Uganda Girls Project

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



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE. . . .

Dear Friends,



Our students are all back for their last semester of the school year. These end of the year classes and the preparation for government testing is a very stressful time for all students in Uganda. Our St. Aloysius girls take their education seriously and strive to do their best. Testing will begin on Monday, Oct 13! Please keep our students in your prayers!

The Scouts, also called Guides, is a very active and growing club. They do many jobs around campus such as raising and lowering our Uganda flag on campus each day.

Thank you for all the support and prayers you send our way as we pray for you too.

Sister Maria Theresa, Principal



A message from the St. Mary by the Sea, Uganda Team, October 13, 2024 . . . For almost 9 years now we have supported the young women from St. Aloysius through both partial and full scholarships as we help create the stable and secure place of learning and living that is St. Aloysius School for Girls. Our donor campaigns have supported building a security wall, a new cook house and cafeteria, installing flush toilets, patching and rebuilding the main dormitory roof, purchasing a modern wood burning cook stove, and paying for internet installation. We helped install the school's new water system supplied from water pumped from wetlands near the school as well as from the roof catchment system. To that system we added two water-purification systems. This clean water is used for drinking, cooking, and keeping students and staff healthy. *Thank you, friends!*

In 2019, three of us spent time at St Aloysius visiting the girls. We attended classes, got to know the girls, the teachers, and the facility. We experienced the enthusiasm these young students exhibit, and we saw the improvements that we funded through your donations. After the facilities were upgraded, we have shifted our focus to providing school tuition to girls whose families cannot afford to educate their children (Uganda does not provide free education beyond 6th grade). Thanks to your donations we are currently providing 212 scholarships (full and partial scholarships).

As we work together to help St. Aloysius, the lives of these young women are lifted up as well as those of their families, their villages, and their country! We also enrich our own community of St Mary by the Sea! We feel the heart-swelling gratitude for the privilege of doing a small part in helping to support God's children who want to have a high school education.

We set a lofty goal of $60,000 for this year in order to support more girls who have no other options. Fundraising has continued through the year and thanks to the generosity of parishioners and friends, near and far, we are halfway to the goal at this time. We are on the home stretch and are buoyed by the knowledge that every dollar goes directly to this mission and we are changing lives beyond each student!

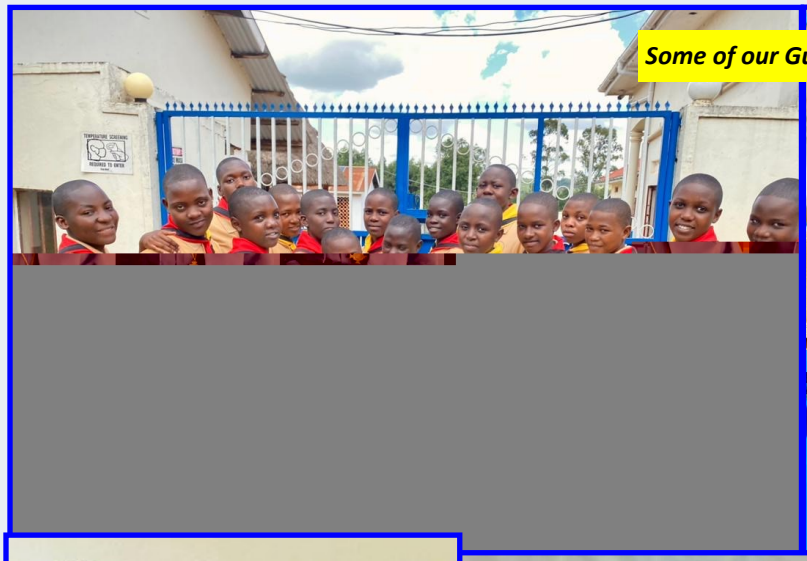
May God continue to bless you and your family!

Why are we continuing this project?

Because together we are providing scholarships to educate girls and help change the world one girl at a time!

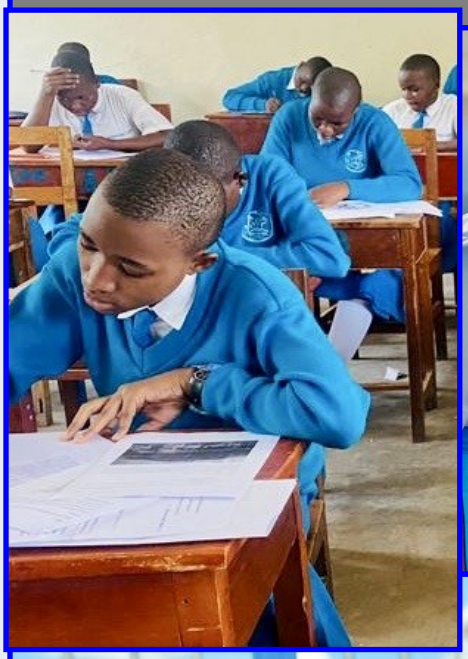






Some of our Guides











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

THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR FRIENDS AND PATRONS!