

# Uganda Girls Project



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

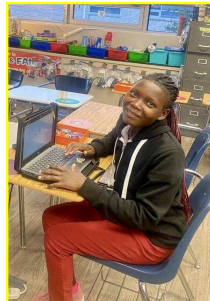
**A message from St. Mary by the Sea. . . .  
Uganda Team. . . January 24, 2024**

**\* We are happy to announce that we have exceeded our 2023 fund raising goal by over \$1,000! The total we have sent to St. Aloysius is \$61,568 for the year. We are thrilled and hope that you are too! Thank you to all of our donors! You are changing the world one educated girl at a time! \***

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We were surprised to hear from a former student at St. Aloysius, Jane Frances, whom we met in 2019 when we were in Uganda. She delighted us then with her poetry, dance and her beautiful smile. She wrote to say she has now moved to Dallas, Texas, with her uncle and has begun school in the 11th grade at Lake Highlands High School.

She wrote, *The previous fall has been my first semester of attendance in an American high school and I was a little nervous because the entire school arrangement is totally different from my previous school in Uganda. I however caught up quickly as the semester progressed. I joined the leadership class and dance club where I am teaching my club mates different African dances, most especially the Ganda dance (they loved it).*



Student Jane Francis with Sr. Maria Therese and then at her School in Dallas, Texas.

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

Greetings from St. Aloysius Bwanda,



**We wish you all a joyful and blessed New Year!**

*With the coming of the 2024 school year, I am happy to report that our crops have been good, and we are drying our maize and beans now that will be made into posho with beans to serve the girls*

*for their meals.*

*We have been advertising our school and visiting parishes with the hope that we will have many new girls joining St. Aloysius. Registration is starting for our youngest class (level S1), and in less than a week our students will be returning to us for the start of our 2024 school year.*

*I am happy to report that a leaking dormitory roof and walls have been repaired while the girls have been gone and all buildings are now in good shape.*

*On behalf of all our students and their struggling parents, we thank you for providing so many scholarships. I am very careful about handing them out and we offer prayers on behalf of you, our precious donors.*

*Please pray for us that we have a successful enrollment as we pray that you too may find joy and success in this new year. Most prayerfully. . . . .*

*Sister Maria Theresa, Principal*

Special Mardi Gras ticket information on page 2!

**Check it out!**

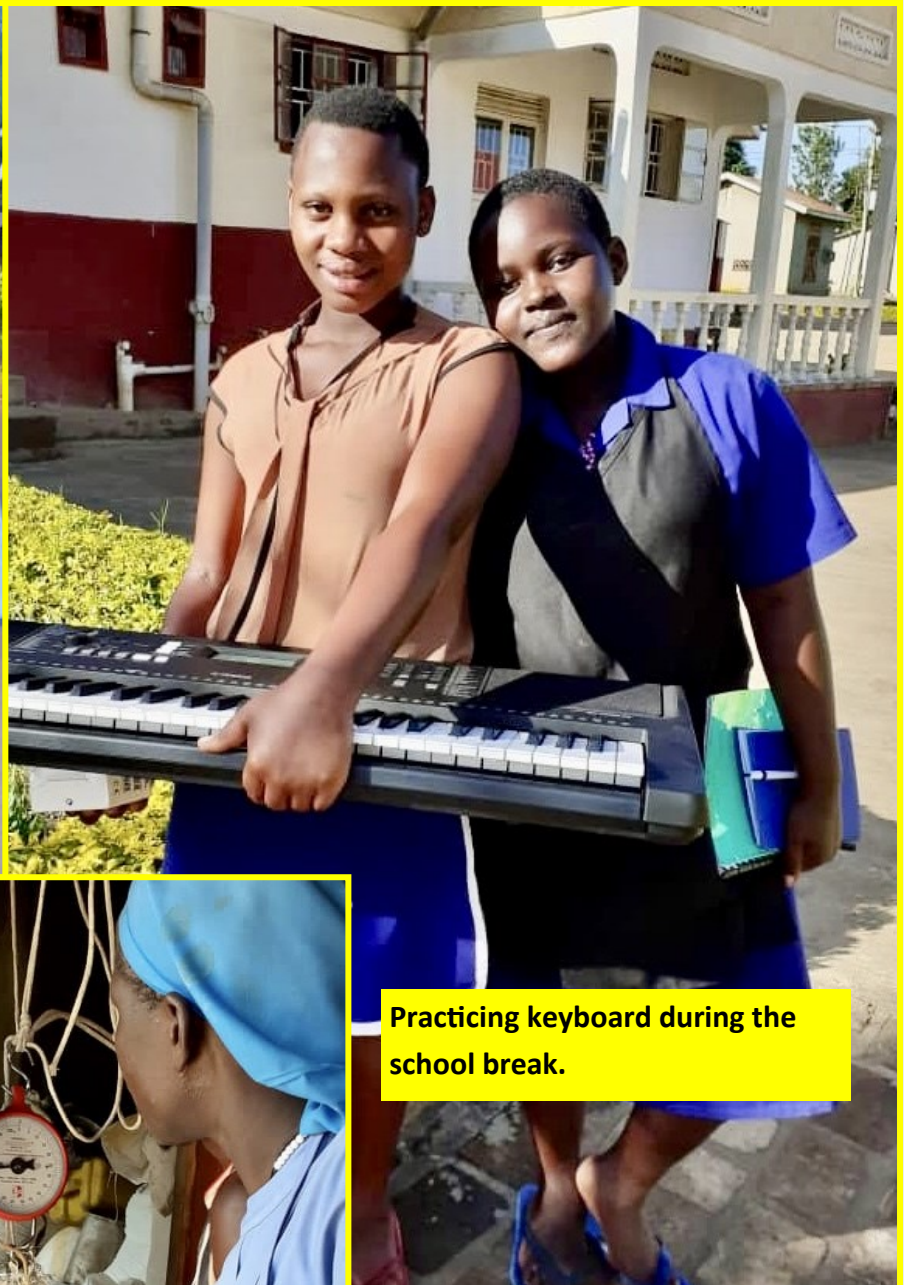
**Our 2024 school year is about to begin!**



3 of the 5 girls who currently live at school.



Maria Gorreth was one of our first scholarship girls who begged Sr. Immaculate for a chance to go to secondary school. She entered the convent after four years of school and has now completed her two years of formation. Sr. Immaculate says that 6 more of her former students are currently in formation.



Practicing keyboard during the school break.



### Mardi Gras Party

\*Saturday, February 10th. 6 to 9\*

Live music by the N.E. Day Now, playing an eclectic mix of Pop, Rock, Blues, Jazz, and Country.

**Dancing, food and beverages, games, silent auction, costume contest and more.**

St. Mary by the Sea Hall, tickets \$20 ea. Only 60 tickets will be sold after masses or contact a Steering Committee member. **All funds will provide St. Aloysius scholarships!**

**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  
ATTN: Catherine Imbrie  
P.O Box 390  
Rockaway Beach, OR 97136

**OR give online at:** <https://www.osvhub.com/stmarybythesea/giving/funds> AND click on "Give Now" under "St. Aloysius School in Uganda."  
\*\$50 dollars sent each month can keep a girl in school and help with teachers' salary! It costs \$500 a year for tuition, room, board and uniform. \*