

LITERATURE is the art of writing. The author is a person who expresses their own thoughts and ideas through the use of words. Authors in grades K-8 submit a single literary work, including poetry, essay, short story, or narrative, handwritten or typed, using grade-appropriate grammar, punctuation and spelling, that celebrates the theme of “I Matter Because...”

The **third place** winners for Literature are:

Ben Cantu
Olivia Falla
Penelope Beckman
Charlotte Talley
Makaela Sierra
Salomon Spath
Tyler Scott
Ceci Sustaeta

The **second place** winners are:

Emily Kelly
Mila Jones
Elizabeth Moczygamba
Alexandra Rangel
Sebastian Garcia
Nick Hampel
Matthew Talley
Ivy Waclawczyk

The **first place** winners and advancing to the Archdiocesan Finals are:

Paloma Wise
Alondra Gonzalez
Dresden Trevino
Fernanda Lopez
Noah Ramos
Lucero Gonzalez
Siena O’Malley
Ella Dotin

VISUAL ARTS include many art forms. The artist is a person who captures their own thoughts and ideas to create a visual piece of art. Artists in grades K-8 could submit a 2D original print, drawing, painting, collage metal etching or punch work, fiber work or computer-generated artwork, celebrating the theme, “I Matter Because...”

The **third place** winners in Visual Arts are:

Mariana Parra
Emma Cantu

Oliver Branco
Paula Orbezo-Bravo
Victoria Pollono
Felix Gastelum

Renata Jemal
Emma Etter
Arnold Moreno

The **second place** winners
are:

Amelia Diaz
Catherine Oppeltz

Victoria Parra
Joaquin Rivera
Audrey Pina
Maria Garcia-Punaro
Gabriella O'Grady
Mila Delgado
Julian Stiles

The **first place** winners and advancing to the Archdiocesan Finals are:

Ben Cantu
Olivia Falla
Joaquin Santillan
Barron Barcey

Charlotte Talley
Joaquin Vela
Michael Gonzales
Kenadie Pina
James Cody

Bible Storytelling:

In this category, students in grades K-5 will select and prepare a re-telling of a biblically-based story or story based on gospel values using creative expression. The performance may be dramatic or humorous and will be submitted via digital recording.

The **third place** winners in Bible Storytelling are:

Olivia Murphy and Emily Kelly (tied)
Daniela Coronado

The **second place** winners in Bible Storytelling are:

Ben Cantu
John Psota
Emilio Rivera

The **first place** winners and advancing to the Archdiocesan Finals are:
Samuel Avila
Madeline Ellis
Maria Garcia-Punaro

The first place entries in all categories have been sent to the Archdiocese where they will compete against entries from the other Catholic schools. The Archdiocesan Catholic Arts and Academic Competition Exhibit and Awards Ceremony will take place at the St. Paul Community Center on May 13 from 5-7 pm.

Thank you to the classroom teachers who facilitated the Literature and Bible Storytelling contests for their students, and especially to Mrs. Ondeck for coordinating the Visual Arts entries for all the students in grades K-8.