

Uganda Girls Project



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

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE. . . .

Dear Friends,

The government UACE exam scores are back and our S6 student (12th grade), Nancy, scored 18 points in Biology, Chemistry and Mathematics (very high marks!). She has been one of your sponsored students, and we believe she is going to get a government scholarship for college. Her dream is to study medicine. There is also an S4 (10th grade) girl who has done extremely well who is also a student that you sponsor. Without your scholarship support these girls would not have such a bright future.



You have provided an amazing opportunity for all these girls to have a good future that will make them leaders with an education! Thank you!

This is parents' weekend and we are stressing the importance of continuing in school after students complete their S4 level (10th grade). For many years only a few girls would continue on to complete high school. An Ordinary Certificate at the end of S4 was considered good for a girl. Now our government is stressing the importance for all students to complete all the grades of high school. The cost is a burden for families so you, as scholarship donors, make a big difference to help families allow their children to complete school.

We wish you a beautiful Holy Week and the many blessings of Easter! May our risen Christ fill you with His joy forever.

Sister Maria Theresa, Principal

A message from the St. Mary by the Sea, Uganda Team, March 24, 2024

This past week we had a *WhatsApp* phone visit with Sister Maria Theresa, and she continues to be so excited about the many student successes on government tests.

She also feels so happy that at St. Aloysius they have now added enough clubs so that all students can join at least one club. Sister believes that being a member of a club gives girls a sense of belonging and a feeling of solidarity to a cause. She enlisted Teacher Joseph to help make signs for each club. Enjoy the pictures in this newsletter. She said that they have only two more signs to go, Girls Hoop Ball and Computer Club. This gives the girls a total of 9 clubs. She hopes that her students will see the importance of learning leadership skills and having interests beyond schoolwork as community involvement is a lifelong necessity.

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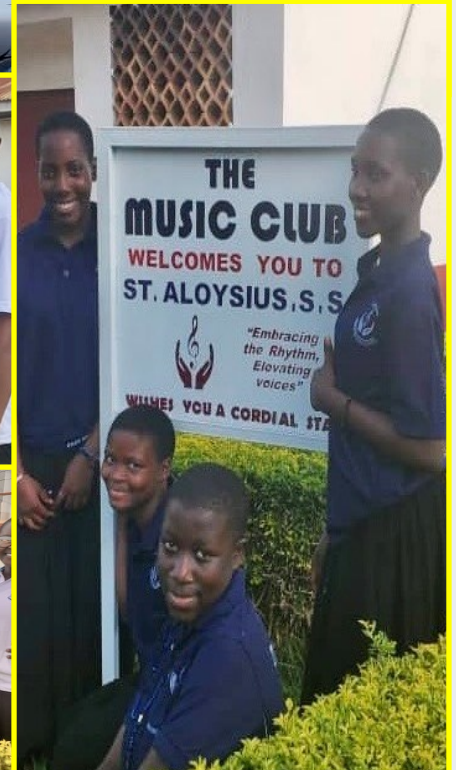
*A note from a longtime supporter of St. Aloysius received after last month's newsletter: *So much to be proud of! Not only the objective things like the test scores, healthy days, and extra time commitments by the girls and their teachers, but also our continued support that has substantially expanded! Lovely too are the subjective reads on the faces in every picture. Maria and Ron**

The 2024 school year has been in session for over a month with enrollment at 411 girls!





Dorm life at St. Aloysius!



Weebale! Thank you, Friends!



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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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