

Uganda Girls Project



St. Mary by the Sea Parish, Rockaway Beach, Oregon

August 2025

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE. . . .

I hope this message finds you well. I am delighted to bring you some updates for our school St Aloysius. On behalf of the entire school, I extend our deepest gratitude to you for your generous recent scholarship donations that help the needy scholarship students who wish so much for a secondary education.



As well as doing their best academically, we now have a serious commitment to a life skills education such as continuing our machine sewing classes, and now our students have been engaged in weaving lessons and these have nurtured creativity, and an appreciation for our traditional weaving crafts. We have at this time focused on making baskets.

On Sunday we held a school get-together party which was an event that was aimed at showcasing the achievements of our different clubs. At the same time, we celebrated the newly elected club leaders and thanked the outgoing leaders for the great work that has been done in their respective clubs. The evening's fun created a great bond of friendship among students and fostered teamwork. It was an event filled with joy, learning and creative collaboration.

This is also the time for the students to elect their new leaders for their classes and our school head prefect. We held a formal ceremony to induct our newly elected leaders. It was a proud moment that underscored the values of responsibility, leadership and service. I am happy to introduce to you our new and current Head Prefect by the names of Joan, Form 5, and her assistant Doreen.

Please enjoy all our pictures of these events.

I once again thank you so much for all your love and support towards our school St Aloysius Bwanda!

May God continually bless you all.

Sister Maria Theresa, Principal

A message from the St. Mary by the Sea, Uganda Girls Project Team. . . . August 12, 2025

Our financial report is in and we are happy to report that as of the end of July, we have so far wired to the St. Aloysius School account \$29,300 for this year of 2025. With our goal being \$40,000 and with 5 months to go, we are doing very well! Thank you for your generosity!

We enjoyed having Sr. Immaculate visiting us for a few days in July and we thank you for the warm welcome you gave her. She sent a thank you note that you will find in this newsletter. She brought us news of the 501-c3 status and the continuing work to set up a donation website for the Daughters of Mary in this country.

So far in 2025, we have wired \$29,300 to St. Aloysius! Our goal for the year is \$40,000 with five months to go!

Remember 100% of your donations go towards scholarships for needy girls to complete their high school education!

Also, please enjoy the letter from a team member and two other thank you letters from St. Aloysius graduated students who are now members of the "Old Girls" club as they are called in Uganda.

Thank you for supporting St. Aloysius!

Our St. Aloysius graduate and full-scholarship recipient, Claire, is now a medical doctor!

We are making a difference, friends!



***** **Letters** *****

(From Sister Annet)

I am Sister Annet and I am writing to extend my deep-heartfelt gratitude to all donors that support so many students at St. Aloysius, Bwanda. I am one of the graduates of St. Aloysius and I am very proud of it. Your support was miraculous to me because I came from a poor family that could not afford to pay for all my school fees. But with your help I was able to finish my secondary education! I do not have enough words to express my gratitude, but I promise to keep you in my prayers.

After completing high school I made a discernment to become a religious sister. I joined formation and in 2021 I made my first vows. After passing the rigorous English test to qualify, our Superior General appointed me to come to the USA to continue my studies at Seattle University in 2023 where I am now.

I thank you for your loving support to all the needy girls at St. Aloysius and for loving the Daughters of Mary at large who wish to educate and care for women and girls. Thank you!

Yours faithfully,
Sister Annet

(From team member, Barbara Rodriguez)

Dear friends, As I sit here thinking about all the girls and young ladies we have helped these last 10 years to get an education, I am feeling humbled. Humbled after reading student Jane Francis's letter where she stated that when she was growing up as an orphan, education was like a dream.

Because of our generosity and compassion she is living her dream of hope for a future. A true testimony of what God's love can do when we work together to help those in need. So I am humbled by her thoughts and her talent for writing.

I am sitting here thinking about all the things we have accomplished beyond providing scholarships, security wall, stove paint, roof, benches and tables. The list goes on and on. But I was the happiest when we were able to provide not one but two water purification systems. Pure, clean drinking water for our girls is so important to keep them healthy.

As I sit here thinking about this unending story I have one last thought, "How does this help me?" I am not only helping one girl, I am helping her family, her village, her country. I am helping and in my heart I know I am making a difference one girl at a time.

Know that your donation, no matter how small makes a difference in these young lives. Thank you and God bless, Barbara

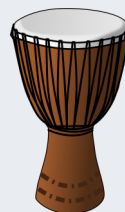
(From Sister Immaculate)

Greetings dear St. Aloysius friends, I especially enjoyed my visit to Oregon this summer where I saw so many dear friends who have been part of my journey for a long time. I treasure you. St. Mary by the Sea holds a very special place in my heart. I loved getting together with so many of you. Thank you for your friendship, hospitality, and generosity! With love, Sr. Immaculate



Our new student leaders,

Joan and Doreen!



Thank you for your very generous donations! Sister appreciates all you have done for her girls. Future donation checks should be made out to **St. Mary by the Sea Church**. (Please write UGANDA on the memo line) and mail to:

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