

Belgian Beef Stew

2 lb. beef chuck, cut into 2 in. x ½ in. slices

¼ cup flour

4 tbsp. unsalted butter

4 slices bacon, finely chopped

6 cloves garlic, finely chopped

3 medium yellow onions, diced

2 cups Belgian-style ale

1 cup beef stock

2 tbsp. dark brown sugar

2 tbsp. apple cider vinegar

3 sprigs thyme

3 sprigs parsley

2 sprigs tarragon

1 bay leaf



Season beef with salt and pepper in a bowl. Add flour and toss to coat. Heat 2 tbsp. butter in a 6 qt. Dutch oven over medium-high heat. Working in batches, add beef. Cook, turning, until browned, about 8 minutes. Transfer to a plate and set aside.

Add bacon and cook until its fat renders, about 8 minutes. Add remaining butter, garlic, and onions. Cook until caramelized, about 30 minutes.

Add half the beer. Cook, scraping bottom of pot, until slightly reduced, about 4 minutes. Return beef to pot with remaining beer, stock, sugar, vinegar, thyme, parsley, tarragon, bay leaf, and salt and pepper. Boil. Reduce heat to medium-low. Cook, covered, until beef is tender, about 1 ½ hours.

Chicken Enchilada Bowl

1 lb. boneless skinless chicken thighs

¾ cup red enchilada sauce

¼ cup water

¼ cup chopped onion

4 oz. can diced green chiles

1 whole avocado, diced

1 cup shredded cheese

¼ cup chopped pickled jalapenos

½ cup sour cream

1 roma tomato, chopped



In a pot or dutch oven over medium heat sear chicken thighs until lightly brown.

Pour in enchilada sauce and water then add onion and green chiles. Reduce heat to a simmer and cover. Cook chicken for 17-25 minutes or until chicken is tender and fully cooked through.

Careully remove the chicken and place onto a work surface. Chop or shred chicken then add it back into the pot. Let the chicken simmer uncovered for an additional 10 minutes to absorb flavor and allow the sauce to reduce a little.

To Serve, top with avocado, cheese, jalapeno, sour cream, tomato, and any other desired toppings. Feel free to customize these to your preference.

Instant Pot Beef Stroganoff

1 lb. ground beef (or ground turkey or ground pork)

1 small onion, chopped

1 clove garlic, minced

8 oz. white button mushrooms, sliced

1 tbsp. all-purpose flour

1 can cream of mushroom soup (or homemade)

2 ¼ cups low-sodium beef broth

8 oz. wide egg noodle

⅓ cup sour cream

2 tbsp. fresh parsley leaves, chopped



Turn Instant Pot to saute. Once the pot is hot, spray the bottom with cooking spray (or add a little oil), and add ground beef. Brown the meat, breaking it into small pieces as it cooks, and season it with salt and pepper. Remove any excess grease.

Add onion, garlic and sliced mushrooms and saute for 1 minute. Add the flour, homemade or canned cream of mushroom soup, beef broth, and noodles and stir to combine.

Secure instant pot lid, and turn valve to sealed position. Cook on Manual Setting or High Pressure Setting for 2 minutes.

When pressure cooking is complete, use a quick release. (If liquid sprays from the knob, close knob, wait 30 seconds then release pressure again. You may also turn knob half way so only a small amount of steam is being released.)

Carefully remove the lid and stir mixture. Allow the mixture to cool for a few minutes, then stir in sour cream, parsley, additional salt and pepper to taste.

Avocado Toast

2 large eggs

2 slices of bread

1 large avocado

Everything spice seasoning

Pinch of salt, to taste



First poach the eggs. Using a sous vide, bring 4-inches of water to 167°F / 75°C. Using a slotted spoon, gently lower the eggs into prepared water bath and cook for 12 minutes.

Meanwhile, fill a large bowl halfway with ice and water. Using the slotted spoon, transfer the eggs to ice bath and let sit until cool enough to handle, about 1 minute.

Toast the bread until browned, butting both sides.

Mash the avocado and spread it on the toast. Top the avocado toast with poached eggs. Then sprinkle everything seasoning on top. Add as much or as little of the seasoning as you like and a pinch of salt to taste.

Serve this everything spice poached egg avocado toast warm.

Mashed Potatoes

2 lbs. Yukon Gold potatoes, peeled and cut in 2 in. pieces

¾ cup whole milk

2 bay leaves

½ cup unsalted butter



Place potatoes in a large pot and pour in cold water to cover by 1 in. Add salt and bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer until potatoes are very tender but not saturated or crumbly, about 20 minutes.

Drain potatoes and return to pot and set over low heat. Gently stir until dry, about 1 minute.

Meanwhile, heat milk, bay leaves, and ½ cup butter in a small saucepan over medium heat until butter is melted. Remove from heat.

Pass hot potatoes through a ricer into a large bowl (if allowed to cool, the potatoes will become gummy).

Remove bay leaves from warm milk mixture; discard. Gradually add milk mixture to potatoes, stirring vigorously with a wooden spoon until combined and smooth; season with salt and pepper.