

## Thanksgiving



Thanksgiving is the time each year when we pause and give thanks to God for our blessings. Hopefully we do this more than just once per year, but even so I think it is good for me to make that extra effort during this time of year to be a little more intentional and thoughtful about it.

I made a list of the top five things I was thankful for in 2014.

1. My granddaughter, Adeline, was born in February. Grandchild number three is a healthy and happy baby. She is the closest grandchild to us and so we have the opportunity to see her most often. It makes me smile when I remember my son's fatherly reaction to his daughter being born, "This changes everything."
2. Betty and I drove cross country to visit our daughter and grandchild number one, William, in Portland in July. We enjoyed driving out there together. And, of course, it was good to see family that we don't get to see very often. I was also pressured into running a 5K with a pulled hamstring with my daughter while there. But, I found out that's easier than trying to keep up with an active 4 year old boy for a week!
3. Betty celebrated 12 years of being cancer-free in September. What else can I say about that, except that I don't know what I'd do or where I'd be without her!
4. Grandchild number four, Ivan, was born in October. In the words of his dad, "He came out mad and hungry!" Originally I worried that he might be cowed by his older sister, but something tells me that he will be able to hold his own.
5. The fifth thing that I am most thankful for is my mom's passing on to a better place on October 31. When I told her priest that she had passed away during the night he told me that she was ready, and that he had anointed her so many times that "she has enough oil on her she should slip right into heaven."

I'm grateful for so many things. I have a great job here and I work with amazing teachers and staff. I get to be around awesome kids all day long. I have a great family. Materially and physically I lack for nothing.

I don't think it's a fluke that my top five all had to do with people, not things. The fact that they are family just makes it all the better.

Happy Thanksgiving to you all!

In His Service,  
Jim Makey, Principal