Serves 4

## **Bolognese Sauce**

# **Ingredients**

- 1 can tomatoes
  - Sauce or chunky, to preference
- 1 onion
- 2 cloves garlic (or jarred, minced)
- 2 Tbsp Olive oil
- 1 lb ground beef
- Honey or molasses ½ Tbsp or to taste
- Italian seasoning to taste
- Salt and pepper to taste

## Make BOLOGNESE SAUCE first:

#### Instructions

- 1. Dice onion.
- 2. Heat skillet, add olive oil. When oil is shimmering add onion. Cook until translucent, about 4 minutes.
- 3. Mince garlic, add to onion.
- 4. Move onions and garlic to side of skillet. Add beef. Using wooden spoon or spatula, break up beef. Stir to make sure it is cooked through.
- Add tomatoes, Italian seasoning, honey/molasses, salt and pepper
- 6. Let flavors meld, and adjust to taste.

#### Polenta

## **Ingredients**

- 1 tube polenta
- 1 cup veg. stock (see options)
- 1 Tbsp Olive oil or more as needed
- 2 tsps Italian seasoning
- Salt and pepper

While Sauce is cooking, make POLENTA:

## **Option 1 - CREAMY POLENTA - Instructions**

- 1. Cut polenta into cubes. Add to skillet or pot.
- 2. Add vegetable stock, Italian seasoning, salt and pepper
- 3. Whisk polenta until cubes are broken up and it is a smooth mixture.
- 4. Adjust to taste.

### Option 2 - POLENTA CAKES - Instructions

- 1. Cut polenta into ¾ inch slices. (Make sure you have a few slices per person.)
- 2. Heat olive oil in skillet.
- 3. Add polenta slices to skillet. Cook about 2 minutes each side.
- 4. Sprinkle with salt and pepper.

