

Uganda Girls Project



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

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE. . . .

Greetings to all our friends from the students and staff at St. Aloysius. . . .



When our alumni visited us to celebrate Women's Day, they also announced that they will now be launching a new project of renovating our staff living quarters, especially the pit toilets! This is a very good and needed project for our staff, and we are so happy that they see the need for improved housing. Please see the photo of the condition of our staff housing now. I will be sending you photos of the improvements made when it is done. Some staff live here only during the week or when they are teaching. Others, such as Teacher Joseph live full-time in the staff housing.

Also see the pictures of students learning hands-on skills that will benefit them in their futures as many students do not go on to the university but need to help their families start businesses and earn a living.

The S2 and S5 students have just finished their soap making lessons. Everyone learns how to make soap and can also sell it in their villages on their breaks.

We are so proud of the sewing machines we have just purchased! Ten sewing machines is a big investment for us, but sewing is a skill that can help many girls to earn money throughout their lives. We do not have classrooms during the week available for this project, so the girls have sewing classes on Saturday and Sunday.

Thank you for all your donations and the care you give to our students.

We sisters believe that education is a way into a better future for our girls!

Sister Maria Theresa, Principal

A message from the St. Mary by the Sea, Uganda Girls Project Team. . . . April 10, 2025

As we saw in their national test scores, students at St. Aloysius are thriving academically!

Scholarships are based on family need and the student's national tests taken when they finish primary school. Once a student receives one of our scholarships for secondary school (7th through 12th grade), that scholarship stays with the student throughout her St. Aloysius career, so long as she keeps up her grades.

Over 200 qualifying students from needy families are now receiving our donor scholarships that will help them and their families have a better future!

A smart girl, who comes from a struggling family and qualifies, has an opportunity to get one of the scholarships your donations provide and will hopefully become a high school graduate at the end of S6 (12th grade), or receive an Ordinary Certificate at the end of S4 (10th grade).

Over 200 qualifying students from needy families are now receiving our donor scholarships that will help them and their families have a better future! With our help, the school has overcome some of the maintenance and safety issues that caused the school to be in serious distress several years ago. Currently, Principal Sr. Maria Theresa is taking St. Aloysius to the next level by adding some new practical programs and club activities.

Please enjoy the pictures and be proud of the achievements your donations have helped to make possible!

Thank you, friends!

Wishing all of our patrons and friends a very

Happy Easter!





Making Soap



Learning to use our sewing machines



Staff Living Quarters

Letters

(From Priscilla, a 13 year old first year (7th grade) student):

I am the first born of my family. I live with my mother together with my five siblings. My mother finds it hard to pay school fees and take care of all of us.

In the future I hope to become a nun and a teacher by profession. This will help me to change the status of my family.

I would like to thank all my sponsors for helping me in paying my school fees. May the Lord reward you with a gift of a good life. I thank you for being good hearted in supporting me because without your support I would not get to study from this school. I end by promising that I will utilize this chance given to me. Thank you. Priscilla

(From Maria, another first year student):

My mother has been very sick since 2020 and my parents are not in a position to pay for my tuition.

In future, I want to become a nursery teacher because I like taking care of kids. After graduation, I want to start up projects to earn money to provide education, food and health services to the sick, orphans and street children.

I greatly thank you for your support for me to keep in school. I promise you to utilize this chance you have given me. May God Bless you! Maria



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
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OR give online at: www.stmarybythesea.com click on Online Giving and under Fund choose St.Aloysius School in Uganda.

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