's side of the family gets together for a weekend during the summer to catch up, share stories, and spend time together. We typically meet somewhere in western Nebraska or Colorado near where my mom and her sisters grew up. We are all about having fun and eating lots of food!

My dad's side of the family is far more spread out over the country, so we are not able to meet with those family members nearly as often. However, we are able to keep up with each other through phone calls and social media.





# My Friends

People might come and go in life, but I have some amazing, steadfast friends.

I met Kim (top) over 10 years ago as a coworker. Now I am a part-time nanny to her children and godmother to her youngest. She has been an amazing friend and has become like family to me.

I also have some wonderful current coworkers (middle left) that I can rely on for both support and laughs.

Hannah (bottom left) is my best friend from college. Even though we might live hundreds of miles apart, we always send birthday wishes to each other and aim for at least a couple of Skype dates each year.

Finally, my long-time best friend is Amber (bottom right). I had the privilege of being the maid of honor at her wedding and am godmother to her oldest. We keep in touch often and meet up whenever she comes to town.







# *My Faith*

My faith is an extremely important part of my life, and it is crucial to me that it be an integral part of my child's life.

I attend Mass weekly, and I sometimes attend daily Mass. I often provide music for services as both a pianist and a cantor for weekend Masses, weddings, and funerals.

I was raised in a Roman Catholic household. As I've grown, I have found such beauty in the mystery that is my faith, which centers around Christ's love for you and me.

Whether or not you believe in Christ's love for us, I pray that you will allow me to instill that faith in your child. The joy found in embracing Christ is immeasurable, and though we are sinners, I hope and pray for the everlasting peace in heaven for all.



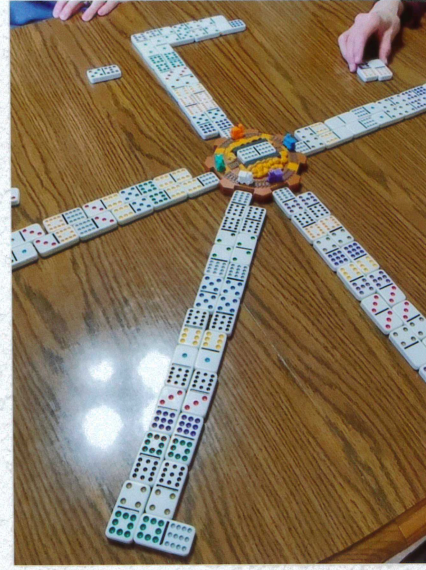


I love living in the Midwest. The crazy weather aside, we have some beautiful trees in the spring and especially the fall, my favorite season.

*My Home*

I bought my home in 2019, and it has been a wonderful first house for me. It's a three-bedroom home with a partially finished basement, allowing for plenty of space to store the baby items I have already started receiving. And although the nursery isn't complete, a rocking chair and a baby blanket are ready to go!





# Holidays & Traditions

Since our extended family is spread across a few states, my parents and brother and I usually spend the holidays together, eating a good meal and playing games. Every now and then we will have guests or travel.

Because our plans change year to year, my family doesn't necessarily have set traditions. Therefore, we are open to creating new traditions with those we love.





# Fun Facts

Yes, my red hair is natural, and no, I don't have immediate family members with the same color hair.

I love reading! I was an avid reader as a child, and I hope to pass that love on to my own child.

I love singing and playing piano. I've been playing piano since I was 8 years old, and music is a part of my daily life.

I dislike nutcrackers. It stems from a brief scare in childhood, but to this day, I scrunch my nose at the nutcracker displays, especially at Christmas time.

I enjoy organizing, but I have a peculiar passion for scheduling. Even in college, I was laying out several of my friends' 4- or 5-year plans.







# *Closing Thoughts*

I cannot imagine how difficult it must be to consider placing your child for adoption. No matter how you have arrived at this decision, know that I believe you are making this choice out of immense love and courage.

I promise that, should you choose to continue your journey with me, I will love your child unconditionally.

I promise to tell your story. However much you are willing to share, I will pass that on to your child. It's a story that, regardless of its details, will be told with respect and love.

I promise to teach your child to have a strong moral compass, guided by a caring and compassionate heart.

Most of all, I promise that no matter where life takes your child, I will be there to ensure he or she will always have a place to call home.

With love and blessings,

*Laura*





