

Uganda Girls Project



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

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE. . . .

Dear Friends,

Last Saturday we had a sports "Gala" with some alumni,



called the "old girls," who came to have fun. I hope you enjoy the photos. It was organized in Kampala at Kisubi University. I traveled with ten students, who are on the school team

for netball and volleyball, to compete with the Old Girl Association students. The students are the ones in red and blue.

St Aloysius Bwanda Old Girls Association. This is the association for former students who went through St Aloysius and now are pursuing their different careers. The main motive for this reunion with some of our old students is to see that we bring these women on board to support our school. Remember they are still organizing to buy us some computers.

Also, we have started a program where our first-year students attend knitting/sewing lessons every Saturday morning. Notice in the pictures I sent that all these dresses and skirts are handmade. We are still lacking sewing machines, but this is a lifelong skill we have determined is important to teach, and the girls are eager to learn.

Thank you for all the support and prayers you send our way as we pray for you too.

Sister Maria Theresa, Principal

A message from the St. Mary by the Sea, Uganda Team, August 5, 2024

Dear Friends of St. Aloysius,

We hope this finds you well and enjoying the beautiful summer weather. It has been a busy summer and thanks to the steadfast generosity of all of you, \$6,608.00 for June and July has recently been wired to St Aloysius, bringing the **total for the year so far to \$24,587 in support of scholarships**. THANK YOU SO MUCH! This amount is still behind where we would like to be, but we are hopeful that donations continue to come in to help get us close to **our goal of \$60,000**.

It has been special to have contact with a former St. Aloysius student who is now living in Texas with her uncle, and who has shared how exceptionally well she did during her junior year in high school in Texas. She even taught African Dance to schoolmates and is excelling in her classes. It is hard to believe that we met her 5 years ago in Uganda.

Catherine and I also had the chance to visit with Fr. John Paul recently on a "What's Ap" call. During our stay, he was providing music instruction at St. Aloysius and has since completed his path to priesthood. We were able to reminisce, and he asked that we share his appreciation for the continued efforts of St. Mary by the Sea and friends to support such a wonderful scholarship program. We were delighted to learn that he is located close to St. A's and still has the opportunity to keep in touch with the students, teachers and sisters working there.

I just returned from a camping trip with family, and although it was sunny and warm, we already started talking about the upcoming winter holidays. Our Ugandan friends remind us of how truly blessed we are, and I know in my family we are extremely grateful and recognize that the holidays can be the perfect time for sharing our bounty, not only with each other but also in meaningful ways for others.

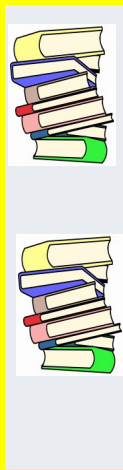
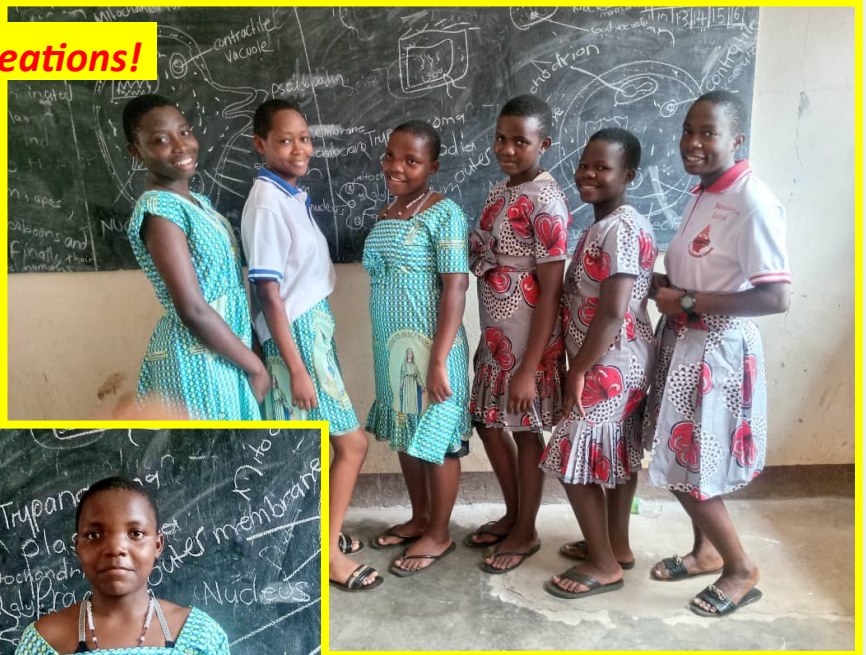
I encourage us all to consider support to the young women of St. Aloysius and give the gift of education – truly a gift that keeps on giving!

Peace and blessings, Dia Norris

Students attend a Sports Gala at Kisubi University in Kampala with the Old Girls' Association.



Our Creations!



At the Sports Gala



**Thank you, friends!
Weebale!**

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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