Hot Crab Strata Brunch Casserole

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Ingredients

For the Strata:

- 8 slices bread
- 4 slices American or cheddar cheese
- 4 large eggs
- 1-3/4 cups whole milk
- 1/2 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
- 1/4 teaspoon Creole/Cajun or cayenne, or to taste, optional
- 1/4 teaspoon sea or kosher salt

For the Topping:

- 3/4 cup plain cornflake cereal
- 2 tablespoons unsalted butter, melted

Instructions

- 1. Butter an 8 x 8-inch baking dish; set aside.
- 2. Remove crusts from bread and reserve crusts for another use.
- 3. Arrange bread slices in bottom of the prepared baking dish.
- 4. Top each bread slice with a slice of cheese and sprinkle crabmeat evenly over top. Top with remaining bread slices.
- 5. Beat together the eggs, milk and seasonings, pour over sandwiches. Lightly sprinkle top with additional Creole or Cajun seasoning, cover tightly with foil and refrigerate overnight.
- 6. When ready to bake, remove dish from refrigerator and let rest at room temperature for 30 minutes.
- 7. Meanwhile, preheat oven to 350 degrees F.
- 8. Bake covered for 50 minutes.
- 9. Combine the cornflakes and melted butter until well coated, remove casserole from oven and top with cornflakes.
- 10. Return to oven, uncovered, for 10 minutes longer, or until topping is lightly browned.
- 11. Serve with fresh fruit or fruit salad.

Notes

I used Sara Lee white with whole grain bread and American cheese.

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