Uganda Girls Project

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

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE. . . .



Our first quarter is already over and most students have returned home for a short break. We still have some students who have stayed here at school break time for various reasons. A few of our scholarship girls are from northern Uganda and they only go home at the end of the school year which is at the Christmas holiday time as the cost of traveling home is too much for their families.

This year's students who will be testing in the fall are now returning early so they can start reviewing and doing extra studying to prepare for the fall government tests. Last year many of our young women did very well on these tests. We are hopeful that this year's candidates will do as well.

Two of our students, Whitney and Ann Olivia, qualified to attend a special business and entrepreneurial conference in Kampala during their spring break. It is called the Stanibic National Schools Business Champion Boot Camp. We are so proud of all our girls who tried out by working on innovative business ideas. Our student, Whitney, did exceptionally well by finishing in the top 20 out of hundreds of both boy and girl learners. All these students are developing qualities that will serve them well in their life careers. The villages especially need young women to become leaders.

Thank you again for your prayers and for being our dedicated donors.

Sister Maria Theresa, Principal

A message from the St. Mary by the Sea, Uganda Girls Project Team. . . . May 21, 2025

Our St. Aloysius students are busy with their many school activities and studies while learning the skills they will need to be successful in their futures.

We St. Aloysius team members along with so many of you, are doing the best we can to help students who qualify to continue their education through high school. For these girls who did very well in grade school and want to continue but cannot afford the cost of the continuing school through high school, we provide an opportunity to receive a scholarship depending on their family needs. (Uganda does not offer free school beyond sixth grade.)

We will be having just one fundraiser this year to help us give over 200 tuition scholarships of various amounts. Please help us if you can by donating yard sale items or time with this event. If you live a distance away as many of you do, a prayer or sending us positive energy will be welcomed too!

A huge YARDSALE will be held on JUNE 28th & 29th in the St. Mary by the Sea hall and patio. ALL PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT OUR ST. ALOYSIUS SCHOLARSHIP FUND! We are looking for good items to sell and many volunteers to help. Please let us know if you are available! We are hoping that you can bring your yard sale donations Friday the 27th late morning and early afternoon.

In addition to the sale, one of the St. Aloysius students we met as an 8th grader five years ago in Uganda when Dia and I visited will be here to help with the sale and talk to you about her life! Jane Frances is soon graduating from high school and is thrilled to be able to come here. We are very excited about her visit thanks to an uncle of hers that is in the US military and is paying for her trip. She has been living with her uncle while finishing her last two years of high school at a large public school in Houston and has earned a scholarship to nursing school there which will start this coming fall. I hope that everyone gets a chance to meet her, ask questions, and hear her story.

Weebale . . . . Thank you!

Please attend and donate to our St. Aloysius yard sale to be held on June 28th and 29th!

(details above in the Team message)









Letters

Lydia has two more years of high school and has been getting excellent grades as one of our scholarship students. She writes:



I am from a noble family of ten children with only two brothers. I am the fifth born so it is a busy household. We all thank you for my scholarship from you. It is very important to me and to my family for your help. My favorite subjects are physics, chemistry and biology. I work hard to get the best grades possible so in one more year I can take the government tests to get a scholarship to the university. I am interested in becoming a heart doctor if that is in God's plans. If I can become a cardiologist maybe I can make a difference in the world.

I will never forget the Catholic values I have learned here and I will always be grateful for all the help you donors have given me. Your sponsorship will be awarded in heaven by all our prayers for you. Your daughter, Lydia

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From Claire:

I have reached the end of my university work in medicine and surgery at Kampala International University having aced my final exams with success. I have been cleared to graduate and now waiting for 14 June 2025.

What a good time to be alive and share this news with you! Because of one thing I am sure, all this would not have been possible without my first full high school scholarship at St. Aloysius from you and the other emergency help throughout the years that some of you have given. The good that I can do for others is offered for you, my benefactors. Claire.

Thank you, friends!



So proud of Whitney!



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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