

# Uganda Girls Project



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

*A message from St. Mary by the Sea. . . .  
Uganda Team. . . August 16, 2022*

You may have noticed in the pictures that you often see some girls in light blue uniform skirts and others in dark blue. These colors represent their academic levels. When they enter as S-1 students, (7th grade), they are given a dark blue wraparound skirt and white blouse, a blue skirt for athletics, and a blue "house dress" to last them four years, through 10th grade. At the end of 10th grade, girls will take their O-level exams and graduate with an Ordinary High School diploma. Many girls opt to leave school after earning a O-level diploma.

If a girls decides to continue for 2 more years in preparation of college, they become S-5 students, (11th graders) or upperclassmen and receive a new light blue skirt, and a white house dress to last them for the next two years. At the end of their S6 (12th grade) year they take their advanced level exams or "A" level exams to graduate. So the light blue skirts you see in the pictures are always worn by girls who are the upper class students. It's a goal all the younger students look forward to receiving and a leadership responsibility the upper class students take seriously.

Thanks to all who support scholarships for students at St. Aloysius! Were it not for the scholarships these girls would not be able to continue their education. Remember, schooling is optional following 6th grade in Uganda. **Weebale!**

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

*To our dear friends at St. Mary by the Sea and beyond . . .*

*Thank you so much for your support of our school. We are on a break this month and most girls have gone home until September 3rd. About 30 girls remain here.*



*Next week all of the S-4 girls and S-6 girls return so we can prepare them for their final examinations in October. This will be difficult because the exams will also be covering subjects the girls have missed because of Covid lockdown but still need to be tested upon. We will cover those areas and have them do mock-exams to prepare them for the final exams. It will be a very busy three weeks!*

***After a month long summer break, all 398 girls will return to school on September 3rd***

*I am also preparing for my final exams for my graduate program this month!*

*We have recently begun a Scouting Club for the girls. We have 35 girls who participate and we will cover various activities related to scouting!*

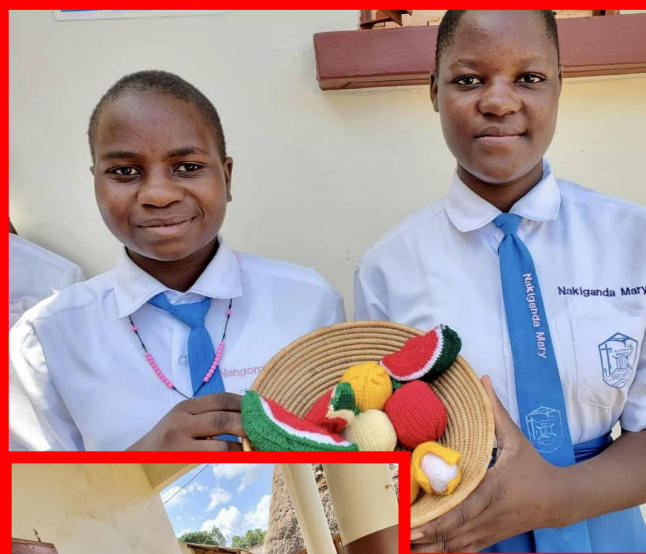
*Please pray for us as we are praying for you! And may God bless you . . .*

*Thank you, dear friends, for your care for us.*

***Sister Maria Theresa***

***FYI . . . Schooling is optional in Uganda following 6th grade. Thanks to you, our scholarship girls are able to continue their schooling!***





**Girls  
learn to  
make  
and sell  
crafts!**



*As a surprise for our priest here at St Mary by the Sea, some of the St. Aloysius girls made a video singing happy birthday to Father Akuti Macdonald in four languages!! Swahili is the first language sung. According to Sr Maria Theresa, Swahili and is now taught in many Uganda schools as an important language to know next to English. We thank the girls and Sr. Maria Theresa for their hard work in putting this video together! (Video attached in the email cover letter of this newsletter.)*

**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**  
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**On the 15th of each month, checks will be deposited into the account for St. Aloysius Girls School, then wired to Uganda. The money is used 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.**