

Uganda Girls Project



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

A message from the St. Mary by the Sea Uganda team. . . .

Together we are educating young women who will make a difference in the world! This is our mission statement!

There are times that I feel buried under so many local as well as national issues and wonder if anything ever gets better in our world. Maybe sometimes you feel this way too. Then I think of our St Mary by the Sea family, and that we remain a very alive and vibrant community even though we too struggle at times. I think it's important to remember that as a parish family we serve and share in so many ways to make our world a better place. Especially . . .

- * *Celebrate Recovery* which meets every Wednesday.
- *Senior Meals* by giving them a home for over twenty years.!
- *Helping Hands* contributions which serve our county's needy.
- * St Aloysius, Uganda, scholarship support.

The more abundantly we share, the more gifts we receive from the Holy Spirit.... Together we are making a difference.

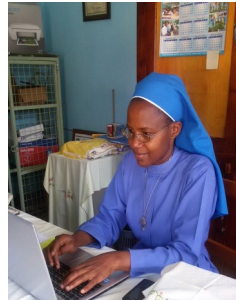
FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE. . . .

Dear friends,

I am so sad to hear that Fr Larry has retired and we here at St Aloysius pray seriously to God to get the right priest for St. Mary by the Sea.

The school year here started well but there are more students who come needing help and now the rains are delayed here. We had put our seeds in garden when the rains started. But then it became dry again and now we have lost most of our seeds. Food is becoming more expensive as people are getting worried and now we don't expect to harvest anything, especially our maize crop, until around July. I must buy maize and beans for the next term, it is a challenge because we always need to have cash to shop for food.

I continuously thank you for your scholarship support because I could not run this school to this level without you. You feed and educate girls who would not be here getting an education without your generosity. I hope you enjoy reading about the students pictured in this newsletter!



Sister Immaculate
Principal



Their very first day of school!! January 2019

Happy Easter Everyone!!
He has risen! Alleluia!!



Helping to harvest maize in February. These girls are on partial scholarship. Thank you!



Meet Claire . . .

Claire completed St Aloysius and is now in college studying to become a medical doctor. Claire was an orphan who you helped to finish high school. She then applied for a loan from the bank to support her university education and is to pay it back when she starts to work. I still partially provide her some school supplies with your help. We are very proud of Claire's success.

Wee Bale! Thank you, St. Mary by the Sea!



Gertrude has completed high school on a partial St Mary by the Sea scholarship and has now joined our postulancy. We are grateful!!



Mable was elected prefect in charge of co-curricular activities this year. She is wearing the prefects uniform which shows that she is on the leadership team. Mable was about to drop out of school due to the failure of her mother to pay last month's little money she was supposed to pay. I had to call her back from leaving school. Her family has recently come on bad times. She is a class leader who is so clever with her arts and crafts, as well as a student that works hard in her classes. *Thank you for giving her the opportunity to continue her studies and not drop out this year!*

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.