

Uganda Girls Project



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

Yard Sale June 28/29 at St. Mary by the Sea! ** Yard Sale June 28/29 at St. Mary by the Sea!***

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE. . . .



*Greetings to you dear friends,
Our students made a pilgrimage to Namugongo, a national shrine on the edge of Kampala, Uganda. In English it's called, "The Martyrs Shrine" and is very important to us who are Christians in our country as it commemorates 22 Catholic and 23 Anglican martyrs who were killed on orders of the king. Let me share with you a bit of its history then you might look up more information on the internet. On June 3, 1886, Charles Lwanga was burned alive at Namugongo along with others. Every June 3rd, Uganda Martyrs' Day is a national holiday, and millions of pilgrims come to pray and sing together at this shrine. We were so happy to be able to take many of our students to visit this year as many had never been there before. Please see the pictures.*

We are excited to hear about the yard sale you are having for scholarships, and we thank you for doing this for us. We too have garage sales in this country, but mostly in the cities.

Thank you for all you do to support our scholarship girls.

Sister Maria Theresa, Principal

A message from the St. Mary by the Sea, Uganda Girls Project Team. . . . June 16, 2025

The last weekend of this month of June our St. Aloysius team here at St. Mary by the Sea having a giant yard sale to help raise money for scholarships at St. Aloysius. The commitment and generosity of our volunteers is a huge blessing to this project.

This year a special guest will be arriving to help us with our yard sale. Jane Frances, a student from St. Aloysius will be visiting us over the weekend of the sale! She received a partial scholarship from us for four years before moving to Texas to live with her uncle and complete her last two years of high school.

We hope everyone gets a chance to talk with her and ask her questions you might have about St. Aloysius or her life in Uganda and then here in a public high school.

Meet Jane Frances at our Yard Sale the last weekend in June! Yard Sale Hours:

Saturday (June 28) 9-4

Sunday (June 29) 9-1

Weebale Thank you!

***Our pilgrimage to Namugongo
June 3rd, National Martyrs' Day***



A Little Bit of History

Some years ago, a mission project fell into our lap at St. Mary by the Sea! It was brought to us by two sisters who were members of the Daughters of Mary, an order of African sisters dedicated to serving the women, children, and poor of Uganda and Kenya. These two sisters had received a scholarship from Seattle University and came to Rockaway to visit us by invitation of our priest at that time.

After hearing their message, a group of us from St. Mary by the Sea formed a team to help one secondary school in Uganda that served needy young women (the Uganda government does not provide free education above primary school).

Our mission became to educate girls who come from families too poor to pay for their daughters to attend secondary school but do have high test scores. In 2019, two members of our church traveled to Uganda to visit this school and see firsthand their needs. They found the young students so thankful to receive our help through upgrading their school facilities and providing over 250, mostly partial, scholarships. The women of Uganda struggle to improve their lives against many odds.

Now over 10 years later, we have seen many of our students graduate from high school, college and even medical school! Others have started businesses or have gone back to their villages and become leaders in their communities. An educated girl can help change their entire family's ability to make a living.

Thank you to you, the many donors, who help to see these needy girls' dreams come true by providing scholarships to get a high school education.



From a supporter in New Mexico . . .

There are so many huge, unjust, seemingly un-mitigatable horrors all over the world that it's a relief to actually be able to do something somewhere for someone. Thanks for the opportunity! Jody

From Sister Liz Schille:

Thanks to everyone involved in this ministry. It is critical to the future of the world to educate girls who will become our future. My prayers and support. Sr. Liz Schille, RHS



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
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