

Uganda Girls Project

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



Plan to come and visit with Sister Immaculate following masses on July 19th and 20th!

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE. . . .

Hello friends,

At this time of the school year, we have a big competition challenge among all our secondary schools in our diocese. Competitions this past Saturday went very well for us, and we emerged in the 3rd place overall. We were the best in essay writing, traditional dance, and we had the best organist!



Our girls worked hard to prepare and many of our student competitors were your scholarship students. We are proud of how we performed among all the other tough competitor schools.

Thank you, friends, for your continuing support!

Sister Maria Theresa, Principal

A message from the St. Mary by the Sea, Uganda Girls Project Team. . . . July 13, 2025

Our Yard Sale for Scholarships was a successful three days of community commitment, and activity. We made just over \$4000 at the sale, but we also received just over \$3000 in donations during the weekend! That's a total of \$7025.23! Thank you to so many of you who donated items and especially thank you to the over 28 church members who volunteered to work during this very successful sale!

This coming weekend of July 19th and 20th Sister Immaculate will be visiting us! Some of you might remember her when she first came to visit us as a college student at Seattle University. Then she visited us as a high school principal and head mistress at St. Aloysius Secondary School when she told us about the girls in Uganda who were in need of scholarship help to attend high school. Now she is visiting us again as a longtime friend to update us on her life and where her vocation has led her.

Please plan to visit with her after the weekend masses!

Weebale Thank you!

**Former St. Aloysius student,
Jane Francis, visited with us during our
sale weekend. Please see her letter on
page 2 of this newsletter.**



****** A Letter from Jane Frances******

Dear St Mary by the Sea Parishioners and friends,

First, I would like to sincerely thank each of you for welcoming me so warmly. I especially thank the entire church of St. Mary by the Sea for your incredible generosity and faithful support of the girls at St. Aloysius Bwanda Girls School in Kalunga, Uganda.

I am here today not just as a student from St. Aloysius, but as living testimony of what your compassion and sacrifice can do. I grew up an orphan starting in primary school in Uganda. Like many girls in my situation, high school education often felt like a distant dream. Because of your generosity, I qualified for a partial scholarship from your program, and I was able to complete my studies from Senior One to Senior Four at St. Aloysius.

That opportunity gave me so much more than just academics. I received hope for a future. It gave me dignity that I have value, and it gave me a purpose.

After completing S4, I was blessed to be brought to the United States by my Uncle Joseph who had been paying my other half of tuition fees and lives in Texas. I completed grades 11 and 12 at Lake Highlands School in Dallas, Texas. Today, by the grace of God and continued hard work, I have been admitted to the University of Texas at Arlington where I will be pursuing a Bachelor's degree in Nursing while continuing to live with my uncle. It is my dream to serve, with compassion, the underserved.

People like you are the greatest miracle. You may never meet the children you help, but your love and support travels across the ocean and transforms many lives. Thank you for believing in girls like me. You have become part of our story by helping so many girls.

You are not just donating, you are planting seeds. Seeds that can grow in knowledge, confidence, and opportunity. One of those seeds was me. And I promise you that your efforts are not in vain. I will make you proud.

God bless you abundantly as you continue supporting the girls of St. Aloysius Bwanda Girls School. You have become part of our story.

Thank you with love,
Jane Frances

Preparing for our competition!



Our Yard Sale at St. Mary by the Sea!

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:

St. Mary by the Sea
ATTN: Catherine Imbrie
P.O Box 390
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OR give online at: www.stmarybythesea.com click on Online Giving and under Fund choose St.Aloysius School in Uganda.

THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR FRIENDS AND PATRONS!

