SAUSAGE PASTA (from Vic)

This is a super easy recipe to throw together and, with the addition of different vegetables, can make lots of variations. Makes 4 servings.

¾ pound pasta
1 tablespoon olive oil
1 pound spicy Italian sausage
1 onion, chopped
4 cloves garlic, minced
1 (14.5 ounce) can chicken broth

1 teaspoon dried basil
1 14.5 ounce) can diced tomatoes
1 (10 ounce) package frozen chopped
spinach or fresh spinach
1 (10 ounce) can Rotel diced tomatoes
and green chilies
sliced fresh mushrooms
1 rounded teaspoon Caldo de Pollo
powdered boullion (optional)
½ cup grated Parmesan cheese

Directions

- 1.) Bring a large pot of lightly salted water to a boil. Add pasta and cook for 8 to 10 minutes until al dente; drain and reserve.
- **2.)** In a large skillet, heat oil and sausage; cook through until no longer pink. During the last 5 minutes of cooking add onion and garlic to skillet. Add broth, basil and tomatoes with liquid.
- **3.)** Cook over medium heat for 5 minutes to slightly reduce. Add chopped spinach; cover skillet and simmer on reduced heat until spinach is tender.
- **4.)** Add pasta to skillet and mix together. Sprinkle with cheese and serve immediately.