# YOUR COMPLETE THANKSGIVING PREP & COOKING SCHEDULE

#### Sunday

- o If frozen, move turkey to refrigerator to thaw
- Make dough for pie crust

### Monday

- Chop celery and onions for stuffing
- Chop and combine veggies for Broccoli Salad
- o Prepare filling for Apple Pie

#### **Tuesday**

- Make Cranberry Relish (omit pecans)
- o Mix simple dressing for Broccoli Salad (1 C. mayo, ¼ C. sugar, and 2 Tb. apple cider vinegar)
- o Cook and crumble bacon for Broccoli Salad (keep all components separate)
- o Assemble Duo Tater Bake (do not cook); assemble and store topping separately

## Wednesday

- o Prep and assemble Bacon-Wrapped Green Bean Bundles
- Assemble and bake Apple Pie
- Prep & brine turkey
- Set the table
- Tear bread for stuffing and leave it out in a bowl to dry overnight (mix occasionally so it will dry evenly)

#### Thursday (Thanksgiving Day)\*

\*This is based on a 2 pm dinner time and a 14-16 lb turkey. Adjust the timeline based on your own dinner schedule and turkey size.

- 7:00 am Start dinner roll recipe.
- o 7:50 am Complete 2<sup>nd</sup> step of dinner roll recipe per the instructions (2<sup>nd</sup> knead).
- o 8:50 am Fold dinner roll dough per recipe instructions.
- o 9:20 am Fold dinner roll dough per recipe instructions.
- 9:30 am Make stuffing (use poultry seasoning in lieu of all the spices included in the recipe).
- 9:50 am Complete the next step of the roll recipe (form the rolls). Cover lightly with tea towel and set aside to rise.
- o 10:15 am Remove turkey from brine, rinse, and pat dry. Rub with canola oil.
- o 10:30 am Preheat oven to 500 degrees and stuff the turkey with half the stuffing. Place the other half of the stuffing in a greased casserole in the fridge.
- 10:50 am Put turkey in the oven. Also lightly brush the tops of the rolls with water and put them in the oven.
- 11:00 am Remove rolls from oven. Invert them onto a pan, pull apart, and turn them right-side up again. Set aside.
- 11:20 am Reduce oven temp to 350; cover turkey breast with aluminum foil if it starts to brown too much. Get dressed and ready – you get a break!!!
- o 12:50 pm Put un-stuffed stuffing in oven. Also put in Duo Tater Bake.
- 1:20 pm Remove the bird (should be 155 degrees in the thickest part of the breast) and stuffing.
- 1:20 pm Remove stuffing from turkey and mix it with the stuffing in the casserole dish.
- 1:30 pm Place stuffing back in oven.
- 1:30 pm Put rolls back in oven.
- 1:30 pm Put bacon-wrapped green beans in oven.
- 1:45 pm Mix together veggies, dried cranberries, bacon, sunflower seeds, and dressing for Broccoli Salad.
- 1:45/1:50 pm Remove rolls from the oven. Put topping on Duo Tater Bake.
- 1:50 pm Carve your turkey (or enlist someone to do it for you).
- 1:55 pm Heat your gravy.
- 2:00 pm Remove stuffing, Duo Tater Bake, and green beans from oven. Grab the cranberry relish from the fridge.
- o 2:00 pm Dinner time!
- o 4:00 pm (or whenever you plan to have dessert) Make whipped cream.

