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*The Our Faith STO has provided tuition grants to our students
totaling more than \$51 million in just 13 years!*



As an Iowa taxpayer, your STO contribution is eligible for an Iowa tax credit equal to 65% of your contribution. The amount you contribute may qualify as a charitable donation on your federal tax return as well.

**TAX CREDITS ARE LIMITED AND AWARDED
ON A FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED BASIS!**

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**Help Families
Afford the School
of Their Choice**

**Help Our Children
Grow in Faith**

**Give MORE for
LESS through
Iowa Tax
Credits**

SunSmart Ames Community Solar Project

Stewardship Opportunity

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light



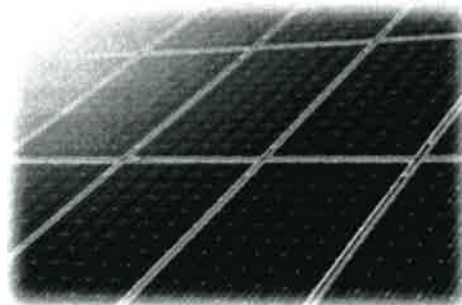
Matthew
5:14-16

- 14 You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden.^l
- 15 Nor do they light a lamp and then put it under a bushel basket; it is set on a lampstand, where it gives light to all in the house.^k
- 16 Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father.^l

How will it work and how do I participate?

1. You donate to Saint Cecilia Church, designating gifts to *Community Solar Project*
2. Saint Cecilia Church will match your gift and purchase power packs from the City of Ames Community Solar Project *
3. Saint Cecilia Church will receive a monthly credit on its utility bill based on the electricity generated from its share of the project

* Each "Power Pack" will cost approximately \$333. Saint Cecilia Parish will match parishioner donations up to the first 34 power packs (approximately \$11,500). Visit <https://www.cityofames.org/government/departments-divisions-a-h/electric/smart-energy/solar-energy> for details of the project.



Saint Cecilia Church – Ames Community Solar Donation Form

Donor Name(s) _____

I/we wish to remain anonymous

Mailing Address _____

Donation
Amount

Email Address _____

Phone Number _____

Donation Date _____

Please make checks payable to Saint Cecilia Church and indicate Ames Community Solar project on the memo line. Donations of any amount are welcomed. Donations in the amount of full power packs (\$333 each) are encouraged. Any donations of less than a full power pack will be grouped by the parish into full power pack quantities. Contact information is optional and will be used only for sending confirmation of donation receipt and project updates.

SunSmart Ames: Community Solar Project

Investing in solar energy is a step toward sustainable living. The City of Ames Electric Services wants to partner with customers to purchase solar energy and give citizens an affordable and flexible way to get involved.



SunSmart Ames from the City of Ames Electric Services department is a partnership with our customers and a solar energy production company. With customer support, the City of Ames will enter a contract to purchase all the solar power produced by a solar farm built on public property. The preferred site is just north of the Ames Municipal Airport. The project will give citizens an affordable and flexible way to use solar energy. City of Ames customers can purchase "Power Packs" and subscribe to a portion of the energy output from the project.

SunSmart Ames "Power Packs" will cost approximately ~~\$350~~ ^{\$333}. Customer interest will determine the final cost. Payment can be spread into 12 installments. Each share is expected to generate 2.5% of an average home's annual electric usage. You will receive a monthly credit on your utility bill for the electricity generated by your share of the project. (Remember, you must be an Ames Electric Services customer to participate!)

Why community solar?

Renewable energy at an affordable price. You choose your investment level. When you purchase community solar project shares, you don't have the large, up-front cost of adding solar panels to your roof.



But, anyone outside Ames can still participate by donating towards Saint Cecilia Church's power packs

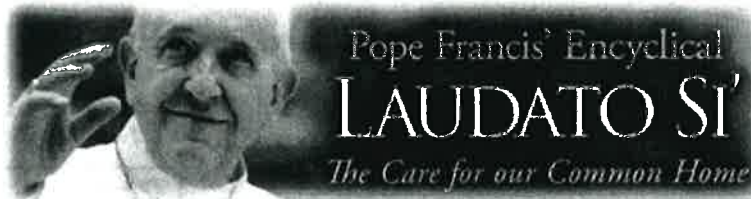
No ongoing maintenance costs & no rooftop required!

Equipment and solar arrays are independently maintained. No worry or hassle for you. Great for customers whose rooftops are shaded by trees, and it allows renters to participate.



Easy to move.

Your Power Packs move with you to another residence in Ames' service territory and buyouts are available if you relocate outside our territory.



"In some places, cooperatives are being developed to exploit renewable sources of energy which ensure local self-sufficiency and even the sale of surplus energy. This simple example shows that, while the existing world order proves powerless to assume its responsibilities, local individuals and groups can make a real difference. They are able to instill a greater sense of responsibility, a strong sense of community, a readiness to protect others, a spirit of creativity and a deep love for the land. They are also concerned about what they will eventually leave to their children and grandchildren."

"All of us can cooperate as instruments of God for the care of creation, each according to his or her own culture, experience, involvements and talents."