

# Melanie & Jonathan



## Hobbies & Interests

Melanie loves to sing and cook/bake. Jon enjoys hunting and being outdoors. They both love spending time with family.

## Occupation

Jon: self-employed carpenter  
Melanie: homemaker  
bookkeeper for Jon's company

## Education

Melanie: Master's Degree in Social Work from Wayne State University

Jon: General Associate's Degree

## Religion or Belief System

Catholic

## Pets:

Daisy our Yorkshire Terrier

## Children in the Home:

One year old son, Benjamin

## Our Story

We met while volunteering for the youth group at our parish in 2007. We began dating and were engaged after a short time, then got married in April of 2009. We always dreamed of having children. Jon is one of six siblings, five of which are married with children. This makes for fun-filled family gatherings with lots of little ones running around. Melanie is the oldest of four siblings. We both love to be with our families and spend a lot of time with them.

## What Brought Us to Adoption

After several years of trying to conceive on our own and seeking medical treatment, Melanie began to feel a call to adoption. God made that call very clear to us as the months passed and eventually, we were lead to Benjamin, our one year old adopted son, who was born in July 2014. Benjamin has brought us so much joy and is such a great blessing to us and to our families. Coming from large families ourselves, we desire for him to have a sibling of his own to grow up with. This desire has lead us to adoption again and we are hopeful that one day we will welcome another child into our loving home.

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

Our first experience of adoption has helped us to gain insight into the gravity of the choices birth parents have to make. We have the utmost respect for birth parents and feel that the choice to make an adoption plan is a courageous one. We have an open adoption with Benjamin's birth family and have always felt it is important for him to know that he went from wanted to wanted and loved to loved. We hope to have another open adoption with the next child we will welcome into our family.

These individuals have met all requirements of the State of Michigan and Catholic Social Services of 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 contact:

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