## **Uganda Girls Project**

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



## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE....

Dear Friends . . . .

*St. Aloysius had a big International Women's Day celebration on March 8th! This is an exciting day for women* 



in Uganda. Over 50 alumni (called The Old Girls) showed up to join in the festivities. We celebrate for all women to have a chance to become educated and to have a voice in their future!

The Old Girls Alumni at this same time surprised us with 7 beautiful computers and we are filled with happiness! The students could not wait to set them up in the school's computer room. Please enjoy all the pictures.

At the same time the S1 (first year) students joined us wearing their new St. Aloysius uniforms. All students also received jumpers (sweaters) as sometimes the girls can't get warm. All students now must pay for their own school uniforms except in special circumstances.

Our 2024 National Government test scores are in and we are so proud of our S4 students! The tests have changed along with the new improved curriculum in Uganda. All schools were concerned how their students would do. We are excited that our students did extremely well for their Ordinary Certificates! We now eagerly await our S6 student scores. (S6 are students who plan to attend college.)

We thank you for all the support you have provided us throughout these many years!

## Sister Maria Theresa, Principal

## A message from the St. Mary by the Sea, Uganda Girls Project Team, March 14, 2025

On Friday, March 7, 2025, I had the pleasure of attending and taking notes at the St. Aloysius Team Meeting. The meeting was launched with prayer of gratitude for this beautiful mission to continue helping young women by donating to their education.

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The energy in the room was hopeful and spiritually uplifting. There was a lively conversation about our upcoming fundraisers, especially our YARDSALE coming this June! I experienced the enthusiasm and pride in all being willing to divide the tasks necessary to make the upcoming sale a big success. Fellowship among the team, with its foundation in our beloved St. Mary by the Sea Parish's belief in Catholic service to help the needy, was at its finest in my humble opinion.

It is inspiring to see and feel God working through each of the members of this St. Aloysius Team. The feeling of pride is contagious and precious. I know that when I am involved with this project whether with donations or time, I am giving back to the world. Giving to this project is Love which is God's wish for all of us. Love, Christine H.

Thanks to all who support St. Aloysius scholarships!

Celebrating. . . . International Women's Day 2025

at St. Aloysius!





**Our International Women's Day Celebration!!** 



3 boards members, our chaplain, head prefect and Sister Maria Theresa.

Setting up the new computers From the Old Girls! Some alumni from The Old Girls Club! We were thrilled with their gift of computers!

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

St. Mary by the Sea ATTN: Catherine Imbrie P.O Box 390 Rockaway Beach, OR 97136

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THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR FRIENDS AND PATRONS!