



Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit.

Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly.

But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.

She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

"LOOK, THE VIRGIN SHALL CONCEIVE
AND BEAR A SON,
AND THEY SHALL NAME HIM EMMANUEL"

which means, "God is with us." ²⁴When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

Matthew 1:18-25

*Wishing
You A
Blessed
Christmas*



*from The
Johnson's*

Merry Christmas

TO ALL OUR FRIENDS & FAMILY ACROSS THE USA, TO GREAT BRITAIN, TO GERMANY, TO AUSTRALIA, TO ITALY & TO CANADA, WE GIVE THANKS FOR YOU ALL.

YOU ARE GOD'S BLESSINGS TO US

ON THE EVE OF 2019, WE ARE HAPPY, HEALTHY & EVER BUSY.

Kathy & Rick... 2018 highlights are many and start with a trip we took back to London, to see the Rolling Stones this past May. It was great to be back in our favourite city, and by chance was the same weekend Harry & Meghan were married at Windsor Castle. Inexplicably, we were not on the guest list.



Kathy spent several months down at the condo in Florida, perfecting her perpetual tan. She's made a lot of friends down there, which she enjoys while she keeps an eye on Mom.

We also had a great time at the Race Track this year with Kathy's horse SuperCede, running out of our newly created Princess Kathy Racing stable. Unbelievably, we ran 6 races this year, 5 of which we WON and the

6th we lost by a head.



Bryan, Sabrina & Thor.... Sure we love Sabrina and Bryan, but that Thor just steals our heart. He is almost 4 and is our pride and joy. He is so smart, chatty & ACTIVE!

Picture right shows Bryan with an angry Thor because his horse didn't win. (Thor only bets the #8 to win, even when there isn't an #8 entered—he has quite the system).



We are overjoyed that Sabrina will be having a child in mid-February. Of course, it will be another boy—what else, and we eagerly await the blessed event.

Bryan still works for Blue Cross, Blue Shield and Sabrina works part time at a local Dr's office in Arlington Heights.



Ben & Jordan.... The newlyweds took the trip of a lifetime when they honeymooned for almost a month across Europe this summer.

Beginning in Belgium, they traversed to London and then to Italy—meeting longtime family friends Giorgio & Mara Sivori in lovely Chiavari, Italy, before they finished their trip in Florence.



Once back Stateside, they welcomed Reese into their home, a new puppy that bowls you over with love and happiness. Thor is not quite sure of Reese yet as she is quite a jumper, but in time Thor will come round.

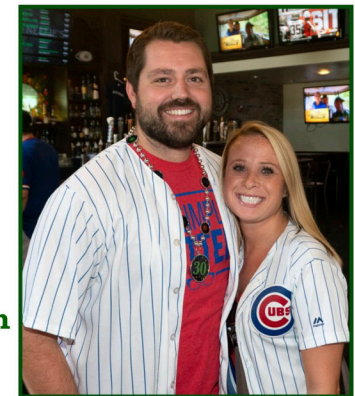


Both Ben & Jordan are primary school teachers in Schaumburg and live close to us in Arlington Heights.

Jordan threw Ben a surprise

30th Birthday party complete with chartered bus down to Wrigley Field to take in a Cubs game on a rooftop.

I keep checking with Jordan to make sure she's happy and, to date, our Ben is doing OK. Well done, son.



The Johnson Family

2018



Brett has had a stellar year. He began working full-time at the Burlington store in Arlington Hts and has already progressed to supervising some Customer Service reps.

When he's not working, Brett is Thor's best friend as Thor constantly wants to be with Brett. Picture right is the 2 of them hanging out together at a restaurant.

With Kathy in Florida so frequently, Brett is happy to watch Thor, whenever Sabrina works or needs a break.

Brett and I are headed to Washington DC on May 31st to see the city and take in the Rolling Stones—the 4th time he and I have seen them together. Dad & Son Rockin' On!



Brad, has just five months to go until he becomes Dr. Bradley Robert Johnson, DPT.

CAN YOU IMAGINE?!???

He is set to graduate from NIU's Physical Therapy program, May 10th, 2019. The last tuition check has been sent—the end is in sight!



Babe girlfriend Christina, who has found that putting up with Brad is a full time job in and of itself, is a Special Ed teacher in Schaumburg.

Brad has 2 practicum internships remaining, one in Cary, IL and the 2nd in Streamwood, IL

The day after he graduates, me & Brad are headed to Hollywood, to see the Rolling Stones, cozy up to some babe celebrities, & enjoy some father/son time before he takes his Board Exams & finds a damn job. Hallelujah!



OUR FAMILY WISHES YOU AND YOUR FAMILY A JOYOUS CHRISTMAS, AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR IN 2019.

A WISH CENTERED IN FAITH, HEALTH, GOODNESS & PEACE,

WE ARE SO GLAD YOU ARE PART OF OUR LIVES.

LOVE TO ALL,

*Rick, Kathy, Bryan, Sabrina, Thor, Ben,
Jordan, Reese, Brett, Brad, Tina, Saurav, Sean
&
The Great General Charley*

PRAYERS PLEASE FOR SABRINA'S FATHER TONY,
STRUGGLING VALIANTLY AGAINST ALS.
HE IS A GREAT MAN

Best Quotes Heard In 2018



“That Would Be Jesus, Thor. His Name Is Jesus.”

At Church, Sabrina Answers Thor's Query of “Now Who's That Other Guy With God?”

“Ever See A Bear Drive A Car?”

Rick's Question To Brad As They Both Watch Bryan Park His Car At Lucky Strikers...

“The Longer You Wait, The More Likely I Am To Say NO!”

Christina Warning Brad that her Proposal Patience Is Almost Exhausted....

“Uncle Brett”

Right Before Thanksgiving, Thor Answers His Pre-School Teacher On What He's Most Thankful For....

“But Kathy, This Might Be The Last Time They Tour!”

In May, Rick Informs Kathy They Must Go To London To See The Rolling Stones For The 31st Time. (However, They Just Announced a 12 City US Tour In 2019. Guess It Wasn't The Last Tour....)

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