# Meatloaf

# Ingredients (Serves 4-6)

#### Meat Blend:

- 1lb ground beef
- 1/2 lb ground pork
- 1/2 lb ground veal

# **Binding & Moisture:**

- 2 eggs
- 1/4 cup milk
- 1½ cups seasoned breadcrumbs

# **Flavor Enhancers:**

- 1½ tbsp Worcestershire sauce
- 1/2 tsp soy sauce
- 2 tbsp tomato paste

# **Vegetables & Aromatics:**

- 1/2 yellow or white onion, diced
- 1/2 red or green bell pepper, diced
- 1tsp garlic, minced

#### **Seasonings:**

- 1tsp Kosher or sea salt
- 1½ tsp Italian seasoning
- 1 tsp dried parsley (or 2 tsp fresh chopped parsley)

# Instructions

# Preheat & Prep:

- 1. Preheat oven to 375°F (190°C).
- Lightly grease a 9×5-inch loaf pan or line a baking sheet with parchment paper if shaping by hand.

# Mix the Meatloaf:

- 1. In a large bowl, combine:
  - o Ground beef, pork, and veal
  - o 2 eggs
  - 1 tbsp Worcestershire sauce
  - o 1 tbsp soy sauce

- o 2 cloves garlic, minced
- o 1tsp salt
- 1 tsp Italian seasoning
- o 2 tbsp fresh parsley, chopped
- o 2 tbsp tomato paste
- 1/2 cup finely chopped onions
- 1/4 cup finely chopped bell peppers
- o 1/4 cup milk
- Sprinkle in 3/4 cup breadcrumbs and mix gently with hands or a fork until just combined.
  - Do not overmix—this can make the meatloaf dense.

Tip: Use your less dominant hand to mix the meat.

# Shape & Bake:

- Transfer the mixture to the prepared loaf pan, pressing lightly, or shape into a loaf on the parchment-lined baking sheet.
- Bake for 50-60 minutes, or until the internal temperature reaches 160°F (71°C).

#### Rest & Serve:

- 1. Let rest for **5-10 minutes** before slicing —this helps retain moisture.
- 2. Serve with mashed potatoes, roasted vegetables, or your favorite side dish.
- 3. Top with homemade beef gravy, ketchup, or glaze (see below).

# Optional Glaze (for Extra Flavor!):

For a glazed meatloaf, mix the following and brush on top during the last **15 minutes** of baking:

- 1/4 cup ketchup
- 1tbsp brown sugar
- 1tsp Worcestershire sauce
- 1/8 tsp granulated garlic
- 1/8 tsp granulated onion