

Uganda Girls Project



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

A message from St. Mary by the Sea. . . . Uganda Team. . . January 22, 2023

Thank you to all our supporters! Christmas and the first part of January donations, already wired to St. Aloysius, were \$10,024.70! We are off to a fantastic start for the 2023 school year and Sister Maria Theresa was thrilled to receive this money in their school account. A big THANK YOU to each and every one of you for helping in this mission! We will never know the far reaching positive good that a girl can make in her community who receives a high school education.

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Hasn't it been a joy to learn of some girls advancing in through the universities and in other professions? Meet the new Sister Josephine Monica (see her picture on page 2). She is among those sisters making their first vows. Josephine Monica was a student at St Aloysius when we first started helping them. She benefited from all the school improvements we originally did for St. Aloysius in the beginning. Some of you worked hard on our fundraising to give them a new security wall and other projects. Our new Sr. Josephine is amazed at all the improvements to make St. Aloysius safe, thriving, and beautiful!

Many blessings on your 2023!!

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE. . . .

Dear Sponsors and Friends,

Our St Aloysius Community is very thankful to you for your continued scholarship support and in a very special way for the \$10024.70 scholarship donations. This amount was recently received, and it will most definitely help start our academic year of 2023. We expect many new students in S1 (7th grade) and some also in S5 (11th grade).



It's a busy time here as we prepare to open. We are still working on minor repairs in some classrooms, and dormitories. The teachers are working on their lesson plans for this year's work, and we are all planning other activities that will engage all students such as clubs, team sports, and singing events.

The future is bright for so many girls who will benefit from your scholarship donations this year!

This is also harvesting season, the maize we planted last season has dried and we expect a big harvest that will reduce our expenses to buy posho which the girls eat daily. We will also buy firewood, uniforms and pay for other school materials such as paper and other supplies.

The future is bright for so many girls who will benefit from your scholarship donations this year. It is a blessing that needy students do not have to be sent home to get late tuition money and miss classes. Your sacrifice to furnish scholarships does so much good that you cannot imagine. I thank you greatly.

The Lord is smiling on us for sure. . . .

Sister Maria Theresa and staff

Teachers are preparing to welcome back students for the 2023 school year!



Sister Josephine Monica



A Note of thanks for the Staff Christmas Bonuses!

Dear Friends,

I greet you in the name of the almighty God and I hope that you are in good health. My name is Ekwaru Bernard, a teacher of English at St. Aloysius senior secondary school Bwanda.

On behalf of all staff members at St. Aloysius and on my behalf, I proudly write to express our heartfelt gratitude to you for being so kind and generous to us during the festive Christmas season.

You have contributed a lot to our happiness during this time. Thank you so much.

To whom much is given, much is expected. We pledge to make you proud at this institution in the academic performance of our students.

We pray that the almighty God continue to protect and bless your generous hands.

Thank you once again,
Ekwaru, Bernard

Remember Claire, our promising medical student? (pictured below with Sr Immaculate) She has just completed an internship at a hospital which treated Ebola patients and is now returning to the University for more classes. She says she will be forever grateful to you for her full scholarship to St. Aloysius! What a difference she has already made!



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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Checks are deposited monthly into the account for St. Aloysius Girls School, then wired to 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. The extra \$100 is to cover increased cost of teacher salaries.