

Uganda Girls Project



Rockaway Beach, Oregon and Peabody, Massachusetts

February 2026

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE. . . .

Thank you so much for your December's support, it will help us as we buy supplies for the new academic year. This check in the amount of \$3050 will also be applied to our tuition needs for your scholarship girls in this new school year of 2026.

Our situation here is getting harder for our families and your help is so appreciated with scholarships. One of the bright spots is that our "piggery" that you helped us start many years ago is doing very well. Notice the pictures I've sent of the many piglets. The workers who help us in the garden and piggery were very busy during our break and into the beginning of this new school year.



In preparation for the year 2026, we are harvesting beans and drying maize in the sun. In the same way we are working on admissions, registration is in progress though turn out is not yet good. Our elections have kept people home for safety because of roadblocks and angry fights in the cities due to election disputes.

One of our students, Mary Mellisa, lost her father just before Christmas. Her father would sometimes have a bad case of asthma and had always before been able to buy the medication he needed when that attack happened, but this time no medication was available as is happening these days, and he died. He was a good man who cared about providing for his family. Seeing the current needs of his 6 children, we felt it right to add Mary Mellisa on the group of full sponsored girls. She had been getting a partial scholarship. It is so hard to decide who gets a scholarship and who does not receive one. **Hearing the needs of so many families, it is challenging for us to make these decisions on who is most qualified. Thank you for providing scholarships for our St. Aloysius needy students!**

Yours in Christ

Sister Maria Theresa, Principal

FROM THE TEAM . . .

Due to the Uganda's presidential elections held the middle of January, their government had a technology blackout that affected all email and phone services most of January. Just last week I heard from Sr. Maria Theresa that students were finally being allowed to return to school and classes would be starting the second week of February.

We thank so many of you for managing the donation switch and are now sending your donations to Sr. Immaculate by using the website or by mailing your checks directly to the Daughters of Mary. Please check at the bottom of this newsletter for the website link or the address for Sr. Immaculate.

The following is written by a guest of our team, Courtney Berrian, Senior Director, Adrian Dominican Institute for Teaching and Learning and Mission Officer, Miami. . . .

Dear Friend in Christ,

Saint Aloysius Girls School in Uganda is a Catholic school dedicated to educating young girls who would otherwise be unable to attend school due to poverty and limited opportunity. Many families in the region must choose which child to educate, and girls are often the first left behind. Through faith, discipline, and quality education, Saint Aloysius is giving these girls a chance to learn, grow, and recognize their God-given dignity.

Your generous support helps provide tuition, school supplies, meals, and a safe learning environment rooted in Catholic values. An education does more than change one girl's life—it strengthens families, uplifts communities, and helps break cycles of poverty. Educated girls are more likely to support their families, contribute to their parishes, and raise healthy, educated children of their own.

By supporting Saint Aloysius Girl's School, you are investing in long-term development across East Africa while living out our shared call to serve "the least of these." We invite you to prayerfully consider a gift that will help these young women build a future filled with faith, hope, and opportunity. Together, we can help ensure that no child is denied an education simply because she is a girl.

Weebale, friends! Thank you!

****The girls are returning from break and the new school year will begin the second week of February!****





A girl asking for help

**Weebale!
Thank you
to all of our
friends
and
patrons!**



Bringing gifts to the orphanage at Christmas.



The Piggery you helped us start 8 years ago. It helps support the school.



Thank you for your very generous donations! Sister Maria Therese appreciates all you have done for her girls. To contribute online, go to: <https://bannabikirasisterscorp.org> OR mail donation checks to:
**Daughters of Mary Sisters
c/o Sister Immaculate
136 Lynn St.
Peabody, MA 01960**
Make your checks out to *Daughters of Mary* and write *St. Aloysius School* in the memo line. Please include your email address!
\$650 provides a girl in-need with room, board and tuition for a year!
THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR FRIENDS AND PATRONS!