Slow Cooker Zucchini Lasagna with Meat Sauce



Serves 6

Ingredients:

- 4 small zucchinis, ends removed
- 1 pound cooked ground meat or chopped meatballs
- ¹/₂ cup of your favorite low-carb pasta sauce*
- 8 ounces shredded mozzarella cheese (about 2 cups), divided
- 1 (15 ounce) container of ricotta cheese
- ¹/₂ cup Parmesan cheese, freshly grated
- 2 large eggs

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- 1 tablespoon dried parsley flakes
- 1 teaspoon salt
- $1/_2$ teaspoon cracked black pepper

Instructions:

- 1. Thinly slice (unpeeled) zucchini length-wise into thin strips, like lasagna noodles. It's easier to do this with a mandolin, but a large knife works as well.
- 2. Create cheese filling by combining 1 cup mozzarella cheese, ricotta cheese, Parmesan cheese, eggs, parsley flakes, salt, and pepper.
- 3. Create a layer of zucchini at the bottom of your slow cooker.
- 4. Top zucchini with a rounded $1/_2$ cup of cheese filling, 1 cup meat, and 1-3 tablespoons sauce.
- 5. Continue layering zucchini, cheese, meat, and sauce until you only have enough zucchini left for top layer.
- 6. Before adding the top layer of zucchini, add remaining sauce, meat, and cheese.
- 7. Top with zucchini and remaining 1 cup of mozzarella cheese.
- 8. Cover, and cook on low for 6-8 hours.
- 9. Turn off slow cooker and let rest for at least 30 minutes to allow juices to set.

Note:

*To make your own sauce, blend canned tomato puree, minced garlic and onion, olive oil, basil, and Parmesan cheese.

Nutrition per serving: Calories 466; Total Fat 32.1 g; Saturated Fat 17.3 g; Monounsaturated Fat 10.6 g; Polyunsaturated Fat 1.4 g; Total Carbohydrates 8.6 g; Dietary Fiber 1.3 g; Sugar Alcohols 0.1 g; Sugars 5.7 g; Protein 35.5 g; Sodium 999 mg

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