Crock Pot Lasagna

1 lb. ground beef
1/2 lb. mild sausage
2 26 ounce jarred or homemade pasta sauce
1 cup water
1 package spaghetti sauce mix
1/2 of a 22 oz container cottage cheese
1 cup cherry tomatoes (halved, optional)
1 15 ounce container ricotta cheese
2 cups shredded mozzarella
1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese
1 egg
2 tablespoons fresh parsley, chopped
1 teaspoon pepper
lasagna noodles (uncooked)

Brown meat in large skillet; drain. Stir in pasta sauce, water, spaghetti sauce mix and tomatoes.

In a separate bowl mix ricotta, 1-1/2 cups mozzarella, Parmesan cheese, cottage cheese, egg, pepper and parsley.

Spoon approximately 1 cup meat sauce into slow cooker; spread around. Top with layers of noodles, broken to fit; cheese mixture and meat sauce. Alternate noodles, cheese mixture and meat sauce ending with the meat sauce. Cover with lid.

Cook on low for 4 to 6 hours or until liquid is absorbed. Sprinkle with remaining cheeses; let stand, covered, 10 min. or until melted.