



Prayer Suggestions for St. Dominic's Vacation Bible School (VBS)

Preparations are going on now for the June 17 – June 21 Event!

Week of May 19th- Pray for our VBS. “We thank you dear God, for meeting every need we have to educate and inspire the children you have placed in our community. We ask that you inspire parents to sign their children up to attend VBS, where with your help, we can instill a thirst for you. Help us meet any needs for supplies, inspiring decorations and volunteers. Thank you for the opportunity to pour into the lives of these kids in deep and meaningful ways. We pray that above all else you are glorified in our VBS.”

Week of May 26th- Pray for our Staff and Volunteers. “Lord, be with those working to plan, prepare and put on our VBS this year. Give them creative ideas to reach children, give them peace when times get stressful and fill their hearts with joy as they faithfully complete your work.

Week of June 2nd- Pray for our church. “God, let St. Dominic's Catholic Church be a great influence in our community through our VBS. We want your perfect love to be at the foundation of Kingsport, and we pray that we spread your love thru Kingsport and the surrounding communities. Let our doors be open and our hearts be welcoming to all kids and their families. Let your goodness shine through us.”

Week of June 9th- Pray for Needed Volunteers. “Lord, please bring volunteers to serve at VBS and fill their hearts with your love and patience to be poured out upon the kids. We pray that our volunteers are given the opportunity to help children experience you and that they would grow closer to you.

Consider Beginning a novena to St. John Bosco on June 14, to conclude on June 22nd.

Week of June 16st- Pray for the children. “Jesus, we pray that through VBS kids in our community will grow in their relationship with you. We ask that you begin to break down any walls that might be preventing their young hearts from receiving your love. We ask that the truth of who you are sinks deep into their hearts.”

Week of June 23rd-Pray for our Families. “Heavenly Father, let the changes in these kids' hearts be an inspiration to their families. Help the children remember and communicate what they have learned in VBS. Let parents and caretakers pursue a deeper relationship with you. Give kids strength to stand firmly rooted in their faith and relationships with you. Help us all see you in all we encounter, to build bridges in our community, spreading your love and mercy.”



Novena to St. John Bosco - Part B below provides suggestions for specific intentions around VBS:

- A. Oh holy patron of the youth, I come to you with sincere confidence in your closeness to Jesus. Saint John Bosco, I need your help, I need your prayers, I need your intercession to God for His grace to...
- B. Day 1: Inspire and energize all involved directly or indirectly with St. Dominic's VBS. Help parents and caregivers prepare to get children to the school June 17 - 21.
- Day 2: Instill humility that each may learn from one another during VBS.
- Day 3: Instill a sense of your peace in the joyful chaos of young children.
- Day 4: Create a thirst for knowledge of Him.
- Day 5: Have patience with the most trying of circumstances during VBS. Respond to each child with gentleness and love, reflecting that of our never-tiring Father.
- Day 6: Provide the strength and fortitude needed to complete VBS with the enthusiasm that draws others to Him.
- Day 7: Help each child be kind and helpful to other children in VBS.
- Day 8: Open the eyes and ears of all adults to see and hear the needs of each child, and give them the wisdom to best address the needs.
- Day 9: Help each child see the special gift that the Holy Spirit has given them, and recognize with awe and gratitude, the perfect will of our Heavenly Father.
- C. With your love of Mary, our Mother, pray for us! With your love for Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, pray for us! With your love for all those who suffer, pray for us! Don Bosco, please pray fervently for the grace that I now ask from God our Father. In addition, please pray that I may have a sincere acceptance of the Will of God and a perfect trust in Him.

Our Father...Hail Mary...Glory Be...