

# Uganda Girls Project



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

## A message from St. Mary by the Sea . . . Uganda Team. . . May 18, 2021

I love getting the newsletters that keep us updated on **our girls!** I am always so thankful I was at mass so long ago when we met Sister Immaculate and heard her story of St. Aloysius and the need to educate the girls of Uganda. It warms my heart to see the good our donations do, but more than even that, how appreciative they are for every little thing we do for them.

**God bless you for all you do to help these young ladies get an education!**

Gloria Guyer, a professional quilter who lives in Tillamook, has spent much of this past pandemic year sewing extra beautiful quilts. She has donated six of them to us to support St. Aloysius! Look for our tickets sold after masses at \$10.00 each or contact me. All proceeds will go for St. Aloysius scholarships. Quilts are also available to buy outright! Please check out the quilt pictures after mass and contact me or reply to this newsletter. Thank you. . . Barbara Rodrigues

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

### Dear Friends!

When our students returned to school in the beginning of February to start our new year, I was worried about their supplies that had not been replaced while they were home and that some returned in fragile health. Many had even returned without any mosquito nets, as they do wear out and get holes. A good net costs about \$4.00 each. This is not in our school budget and many parents can't afford them for their daughters these days. **So thank you for your generosity in sending extra money lately that enabled us to buy new mosquito nets for all our girls!** This was



truly a huge gift!

We also bought some wonderful new science equipment, and your generosity is keeping our food in good supply.

It takes a lot to run a school and we are so grateful for your support! **You are helping to keep students healthy, safe, and in school.**

**May our great God abundantly bless you and your families for all your kindness to us. . . .**

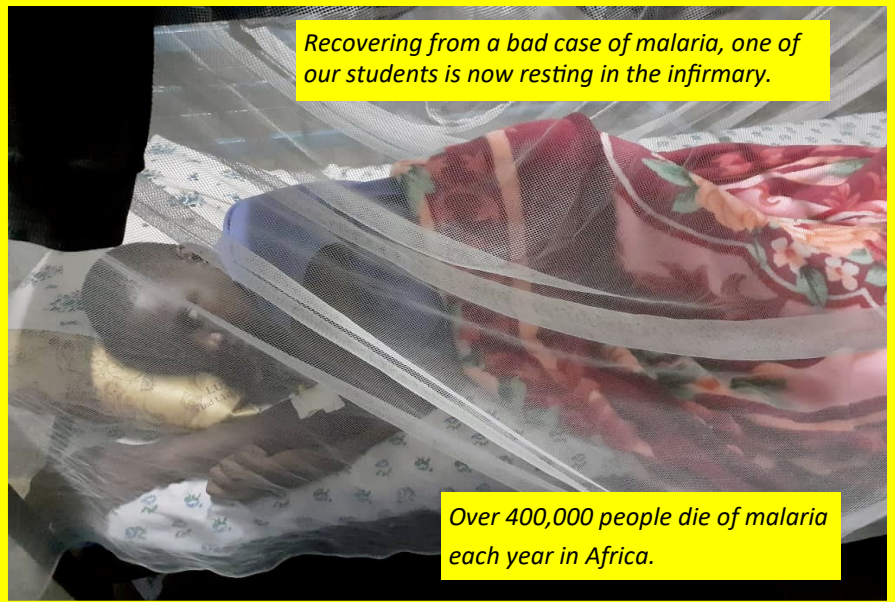
**Sister Immaculate, Principal**

**Working with our new microscopes!  
Thank you!!!**





All girls now have mosquito nets!  
Thank you!!!



Recovering from a bad case of malaria, one of our students is now resting in the infirmary.

Over 400,000 people die of malaria each year in Africa.



Students getting vitamin juice made of fresh ginger, lemon and other herbs. We do everything we can to keep our girls healthy! Malaria has been especially bad this year!

**A little bit of history . . . . .** Many of you might remember that it was Memorial Day weekend of 2016 when we first heard Sr. Immaculate explain to us during mass how difficult educating young women in Uganda was. In 2003, as a young student of the Daughters of Mary in Uganda, Sister Immaculate was attending Seattle University and became friends with some of us here while visiting our pastor, Father Jack. She had returned in 2016 for a visit to Seattle with an airline ticket paid for by old college friends and came for that Memorial Day weekend to visit some of us in Rockaway where she met our priest at that time, Fr. Larry. Now Headmistress of St. Aloysius she told us, during mass, her story of struggling to educate 350 students to graduate from high school. She stressed how important it was in her country to educate women and after hearing her, Fr. Larry asked us, "How could we not help?" So this ministry began with a few of us committing to donate regularly, and we began coming up with ways to fund-raise. Thank you for your generosity through all these years of supporting our fundraising activities for St. Aloysius!



Yogurt made in biology!

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** and mailed to:

St. Mary by the Sea  
ATTN: Catherine Imbrie  
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Rockaway Beach, OR 97136

On the 15th of each month, checks will be deposited into the account for Sr Immaculate, then wired to Uganda. She will use the money to buy food for the girls, pay teachers and continue building projects. **Forty dollars sent each month can keep a girl in school !** It costs \$450 a year for tuition, room, board and uniform.