

# Taylor and Mitchell's special season

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Taylor always wanted a winter wedding. "I just love the time of year," she smiles.

Self-described as a detail-oriented, natural leader, and someone who loves to plan,

Taylor organized a classic and stylish event. Little did she know that in Mitchell's family, winter weddings were already a tradition! "His sister, his mom and dad, his grandma and grandpa, his aunt and uncle — they all have weddings right within the same few weeks," she tells.



Flower Girl, Virginia Garrett and Ring Bearer, Mason Winkler hide their eyes from the kiss shared by the newlyweds.



The couple thought it only fitting to reserve a special table for the Forest Park Dance team. They surprised everyone with a special performance for the couple.

Having the wedding in Taylor's hometown made sense. The majority of Taylor's family would be close by, and much of Mitchell's family, who live in various parts of the country, would be traveling from afar no matter the location. The couple booked a block of rooms at the Comfort Inn for their guests and registered online with Amazon and Bed, Bath and Beyond. Taylor's mom also threw her a bridal shower in the Möbel Room of the Ferdinand Community Center.

As soon as Ferdinand was decided for the wedding location, Taylor knew she wanted to be married at Christ the King-St. Ferdinand. (Both she and Mitchell are Catholic and attend Good Shepherd in Evansville. Father Zach Etienne, who served as their wedding officiant, is also their priest.) "It's beautiful," she says of the Ferdinand church. "It was decorated beautifully for Christmas. It was gorgeous."

Later, the couple received compliments on the choice of church, its beauty, openness and visibility, and also on the ceremony from Mitchell's extended family. For many of them the wedding felt like a reunion. "People could really socialize with those they hadn't seen in a long time," says Taylor. "It was nice."

For the bride and her attendees, the morning began with makeup and hair at The Beauty Bar in Jasper. The women got dressed at the home of family friends, while the men got ready at the Heilers' residence. Taylor's bridesmaids wore classic black gowns, and they carried white and green bouquets designed by Erin Rust. The groomsmen wore tuxes, of course, and socks representing their favorite sports teams. (Gifts from the groom!)

Next, Taylor and Mitchell enjoyed their "first look."

"We kind of went back and forth," Taylor explains of the contemporary custom, which is often encouraged for those wedding in the winter, when the sun sets early. "Both of us are happy that we did," she tells of seeing each other privately and for the first time. "It's really nice to have that moment. That was fun."

Group photos and videos followed with Two Hawks Photography and videographer, Jake Jones. Then came the ceremony, at which local musicians Katie Gillquist and Traci Senninger-Catt performed.

After the wedding, the bridal party and friends made stops at Fleig's, Monastery Immaculate Conception, and St. Benedict's Brew Works, which was a hit with out-of-towners.

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