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We feel deeply blessed for the opportunity to welcome parish family members, visitors, and friends who joined us in celebrating the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ.



We offer special thanks to the countless hearts of all ages who supported our celebrations in a multitude of ways by sharing their time, talent, and treasure! None of it could have been possible without the power of the Holy Spirit and the generosity of our faith community.

May your homes and families be abundantly blessed this Christmas season.

The Eucharist, Christmas and the Manger

An excerpt from a Catholic News Service article by Father Michael Van Sloun

'Why is baby Jesus in a manger?' Animals approached the manger anytime, day or night, for food. The farmer was concerned about his animals and was careful to be sure that there would be feed in the trough at all times so the animals would be well-fed, healthy, and strong.

The shepherds represent people everywhere, and as the animals approached the manger for food, the shepherds approached the manger to feast their eyes upon Jesus, and the infant in the manger would be the one to feed their souls, both with his word and the Eucharist, the great banquet feast of his Body and Blood.



The manger on Christmas anticipates the table at the Last Supper, and as the owner of the animals made sure that his animals would be well-fed to provide for their physical health, the infant Jesus would feed his sheep to provide for their spiritual health."



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