## **DINNERLY**



# French Toast Bake with Maple Bacon Syrup

& Candied Bacon





1,5h 2 Servings

Bacon and maple syrup might just be out favorite savory-sweet combo. But can you really call it brunch if there's no French toast involved? We think not, so we combined the three into a brunchy trifecta, just for you! We've got you covered! (2p-plan serves 4; 4p-plan serves 8)

#### WHAT WE SEND

- 3 oz mascarpone 1
- · 4 oz pkg thick-cut bacon
- · 4 brioche buns 2,1,3
- · 2 oz dark brown sugar
- ¼ oz ground cinnamon
- 1 oz maple syrup

#### WHAT YOU NEED

- butter 1
- · 3 large eggs 2
- · vanilla extract
- kosher salt

#### **TOOLS**

- medium (1½-2 qt) baking dish
- · medium nonstick skillet
- · rimmed baking sheet

#### **ALLERGENS**

Milk (1), Egg (2), Wheat (3). May contain traces of other allergens. Packaged in a facility that packages gluten containing products.

#### **NUTRITION PER SERVING**

Calories 550kcal, Fat 34g, Carbs 43g, Protein 21g



#### 1. Prep ingredients

Preheat oven to 350°F with a rack in the center. Lightly **butter** bottom and sides of a medium (1½–2 qt) baking dish. Set aside **mascarpone** to soften at room temperature until step 3.

Cut bacon into 1/2-inch pieces.

Cut **3 brioche buns** into 1-inch thick slices (save rest for own use). Set aside until step 4.



### 2. Candy bacon

Add bacon to a medium nonstick skillet. Cook over medium heat, stirring occasionally, until starting to crisp, about 6 minutes. Sprinkle 2 teaspoons brown sugar over top. Cook, stirring frequently, until bacon is shiny and golden-brown, 1–2 minutes. Transfer to a plate; reserve bacon drippings in skillet off heat.



#### 3. Mix custard

In a medium bowl, whisk to combine softened mascarpone, remaining brown sugar, and 3 large eggs until smooth. Add 1½ cups water, 1 teaspoon each of vanilla and cinnamon, and ½ teaspoon salt, whisking to combine (mixture will not be smooth).

Cut 2 tablespoons butter into small pieces.



4. Assemble & bake

Arrange **sliced bread** in an even layer in prepared baking dish. Pour **custard** over top, then use your hands or a rubber spatula to gently press down bread to absorb custard. Scatter **butter pieces** over top.

Place baking dish on a rimmed baking sheet; bake on center oven rack until puffed, browned, and set in the middle, about 1 hour. Remove from oven and let rest for 10 minutes.



5. Make bacon syrup & serve

While French toast bake rests, transfer 1 tablespoon of the reserved bacon drippings to a small bowl; discard remaining drippings. Add maple syrup, 1 tablespoon water, and a pinch of salt; stir to combine. Reheat in microwave, if desired.

Serve French toast bake drizzled with maple bacon syrup and sprinkled with candied bacon. Enjoy!



6. Bacon tip!

If you add cold bacon to a hot pan, it will curl up, making it hard to crisp evenly. Start with a cold pan, then heat and render the fat slowly for maximum crispiness and pan drippings.